

# Superintendent's awards breakfast toasts 25 student achievers

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Twenty-five students from Farmington Public Schools were honored with Superintendent's Awards of Excellence at a breakfast at Glen Onks Country Club Thursday morning.

The students, in turn, nominated their favorite teachers for recognition.

"We stand in awe of the teachers honored today for your wisdom, caring and high expectations," said Priscilla Brouillette, board of education president. "To you students, your commitment to learning is an inspiration to us all."

Robert Maxfield, superintendent of schools, told the students, who sat at tables with their parents and teachers, "You are what academic excellence looks like. Today we honor not only the students but the educators and parents who make sacrifices and decisions that almost always lead to successful kids."

The students were selected by committees at each school based on their academic record, citizenship and involvement in school and community activities.

They are:

**Justin Noroyan**, an eighth grader from Warner Middle School, involved in student council, a saxophone player in the band, and winner of a Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp summer scholarship. He is also treasurer of his church youth group.

**Lindsay Nicole Smith**, a Warner Middle School eighth grader and member of the Birmingham Temple youth group; supporter of fund-raisers and a volunteer; member of student council; participates in track and plays in the school band.

**Mark Zakalik**, a Warner eighth grader who has volunteered 200 hours in a nursing home and day camp. He was involved in the play "Oliver," is a peer mediator and member of the yearbook committee.

**Rachel Belkin**, a Farmington

High Junior and three-year varsity tennis player; member of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) and merit award winner in biology and French II. She has a 4-point GPA.

**Catherine Brouillette**, a Farmington High Junior, on the soccer and cross country teams; a national scholar athlete voted best defender on her soccer team; an art award winner; member of student council and National Honor Society, and has volunteered with vacation Bible school and as a student tutor.

**Randin Brown**, a sophomore at Farmington High, a 4-point GPA; scholar athlete; softball and basketball player; also saxophone player in the band and a top soloist in dance competition.

**Matthew Clark**, a freshman at North Farmington High who has accumulated 100 hours of community service; a member of the freshman basketball team with a 4-point GPA and is dedicated to sports and academics.

**Nicole DeGrando**, an East

Middle School eighth grader who is on the basketball, track and volleyball teams and is a member of the concert band and the National Junior Honor Society.

**Teresa Elsey**, a Harrison High senior with a 4-point GPA and a perfect score on the national SAT exam. She is a member of the National Honor Society and a regional winner in the Michigan Math Competition. She plans to attend Harvard in the fall.

**Jeffrey Fischer**, a Power Middle School eighth grader, with a 4-point GPA, a student tutor, participant in the Farmington Library's "Battle of the Books," a jazz band member, member of his church youth group, and a basketball, track, cross country and baseball player.

**Derrick Golla**, an East eighth grader and basketball team captain; a soccer player for nine years; a National Junior Honor Society member, student council representative and win-

ner of the President's Award for outstanding academic achievement.

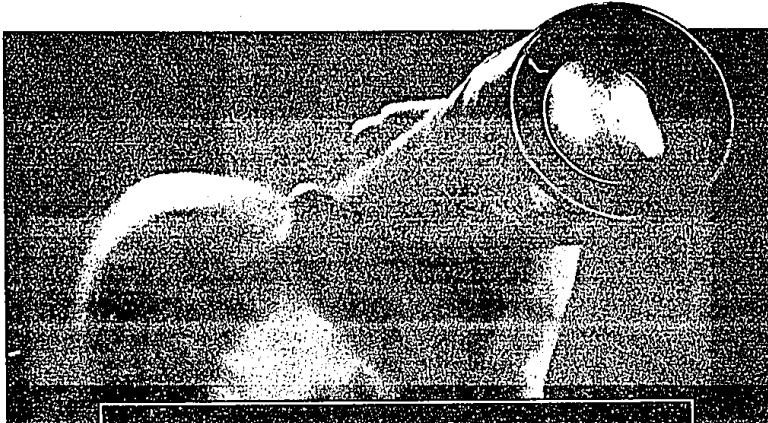
**Lisa Hellebuycyk**, a Power eighth grader, 4-point GPA, three years a finalist in "Battle of the Books," a student tutor, second-place finisher in the "America and Me" contest, an elite soccer team player and a softball team member.

**Maira Kessler**, a sophomore at North Farmington High, who

was secretary of her freshman class and president sophomore year, and dances competitively. She has a 4-point GPA.

**Brian Lafer**, a North Farmington High senior with a 4-point GPA, active in football and baseball and co-captain of both teams this year; also a choir member and a member of the elite ensemble Northern Lights

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