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Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD). He has a part-time job as a computer operator.

He is a Michigan Math Prize finalist in the Academic Hall of Fame, on the honor roll, received Midwest Talent Search recognition and MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) recognition.

He credits his father as being his greatest academic influence for "motivating me to always excel."



James E. Hartnett

**JAMES E. HARTNETT**  
Plymouth Canton High School

James Hartnett has applied to several universities with the intent of majoring in history or civil engineering.

He is a varsity swimming team tri-captain and a member of the Livonia Spartan Aquatic Club.

He is ranked number one in class with all As since freshman year. He is vice president of the National Honor Society and a Science Olympiad team member.

His father is his greatest academic influence "for setting continuous excellent work habits."



Yolanda Wu

**YOLANDA WU**  
North Farmington High School,  
Farmington Hills

Yolanda Wu is a member of the National Honor Society and has been involved with the organization in several positions of leadership. She also has been on the girls tennis team and was boys tennis team manager. She was selected to participate in the Presidential Inauguration All American Festival as principal cellist.

Wu, who speaks four languages, is a

mixed choir member and featured accompanist on several occasions. She is Class of 1989 board representative, a member of the Quiz Bowl team, drama club, Science Olympiad team, a peer group leader to incoming underclassmen and a member of Students Against Driving Drunk.

Wu is a chemistry lab assistant, was Miss Teen of America scholarship and recognition pageant 2nd runnerup (Miss Teen of Michigan) and first place winner (Miss Teen of Michigan talent competition).

She was awarded several superior ratings from the National Federation of Music Clubs, participated in the Sonata Sonatina Festival, Detroit Musicians League award winner, and National Piano Playing auditions national winner. She has attended Interlochen Arts Academy.

She plays violin, cello and percussion. She performs with two orchestras and three quartets.

Wu is a National Merit Scholarship finalist, winner of the Madame Curie award for excellence in science and math, named in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and named Daughters of the American Revolution good citizen.

She won a gold medal in the Science Olympiad.

Wu will attend either Harvard University or the University of Michigan Interflex program to study medicine or business.

Her father has influenced her most in her pursuit of knowledge.

"He taught me that learning could actually be enjoyable and thus introduced me to the "joy of learning," wrote Wu.



Robert M. Hutchman

**ROBERT M. HUTCHMAN**  
Franklin High School, Livonia

Robert Hutchman is a member of the student congress, a National Honor Society member, on the varsity tennis and soccer teams, career intern program participant, physics club member and Boys State participant.

He is a Michigan Math Prize finalist, honor roll since ninth grade, and recognized National Merit scholar. He is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

He will attend either Harvard or U-M with eventual plans of attending medical school for graduate work.

His soccer coach Douglas Marks was his biggest academic influence "for teaching me to strive for excellence in life, school and the athletic field."



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Members of the all-star selection committee (from left) Larry Boehms, Robert Schramke (standing), Gary Faber and Clayton Graham examine transcripts and college test scores before making the final selection

## Educators select stars

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers thanks those public and private schools who nominated students in this year's fifth annual Academic All-Star Team.

A note of special thanks goes to the committee of Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, who volunteered time to select students.

Chairing the committee is Robert W. Schramke, principal of Redford Union High School. It was Schramke who five years ago approached the O&E with the idea of honoring stu-

dents for academic achievement in the same way students are honored for sports.

Other principals serving on this year's committee were Dale Collier, Stevenson High School; Clayton Graham, Harrison High School; James Myers, John Glenn High School; Gary Faber, West Bloomfield High School; the Rev. Dennis Andrews, Catholic Central High School; Geraldine Kiessel, Garden City High School; Sister Joan Charnley, Bishop Borgess High School and Larry Boehms, Troy High School.



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## Observer All-Stars

These students — 14 of 16 members of the Observer's 1989 Academic All-Star Team — are looking in the right direction based on their high school performances. Pictured are (clockwise) Bradd W. Szonye, Ajay K. Arora, Viet "Tony" Le, John D. Mueller, Lane T. Beatty, Anthony Mikulec, Robert Hutchman, Matthew Downer, James Hartnett and Jeremy Findley. In the middle (from back) are Sarah Andrews, Erik Sunday, and Yolanda Wu. Not pictured are Anindya K. Roy and Alan MacNeill.