

1998 Academic All-Stars

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any facet of my life." Spencer is the daughter of Craig and Marie Spencer.

Anjali Shah
Plymouth Canton High School
Canton
Anjali Shah of Plymouth plans to study business, engineering and psychology at either the University of Michigan, Case Western Reserve, Brown University, University of Pennsylvania or Yale University.

Her academic honors include U-M Regents-Alumni Scholarship, Gujarat Samaj Scholaristic Scholarship, National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine Nominee, and her school's Student-Athlete Award.

Shah has been National Honor Society president, Spanish Club treasurer, Student Athletic Council member, tennis team captain and a member of Swadhyay, a religious organization. She also finds time for volunteer work.

Her values are expressed in her expectations of her peers: "I hope that our generation will grow up to create a society which values equally the sciences and the humanities and is more accepting of different people and cultures."

Shah is thankful to math teacher Tom Cotner and social studies teacher Scott Beaman for teaching her an important lesson: "They taught me how much you learn in a class is much more important than the grade you earn in it."

Shah is the daughter of Rajesh and Dipti Shah and sister of Amit, 14.

David Weidendorf
Harrison High School
Farmington Hills
David Weidendorf of Farmington Hills will study premedicine at the University of Michigan, Northwestern University or Harvard University.

In addition to being a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, Weidendorf was Quiz Bowl captain, Science Bowl cap-

tain, a member of TEAMS (Test in Engineering Aptitude in Math and Science), and a participant in Physics Olympics. He participated in cross country and track and appeared in school musicals.

He credits his physics teacher, Mr. King, for teaching him "how to attack a problem."

Weidendorf said his generation will contribute to society what every other generation has already done: "Something no one will expect until it happens."

Weidendorf is the son of Robert and Roberta Weidendorf.

Joseph Yung-Kuang Ho
Churchill High School
Livonia
Joseph Yung-Kuang Ho of Livonia plans to attend the University of Michigan, Ohio State University, Case Western Reserve University or Northwestern University, where he will choose a program in biology, computers, engineering or medicine.

He graduates summa cum laude with several certificates of academic merit in both advanced placement biology, math and computer science classes and Churchill's select MSC (Math, Science, Computers) chemistry and computer math classes.

He participated in the American Invitational Mathematics Examination and qualified as a semifinalist in the 40th Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

Yung-Kuang Ho is a member of the National Honors Society and Spanish Club and is very active in his church's "Young People" group.

"I expect my generation to develop computers to become even more powerful and improve the Internet to be faster, more efficient and more useful. I also expect that my generation will develop many treatments to diseases and disabilities, including AIDS, Alzheimer's and cancer. I expect that the cloning issue would continue to be

debated and that a human being will eventually be cloned."

Yung-Kuang Ho says Mr. Hughes, a social studies teacher, was his greatest influence. "This is because I learned many important things in his class, including test-preparatory habits and responsibility with my work. His classes caused me to work harder in school and prepared me for other challenging courses in the future."

"Though his classes were difficult, his teaching methods and experience made them interesting and pushed me to try my best."

Yung-Kuang Ho is the son of Wei and Wen-fan and brother of Jonathan, 15, and Esther, 9.

Sarah Townsend
Ladywood High School
Livonia
Sarah Townsend of Northville will attend the University of Michigan, where she will major in economics and Spanish in a prelaw program.

She is class valedictorian, a four-year member of the Principal's List, and a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. She is also a National Science Olympiad medalist for 1994-96 and a 1996 Hugh O'Brien Youth foundation Ambassador.

Townsend has been an editor and reporter for her school newspaper, anthology and yearbook and a member of Spanish Club. She is past captain of the tennis team and has received many awards for the sport. She has been in competitive figure skating for 13 years.

She also has been a camp counselor and an elementary and high school tutor.

She expects her generation to place an emphasis and value on education. "With increased education, we can thus solve many of the world's other imminent problems. In addition, we can pass the zeal for learning to future generations."

Townsend says Mrs. Phillips, her

10th-grade Accelerated English teacher, was her greatest influence. "Her class was one of the most difficult classes I have ever encountered, but one of the most worthwhile. Mrs. Phillips improved my writing skills immensely because she never settled for second best. She, in turn, taught me to demand the very best from myself."

Townsend is the daughter of Robert and Joan Townsend and sister of Molly, 15.

Sarah Niemiec
Garden City High School
Garden City
Sarah Niemiec of Garden City plans to enter a premedicine program at the University of Michigan or the University of Notre Dame this fall.

Her academic honors include the Bausch & Lomb Science Award, Wayne County Academic Achievement Award, MEGA League All-Academic Team, and several department awards in English, mathematics and science. She is a member of the National Honor Society.

Niemiec is captain of the varsity cheerleading team, a DARE role model, a member of SADD (Students Against Driving Drunk), and a member of the Varsity Club. She has played varsity soccer.

Her expectations for her generation include "a cure for AIDS and the many other diseases that now plague our society."

She credits her AP Calculus teacher, Mr. Penski, for being an important influence. "He showed me how mathematics applies to everyday life and he pushed me to my limits."

Niemiec is the daughter of John and Sandra Niemiec and sister of Tammy, 15.

Garrett Heraty
Redford Union High School
Redford
Garrett Heraty of Redford plans to major in a branch of physical science at Michigan State University.

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