

Academic All-Stars

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together logically. His class reshaped the way I think about science and natural laws as a whole." His parents are Sung and Chiousha Chao.

YELENA SLUTSKAYA

Cranbrook-Kingswood
Yelena Slutskaya is an all-A student who scored 1640 on her SAT. A native of Russia who immigrated to the U.S. in 1992, she'll attend either Yale University or the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania to study English and economics.



Slutskaya is the winner of a \$2,000 National Merit Scholarship, and an AP Scholar who attended Cranbrook-Kingswood on an Elise McKenney Scholarship. Her work was selected for publication in the school's Prize Papers and she finished in the top 10 nationally for three years in the Concours National Français, a French language competition.

She is also a member of the school's Theater Club, participates in Junior Statesmen, and holds a part-time job.

She says Eric Linder, her first high school English teacher, "is the reason I can truly call myself a writer today."

Her parents are Boris and Regina Slutsky of West Bloomfield.

ANTHONY RAVITZ

Cranbrook-Kingswood

Anthony Ravitz has a 3.95 grade point average and 1660 on the SAT. He is headed for Stanford University next fall to study international relations.

He'll have a head start since he is currently participating in the School Year Abroad Program in Zaragoza, Spain. He also has been part of the Children's International Summer Villages Summer Program.

Ravitz is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, a member of Cum Laude Society, an AP Scholar with Honor and holder of the National Spanish Award.

When at Cranbrook, he plays saxophone in the Symphony Band, is a member of Gold Key, the student admissions support program, and plays on the tennis and track teams.

He says teacher "Sharon Pink has had a lasting influence on my life since she taught me



the importance of smiling in second grade." His parents are Justin C. and Dr. Berna Ravitz of Detroit.

ANDREW MCDANIEL

Lutheran Northwestern

Andrew McDaniel holds a 3.94 grade point average and scored 35 on his ACT. He'll study mathematics in a pre-seminary program at Concordia College.



He was a Michigan Math Prize Competition Finalist for each of the last three years and finished in the top 100 his senior year.

McDaniel has played lead roles in school dramatic productions and has been a member of Chamber Choir since 1996. He captained the freshman and JV basketball teams and played on the varsity team. A member of the cross country and track and field teams for four years, he was cross country captain this past fall.

Rev. Gilbert MacDonald, his theology teacher, "had a large impact on my life. Watching him teach opened my eyes to how exciting and challenging being a pastor could be. This ultimately led me to choose to become a pastor."

His parents are Mark and Cynthia McDaniel of Madison Heights.

LAURENCE BENENSON

West Bloomfield High

With all A's and 1630 on the SAT, Laurence Benenson is headed to the University of Michigan on a \$7,500 LSA Scholarship, renewable for four years. He'll major in biology as part of his pre-medicine curriculum.

He is a \$2,000 National Merit Scholarship Winner, a University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholar and was a Semifinalist of the Michigan Math Prize Competition as a junior. He also won the Character Appreciation Program Award at West Bloomfield High School.

Benenson is president of the WBHS chapter of National Honor Society, treasurer of his senior class, and captain of the school's Quiz Bowl team. He is also active in both Earth and Humanities clubs and a reporter on the Spectrum newsmagazine.

He has held a part-time job selling sporting goods since he was a sophomore.



"John Black, my fifth grade teacher at Doherty Elementary School, was instrumental in teaching me the joy of learning and encouragement to pursue my dreams."

His parents are Hedda and William Penzer and Alex Benenson of West Bloomfield.

ALISON TROY

Marion

Alison Troy chalked up a 4.0 grade point and a 1620 on the SAT and is deciding between the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Notre Dame. She'll study biochemistry, with perhaps a double major in mechanical engineering.

This versatile scholar is a \$2,000 National Merit Scholarship Winner, a Phi Beta Kappa Honoree, a U.S. Achievement Academy All-American Scholar and valedictorian of her class. She is also the winner of the Society of Women Engineers Award, the Xerox Company Award for her achievements in social studies and humanities, the National Government and History Award, and was named a Purdue University Junior Scholar in mathematics and French.

Indeed, her achievements on the National French Exam place her ninth in the nation as a freshman and sophomore and seventh in the nation as a junior. Appropriately, she is president of the school's French Honor Society.

Both a flautist and pianist she has played in the Marion Chamber Ensemble for four years. She participates in the Michigan Math League and Students Against Drunk Driving. She is captain of the swimming team and named Catholic League



All-Academic for volleyball.

Troy says Dr. Michael Borrelli, for whom she interned at Beaumont Hospital, is the "teacher" who has most influenced her. "He taught me an immense amount of information and laboratory techniques. He also taught me to think like a scientist...He taught me that I can be a scientist, that I can think and act like one, and although I do not want to be a researcher, he secured my ambition to have a future in science."

Her parents are Paul and Clare Troy of Rochester.

KIMBERLY CHIK

Birmingham Groves

Kimberly Chik is headed to the University of Michigan on an U-M Regents Merit Scholarship based on her all-A average and 1620 on her SAT. She probably will major in biology through the Honors Program.

She is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, an AP Scholar, winner of the Smith Book Award and listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

She plays piano, is clarinet section leader in Symphony Band and plays in the Groves orchestra, marching band, and pit orchestra. She is also active in Quiz Bowl and tennis.

