

Hills private schools honor achievers

Two Farmington Hills private high schools honored their academic achievers and planned graduation ceremonies during the past few weeks.

Both Mercy and Lutheran Northwest high school students were honored in end-of-year ceremonies.

Following is information from both schools:

MERCY HIGH

Graduation was held May 29 at the Baldwin Pavilion, Oakland University.

The senior class colors are pink and white. The class flower is a pink rose. Activities representatives, similar to class officers, include Debbie Abad, Molly Bosco, Kathy Heimbuch and Linda Thomas.

John Gernagy and Michele Massoglia were senior class advisers.

Walled Lake Western concludes school year

Induction and reception of new members into the National Honor Society, the election of society officers, and the Top Ten Breakfast were all part of Walled Lake Western High School's traditional year end activities.

The Walled Lake school district, Western in particular, covers a small portion of Farmington Hills in the city's northwest corner.

Six seniors and 39 juniors were inducted into the NHS May 1, and honorees at festivities May 21. Class officers include Jennifer Dulac as president, Jeff Kot as Vice President, Trinh Bui as secretary, Amy Hodson as treasurer and Marc Beshears as historian.

The Top Ten Breakfast, the last NHS-sponsored event of the year, was held June 3, honoring the top 10 academic achievers from the classes of 1987, 1988 and 1989.

Especially honored were co-vari-
citors Jill Junola and Dawn Campion and salutatorian Melissa Champion. Junola plans to attend

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Arthritis, like most diseases, changes come on without warning, remain for an undetermined time, and re-occur. Given the nature of arthritis, it is impossible for a physician to give an answer concerning its future course that is straightforward and clear-cut.

Valedictorian Margaret DeMatta carries a 4.0 grade point average, while salutatorian Anne Paler carries a 3.91. Both were selected not only for their grades, but for other qualities including leadership and community involvement. Both the schools' staff and students had a say; the two were selected from a final field of nominees by the school administration.

An international traveler, Margaret DeMatta has visited London and will go to France this summer. The Northville resident is the daughter of Robert and Mary Ann DeMatta.

DeMatta plans to attend Washington University in St. Louis where she will study commercial or graphic arts.

Active in both varsity soccer and basketball, DeMatta was captain of both teams in her senior year. She also got involved with the school calendar and magazine as a representative during her years at Mercy.

Also as a senior, she was secretary of the National Honor Society. Her sophomore and junior years, she was a member of the French Honor Society and also a member of the school's auction committee her junior year. For the past eight years, DeMatta has been on the school's swim team.

In the community, she works with Focus HOPE.

DeMatta has been named to all-state, all-county, all-area and all-Catholic teams in both soccer and basketball. She has also won several scholastic art awards, including three gold keys, one blue ribbon and two honorable mentions. She was also nominated for Encyclopedia Britannica Young Achiever of the Year Award."

Also a Northville resident, Anne Paler is the daughter of Dr. Ronald and Mary Jo Paler. She plans to attend Miami University in Ohio, entering a pre-business program with plans to study marketing.

A member of the extracurricular Mercyai singing group and a four-year member of the school's Students Against Driving Drunk chapter, she has also had parts in school musicals and in the school's annual Chantier. "The Boyfriend," "Annie Get Your Gun" and "Anything Goes," in which she played the lead.

She is also a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society, has worked as a Eucharistic minister and staff member at school retreats.

The Phi Beta Kappa and Michigan Competitive Scholar received the Presidential Academic Award, the Michigan Academic Award and is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society.

During her free time, Paler works at a dental office and also plans to work at The Fudgeery at Tally Hall "singing and making fudge."

LUTHERAN NORTHWEST

Graduation was held June 13 at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Birmingham.

The senior class colors are royal blue and white. The class flower is a yellow rose. Class officers include president/vice president Rob Maton and secretary/treasurer Jodi Medell.

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Jodi Medell
Lutheran Northwest



Anne Paler
Mercy High



Margaret DeMatta
Mercy High

Co-valedictorians are Jodi Medell and Donna Walker; the class salutatorian is Todd Wright.

Medell is the daughter of Diana and Michael Medell. She graduates with a 4.0 grade point average, and plans to attend Northwestern University in Illinois where she will study material science and engineering. She plans to continue her education in medical school.

During her years at Northwest, she played basketball, volleyball, and ran track, was involved with

cheerleading, chamber choir, the Student Council, the school's Christian Growth Committee and was the senior class secretary/treasurer.

She has played the piano for several years, participating in National Guild auditions and received two gold cups for six years of consecutive superior ratings from the National Federation of Music Clubs.

The Phi Beta Kappa is a member of the National Honor Society and is the recipient of the Valparaiso University Award for Excellence, the Presidential Academic Fitness

Award, the Michigan Academic Award, and a variety of school awards in English, Social Studies and community awards as well.

Medell was a 1985 semifinalist in the Miss Teen of Michigan Scholarship and Recognition Pageant and has worked in a variety of jobs from sales and cashier, to restaurant hostessing and busing tables. She also did volunteer work at this year's Special Olympics at Wayne State University.

Medell is a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Redford.

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