

Runners-up boast top grades too

Students who received honorable mention in the Observer Academic All-Star competition are:

Michael Jacobs, a senior at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills, plans to attend the University of Michigan and study engineering.

He is a member of the varsity tennis and soccer teams, a youth group leader, volunteer for the Children's Leukemia Foundation and Sunday school teaching assistant. His academic honors include National Honor Society and Phi Beta Kappa.

Amy Sullivan is a senior at Plymouth Salem High School. She plans to study international relations and foreign culture and pursue a career in international law. Her major academic interests are German and political science.

Her other interests include classical piano, painting and sculpture.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society and International Thespian Honor Society. She also is activities director of the German club and a youth representative on the missions board of First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

Jonathan Blatt, a senior at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills, plans to attend the University of Michigan honors program and study medicine.

He was a member of the jazz band, track and football teams, vice president of the National Honor Society and Quiz Bowl team.

His academic honors include Boys' State, All-State Honors Orchestra, Michigan Summer Institute for the Arts and Sciences, Phi Beta Kappa, Part II of the Michigan Math Test and U-M Regents Alumni Scholarship.

So Young Park of Garden City High School is headed for college in the fall. In high school, she has been active in the concert and marching bands and played the flute in the church choir.

Her academic honors include a Xerox Award from the University of Rochester. She was a runner-up in the Observer Academic All-Star competition last year.

Angela Morrison of Garden City High School will attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn next fall and major in accounting.

A senior, she is a member of Students Against Driving Drunk, Garden City Singers, the National Honor Society, the International Thespian Society and New Concepts Theater. She served as treasurer of the theater group for two years.

Her academic honors include the Madame Curie Award for excellence in math and science.

Andrea Toupin of Wayne Memorial High School will major in business and Wayne State University.

A senior, she has been active in the German club, student senate and reading. Her academic honors include the

math, social science and physical science department awards.

Sandra Dengel of Huron Valley Lutheran High School plans to attend college and major in psychology.

A junior at the Westland school, Dengel is a member of the basketball, volleyball and softball teams. She also belongs to the camera-video and drama clubs, activities board and is a copy editor for the school yearbook.

Her academic honors include the honor roll and a 4.0 medal.

Kay Seelow of Huron Valley Lutheran High School will attend college and major in communications and broadcasting.

A Plymouth resident, Seelow is secretary-treasurer of the senior class. While in high school she has been active in small group choir, chorus, softball, drama, play and the camera-video club.

She has been on the honor roll throughout her high school career and is valedictorian of the Class of 1991.

Randi S. Herdman of Franklin High School plans to study English in college and teach at the college level. Her future plans also include seeing Africa.

While at Franklin, she was treasurer of the junior and senior class, a member of National Honor Society, co-captain of the swim team, a Special Olympics volunteer and member of the ski club.

Her academic honors include third place in the 1990 Chemistry Olympics.

Heather Thomson, a junior at Lutheran High School Westland, plans to attend Concordia University River Forest. She will study elementary education and hopes to teach in a Lutheran school.

At Westland, she is a member of the symphonic band, varsity track team, drama club, church youth group, handbell choir and Highland Dancing.

Her honors include honor roll and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Amy Sarkkinen is a senior at Lutheran High School Westland. She plans to attend Concordia College in Ann Arbor and major in history.

While in high school she served on the yearbook staff for two years (one year as editor) and National Honor Society.

Her academic honors include the Valparaiso Academic Award and co-salutatorian.

Arlene P. Olivero, a senior at Bishop Borgess High School in Redford Township, will attend the University of Michigan and hopes to pursue a career in math or science.

In high school she has been a member of the National Honor Society (co-president in 1990-1991) and sophomore class secretary. She also is a member of the French and art clubs, jazz band and varsity soccer.

She is a member of the Model United Nations and Michigan Math League.

Her academic honors include the National Honor Society, Bausch Lomb Medal, Society of Women Engineers Madame Curie Medal.

Jennifer Day of Thurston High School in Redford Township plans to attend Eastern Michigan University and major in education.

In high school she was active in Students Against Driving Drunk, National Honor Society, school plays, Science Olympiad, marching and pep bands and choir/jazz swing. She has worked as a tutor and high school office worker.

Her honors include social studies outstanding achievement award, biology merit award, leadership merit award, departmental awards in math, English, science and social studies and tutoring award.

Daniel Ronayne of Clarenceville High School will attend Lawrence Technological University and study mechanical engineering. He was awarded a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to LTU.

He is active in the marching and symphony bands, National Honor Society, yearbook business manager and DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). He also holds a part-time job at Sears.

His academic honors include an academic letter for three years from Clarenceville and a Wayne State University Merit Scholarship.

Mary Thorrez of Ladywood High School in Livonia will attend the honors college at Michigan State University next fall and study business.

A 4.0 student at the all-girls school, Thorrez has been active in the National Honor Society and French club. She was a student council representative 1989-1990 and is active in her church youth group.

Her academic honors include National Merit Commended Scholar and gold ribbon for third place in botany at the 1989 Metro Detroit Science and Engineering Fair.

Brian Aflerbaugh of Farmington High School plans to study engineering in college.

A junior, Aflerbaugh is active on the varsity soccer, basketball and baseball teams. He is an Eagle Scout and member of Students Against Driving Drunk. His academic honors include National Honor Society, varsity letter in academics, honor roll, Academic Hall of Fame and top 10 percent of the Michigan Math Prize Test.

Erin V. Smith of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills plans to major in international business or international politics.

A senior at Mercy, she has received a four-year, tuition scholarship to the University of Michigan.

At Mercy, she was vice president of the science club, chair of the pastoral

team outreach committee, student director and a math and French tutor.

She also was a member of the musical chorus for three years, Model United Nations, the German and National Honor societies, the Young Democrats and the Co-Ette Club.

Her academic honors include National Merit Scholarship Finalist, Michigan Competitive Scholarship Finalist, Catherine Repucci Scholarship finalist, Award of Excellence in Communications and an honorable mention in FORTRAN from Michigan State University's Summer Engineering Program.

Joseph Velez is a senior at Redford Union High School. He plans to attend the University of Michigan.

He is an officer in Youth of Unity, Livonia, a member of his school's honor roll and recipient of a U-M scholarship.

William VanErp is a senior at Clarenceville High School. He plans on a career in engineering or commercial art after attending a four-year university.

He is a member of the National Honor Society, as well as his school's football team, track team and varsity club.

His academic honors include summa cum laude and academic letter (two years). He has also received the school art department honor.

Matthew Morrison is a junior at Detroit Catholic Central High School, Redford. He plans to become a high school history teacher after attending college.

A member of his school's Quiz Bowl Team, he is also a member of the Gabriel Richard academic honor club and has won national honors in French language competition.

Teresa L. Ambrose is a junior at Redford Thurston High School. She plans to major in science or chemistry at a four-year college or university.

She is a member of her school's Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) executive board, the National Honor Society and is active in drama and music. She earned a varsity letter in drama. She has been editor in chief of the school newspaper. She also tutors in Fisher Elementary School.

Julie Ardena Hamrick is a senior at John Glenn High School, Westland. She plans to work in Washington, D.C. after majoring in international relations at Hillsdale College or Albion College.

She has been her school's yearbook editor, president of Students Against Driving Drunk, Honor Society vice president, Junior Civitan Board of Directors and a varsity cheerleader.

She has received Westland's Junior Miss scholastic award, been on the school honor roll, earned academic letters as well as scholarships to Hillsdale and Albion.