Chik chooses her piano teacher, Barbara Wolf, as the teacher who has most influenced her. "Even though my piano lessons are an extra curricular activity, she taught me through music appreciation the importance of hard work and discipline."

Her parents are Lawrence and Helen Chik of Bloomfield Hills.



Picking the All-Stars



TOM HAWLEY STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Checking the numbers: The nine-member selection committee, composed mainly of high school principals, reviews calculations on nomination forms submitted by area high schools.

Runners-up

51 earn Honorable Mention honors

Fifty-one students received honorable mention in the Eccentric Academic All-Star competition. In some cases, the scores of these runners-up are only a few points away from those of the top 16. Listed in alphabetical order, they are:

Uchenna Ahanonu, Southfield High, will attend the University of Michigan in chemical engineering; Rachel Allen, Walled Lake Central, will attend the University of Michigan in sociology or English; Roshika Baliga, West Bloomfield High, will attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology in electrical engineering and computer science; Kristen Barnett, Walled Lake Central, will attend Michigan State University to study instrumental music education; Melissa Bowen, Springfield Christian, will attend Cedarville College in pre-med or computer engineering; Stacy Chiles, Lake Orion High, will attend Michigan Technological University in electrical engineering; Monica Dalal, Avondale High, will attend the University of Michigan in pre-med; Kaitlyn Dudley, Marion, will attend the University of Notre Dame in philosophy; Robert Feisel, Southfield High, will attend Michigan State University in computer science.

Steven Glowacki, The Reeper School, will attend Carleton College to study math and/or science; Andrew Goldsweig, Detroit Country Day, will attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology in biochemistry or molecular biology; Nathan Gonik, Akiva Hebrew Day, will attend the University of Michigan in pre-med; Priya Gopwani, Rochester High, will attend University of Michigan in pre-med; George Hamilton, Oakland Christian, will attend Kettering University for computer engineering; Jacqueline Hodges, Oakland Christian, will attend Cornerstone College to study elementary music education; Crystal Hoffman, Oxford Christian Academy, will attend Pensacola Christian College in commercial art; Robert B. Hufnagel, Brother Rice, will attend Hillsdale College to study biology in a pre-med program.

Kimberly Jensen, Troy Athens, will attend Brigham Young University to major in English; Meredith Koller, Academy of the Sacred Heart, will attend the University of Michigan; Calypso Kiriakopoulou, The Reeper School, will attend Princeton University or Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for either mechanical or aerospace engineering; Jeff Lee, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, will attend Princeton University to study science; Eric Lehr, Lake Orion High, will attend Eastern Michigan University in education; Steven Loszewski, Walled Lake Central, will attend the University of Michigan to study engineering; Heather Marshall, Oxford High, will attend Michigan State University's Honors program in preparation for veterinary medicine; Sumir A. Moghani, West Bloomfield High, will attend either Harvard or Stanford, concentrating in economics and computer science.

Brian Meuser, St. Mary's Preparatory, was choosing between the University of Michigan and Michigan State University to study engineering; Jonathan Michalek, Bethany Christian, will attend Bob Jones University as a Bible major; Jonathan Monici, Clarkston High, will attend the University of Michigan for media and music technology; Kory Morna, Springfield Christian Academy, will attend William Tyndale College toward a career in secondary education and writing; Garry Ng, Troy High, will attend Yale University to study biochemistry in a pre-med program; Katherine E. Palms, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, will attend Yale University to major in history; Matthew Peeper, Bloomfield Hills Andover, will attend Duke University in biomedical engineering; Bryn Rosefield, Birmingham Seaholm, will attend Westminster College with a possible major in comparative literature.

Irvin Schlusell, Akiva Hebrew Day, will attend the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in finance; Amy Schonscheck, Walled Lake Western, will attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology in aerospace engineering; Malissa Sharp, Rochester Hills Christian, will attend Pensacola Christian College in elementary education; Christina Sikkeloe, Rochester Hills Christian, will attend Liberty University in business; Benjamin Sinnamon, Bethany Christian, will attend Bob Jones University in computer science; Kevin Smith, Oxford High, will attend Purdue University in either mechanical or aeronautical engineering; Devan Stokes, Franklin Road Christian, will attend the University of Michigan in chemical engineering.

Steven Swanson, Franklin Road Christian, will attend Lawrence Technological University in electrical engineering; Michael B. Szerber, St. Mary's Preparatory, will attend the University of Michigan in computer science; Sara Teimorzadeh, Academy of the Sacred Heart, will attend the University of Michigan in history; Catherine Thorndyke, Clarkston High, will attend either Michigan State University or the University of Chicago in political science; Beth Van Every, Oxford Christian Academy, will attend Hillsdale College in history or political science; Kristal Vardaman, Southfield Lathrup, will attend the University of Michigan combining pre-med with biopsychology; Ryan Vaughan, Avondale High, will attend Virginia Polytechnic Institute in mechanical engineering; John "Mac" Vaughney, Birmingham Seaholm, will attend Brown University and is open to a field of study.

Elizabeth Wang, Rochester High, will attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology for biomedical engineering; Linda Williams, Southfield-Lathrup, will attend the University of Virginia in international business; Sharon Wright, Southfield Christian, will attend Cedarville College to major in English.

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