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guided me the most. My father instilled in me the belief that I can achieve anything and that personal motivation and determination is the key to success in any aspect of life.

"My mother has provided me with endless encouragement and support and shown me that regardless what happens in academics or in life in general, I will always have the support of my parents."



**Nicholas Purzer**  
NICHOLAS PURZER  
Plymouth Canton High School

Purzer will wrestle with the professions of engineering and business management, both of which he plans to take on at Princeton University — or perhaps Harvard.

Purzer, who's been accepted at both, is also considering attending Stanford University.

A stint as captain of his school's varsity wrestling team will have prepared him for that challenging decision.

While at Plymouth-Canton, he also found time to participate in the Science Olympiad and serve his chapter of the National Honor Society as an executive board member.

His honors include the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Math and Science Award, National Merit Finalist and the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete nomination.

Purzer credits his brother Christopher, 23, with most influencing his academic career by "introducing me to college recreational and cultural events and showing me the importance of education in appreciating them," he said.

He is the son of Richard and Andrea Purzer of Plymouth.



**Roger F. Buelow II**

**ROGER F. BUELOW II**  
Franklin High School, Livonia

Buelow's list of activities and accomplishments reads like the accomplishments of a prodigy.

He was in the math, science and computers program at Franklin and Churchill High schools, where his activities include varsity track, Physics Club, captain of the computer and the Quiz Bowl teams, Eagle Scout Troop 897, scuba and skin diving and fencing.

It would take a whole page to list all his honors and accomplishments. He was a National Merit Finalist and won a silver medal in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

Buelow, the son of Roger and Trudy Buelow, was awarded scholarships from the Gannett Newspaper Co. and the Seaborg Summer Institute at Northern Michigan University. He was also awarded an internship with Ford Motor Co.

One of his most interesting activities was the Dolphin lab program in Grassy Keys, Fla. It was an opportunity to study dolphins, how they live and communicate, firsthand.

He's done all this while working part-time as a paperboy, stock boy and doing odd jobs using computer and math skills.

Buelow, who says many teachers and professionals have influenced him by "their own excitement with mathematics, science and learning," plans to earn a Ph.D in mathematics.



**Todd L. Rope**  
TODD L. ROPE  
Harrison High School,  
Farmington Hills

Rope has always liked to travel "the road less taken," he said. For him that road leads to solving the world's energy crisis by working as a research scientist or physicist.

He's had a good start in that direction. Rope recently received a bronze medal and a \$350 scholarship for being among the top 50 students in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition at Eastern Michigan University.

He'll use the scholarship to attend California Polytechnic University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology or the University of Michigan to work toward a Ph.D. in research physics.

Rope, the son of Barry and Rosalyn Rope of Farmington Hills, managed to hold down a part-time job while pursuing activities that include college physics,

ics, calculus, National Honor Society, guitar playing, writing and tutoring. He was also active in youth group and was treasurer and regional convention coordinator for the group.

Rope's older brother Daniel started him on the less traveled path of higher math by "teaching me what he learned three years before I should have learned it," he said.

He chose physics because while taking the physics course he was introduced to elementary particle theory and found it was a topic that suited him well.



**Carrie Isabell**  
CARRIE ISABELL  
Ladywood High School, Livonia  
It comes as no surprise that Isabell has won honors at the Detroit Metropolitan Science Fair and the Society of Women Engineers' Madame Currie Award. An all-A student, she plans to attend Michigan State University to major in either engineering or education.

Isabell has been a National Merit finalist, served a summer internship with the Ford Motor Co. and on the All-Academic Team for the Catholic League two years in a row. She has also been listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Her extracurricular activities include National Honor Society, French club, piano guild, aerobics, softball and child care.

She looks up to her older sister, the late Debbie Isabell, as her example, "because of the high standards she set for herself," Isabell said.

She is the daughter of Louis and Agnes Isabell of Northville.



**Kevin Rutkowski**

**KEVIN RUTKOWSKI**  
Stevenson High School, Livonia

Honors student Rutkowski has a mind for math.

For two years running he finished summa cum laude in the annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

It's his goal to earn a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan beginning this fall.

At the same time Rutkowski will serve as an electrical engineer intern at Michigan Bell for the next four summers, thanks to a Michigan Bell Scholarship he won.

His extracurricular activities at Stevenson included National Honor Society, marching band, class council, vice president of the Math Club, music outreach, academic games club, jazz band, Schoolcraft Community Wind Ensemble and pit orchestra.

He was also a semifinalist for the National Society of Professional Engineers scholarship competition.

Rutkowski's friends had the greatest influence on his academic career.

"Any time I needed support, I could count on my friends to be there," he said.

He is the son of Stanley and Tamara Rutkowski of Livonia.



**Joseph C. Eric Crawford III**  
JOSEPH C. ERIC CRAWFORD III  
Farmington High School, Farmington

Crawford's parents instilled the importance of school and high grades early in his life.

Crawford's excellence in school may in turn serve as inspiration for his five younger sisters.

His honors include making the top 100 students in the Michigan Math Prize Competition, the Rensselaer Medal for Engineering, Debate Hall of Fame and an academic letter.

Crawford's activities at Farmington include cross-country, captain of the swim team, track, debate, the National Honor Society and intramural basketball.

He plans to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

He credits his parents for having the biggest influence on his academic career.

"They instilled the importance of school in my life at an early age with a lot of support for high marks," Crawford said.

He is the son of Joseph and Bernadette Crawford.