

Judging

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vate and parochial high schools in the Observer & Eccentric readership area. Selection criteria are test scores and grade point average.

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, 16 students were selected to each of the Observer and the Eccentric teams.

The Observer team had students nominated from school in Farmington and Farmington Hills, Livonia, Redford Township, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township.

The Eccentric team had students nominated from schools in Rochester, Rochester Hills, Troy, West Bloomfield, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield, Clarkston, Lake Orion, Oxford and Southfield.

It is the 13th anniversary of the Observer & Eccentric All-Star teams. The program started in 1985 when Bob Schramke, then principal at Redford Union High School, approached the newspaper with the idea of honoring students for academic achievement.

Those named to the all-star teams will receive a certificate of recognition, the latest edition of Webster's New World Dictionary and be featured in this special section. Also featured in the section are the runners-up.

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Top picks: Above, principals Tom Johnson of Northville High School (left) and Dale Collier of Stevenson High School (right) look at candidates. Principal Larry Boehms of Troy High School (left) helps Rebecca Jeffries of Troy High School with a question on a candidate.



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Runners-up from page A10

Science, U-M-Dearborn Chancellor Scholarship, and MSB of E Summer Institute for Arts and Sciences at Michigan Technological University.

Knuutila is a member of the National Honor Society, past president of the Explorers and a member of Students Against Driving Drunk.

She said high school teacher Walter Girbach was her greatest influence. "I had him all four years. It was in his class that I discovered success in mathematics and found a teacher who truly cares for his students."

Knuutila said technology will be the area in which her generation makes its greatest contribution. "I think my generation will attain a level of success in technology never seen before in our society, allowing us to contribute greatly to medical and scientific discoveries."

Knuutila is the daughter of Keith and Faye Knuutila and sister of Alan, 23, and Michelle, 28.

Crystal Peterson
Garden City High School
Garden City

Crystal Peterson has received a full tuition scholarship to Wayne State University, where she will study music industry management.

In addition to the Wayne State scholarship, Peterson has received a Partial Chancellor's Scholarship to the University of Michigan-Dearborn and an academic letter and pin from her high school.

She is a member of the Garden City Singers and Victor's Christian Club.

"The teacher who had the greatest influence was Mr. Penski, because he made me feel good about myself and made learning hard math fun. Also Mr. Abbott, for his caring about students and willingness to spend time outside of school-related activities with them."

Peterson wants her generation to bring about a more peaceful society. "I expect my generation to contribute an attitude of peace to society and to end the segregation and racism that still exists today."

Peterson is the daughter of Norman and Shirley Peterson and sister of Michelle, 30, and Carrie, 29.

Philip Bossard
Lutheran Westland High School
Westland

Philip Bossard will study engineering at the University of Michigan, Michigan Technological University, Lawrence Technological University or Valparaiso University.

He is a member of the National Honor Society and salutatorian of his senior class. He is team captain of his school's Quiz Bowl and a member of Chamber Singers. He also participates in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Youth Group and is a Boy Scouts junior assistant scoutmaster.

"Mrs. Headapohl, my Quiz Bowl coach and English teacher (and other subjects), was the greatest influence. This is because she is just the one teacher I have had the most classes and activities with."

Bossard expects his generation to "use technology to try to reverse problems in the environment and in our society."

Bossard is the son of Gary and Evelyn Bossard and brother of Joseph, 14, and Sarah, 9.