

1997 Academic All-Stars

Principals select All-Stars

They gather once a year and make their tabulations.

The Observer & Eccentric Academic All-Star Team Selection Committee meets at the Observer Newspapers building in Livonia and reviews nomination forms and makes calculations to choose the Academic All-Star teams for the Observer Newspapers and the Eccentric Newspapers.

This year four area high school administrators took on the task: Larry W. Boehms, principal of Troy High School; Carol Miller, assistant principal of Troy High School; Bob Cross, principal of Troy Athens High School and Dale Collier, principal of Livonia Stevenson High School.

"Great kids, lots of great kids," is how Collier described the nominees.

The group reviewed nomination forms from about 50 public and private high schools in the Observer & Eccentric readership area.

Selection criteria are test scores and grade point averages.

A single score is given to each student. This score is tallied by a combination of the highest score earned on either the ACT or SAT and grade point average. Using this total score, students are then ranked.

This year 18 students were selected to the Observer Academic All-Star Team, while 20 students were selected to the Eccentric Academic All-Star Team.

The Observer team had students nominated from schools in Farmington and Farmington Hills, Livonia, Redford, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth and Canton. The Eccentric team had students nominated from schools in Rochester, Rochester Hills, Troy, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Southfield, Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford.

It is the 12th anniversary of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Academic All-Star teams. The idea was born in 1985 when Robert Schramke, then principal of Redford Union High School, approached the O&E with the idea of honoring students for academic achievement in the way students have been honored for exceptional athletic ability.

Students honored for their academic achievement will receive the latest edition of Webster's New World Dictionary and a special certificate of recognition.



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Doing calculations: Bob Cross, principal of Troy Athens High School and Carol Miller, assistant principal of Troy High School, served on the All-Star team selection committee.



By the numbers: Also on the selection committee: above, Dale Collier, principal at Livonia Stevenson High School and right, Larry Boehms, principal at Troy High School.

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