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said she would "make the student-teacher ratio smaller, because the student would have a better opportunity to get help."

Hays is the daughter of Thomas and Lorraine Hays and sister of Andy, 23; Kris, 21; and Joel, 16.

Andrea Holowecky
Ladywood High School
Livonia

College prospects: University of Michigan to study finance, with plans to become a financial planner or analyst.

Academic honors: Scholar athlete (volleyball); varsity tennis; principal's list; nominee, National Student Leadership Conference; Michigan State University Alumni Distinguished Scholarship competitor; University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholarship Award; Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen award and MEAP Scholarship award.

Extracurricular activities: Ladywood Student Council; National Honor Society; varsity soccer; volleyball; varsity tennis; Science Olympiad; St. Colette Youth Ministry; St. Genevieve Youth Ministry; part-time employment at Jacobson's, Marywood Nursing Care Center and Wealth Advisors Group; Caritas Appalachian Mission Project; Spanish Club; Italian Club; Culinary Arts Club; Livonia YMCA volunteer tennis instructor and first-grade catechism teacher at St. Genevieve Catholic Church.

Influential teacher: "Joanna Broccardo has been my Italian teacher for the past two years at Ladywood High School and I can honestly say that she has made a lasting impression on my life."

To improve public education, Holowecky said: "...There should be increased communication between students, parents, teachers and counselors."

Holowecky is the daughter of Chuck and Tina Holowecky and the sister of Danielle, 15.

Erin Jung
Westland Lutheran High School
Dearborn

College prospects: Concordia University (Wisconsin), to study mathematics, for possible career as a high school math teacher.

Academic honors: High honor roll; academic all-conference (basketball, volleyball and track); academic all-state in track and co-valedictorian.

Extracurricular activities: Previous varsity basketball captain; varsity volleyball; track; drama; SADD; chamber choir; National Honor Society and student council, co-chair of special functions.

Influential teacher: "Michael Unger -

he helped me to love math by making it fun and interesting."

To improve public education, Jung said, "I would make the curriculum focus more on the basic core subjects."

Jung is the daughter of David and Lori Jung, and the sister of Christopher, 19.

Michael Anthony Kimling Jr.
John Glenn High School
Westland

College prospects: Western Michigan University, to study accounting and business administration.

Academic honors: Academic letter; academic achievement certificate and honor roll.

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society; Youth Leader at Northville Christian Assembly; Junior Bible Quiz participant at church; computer programmer for church school and office.

Influential teacher: "Mr. Jerry Poniatowski. He has a serious, conscientious and meaningful approach to teaching."

To improve public education, Kimling said, "I would like to end the tenure policy for ineffective teachers."

Kimling is the son of Michael and Ann Kimling and brother of John, 15; and Ken, 13.

Jennifer Rose Kleinke
Huron Valley Lutheran
Livonia

College prospects: University of Michigan, to study mathematics and psychology; or Martin Luther College, to study early childhood education.

Academic honors: High honor roll; Madame Curie Award from the Society of Women Engineers; and magna cum laude honors (sophomore year).

Extracurricular activities: Basketball captain; cheerleading; softball; chorus (singer and pianist); drama; yearbook and class president.

Influential teacher: "(The) Rev. Matthew James Schaeve, because he has encouraged me to put my education first."

To improve public education, Kleinke said, "I would decrease class sizes so that students could get needed individual attention."

Kleinke is the daughter of Darrell and Gloria Kleinke and the brother of Alan, 19.

Crystal Little
Wayne Memorial High School
Wayne

College prospects: Madonna University, to study accounting for possible career as a certified public accountant.

Academic honors: Academic letter; Michigan Mega Conference All-Academic award (volleyball and softball); science award; accounting award; geology award and mathematical analysis award.

Extracurricular activities: Varsity softball; varsity volleyball captain; National Hispanic Honor Society and National Honor Society.

Influential teacher: "The teacher who had the greatest influence on me during high school was Beth Johnson, my accounting teacher. She always made me strive for the best in me, and would never settle for anything lower."

To improve public education, Little said, "I would involve more hands-on learning. I feel the best way to learn is to actually be a part of it."

Little is the daughter of Tony and Brenda Little, and sister of Nicole Little, 14.

David Madigan
Thurston High School
Redford

College prospects: University of Michigan, to study computer engineering, for possible career in same.

Academic honors: All-conference academic basketball; All-state academic baseball and Phi Beta Kappa.

Extracurricular activities: Honors band, wind ensemble; marching band, varsity golf, varsity basketball and varsity baseball.

Influential teacher(s): "Cynthia Henderson and Wilson Muse, because they both showed me how fun learning can be."

To improve public education, Madigan said, "Public schools need more money and by giving schools more money to work with, they will be able to more easily improve educating."

Madigan is the son of Barbara and Terrence Madigan, and brother of Jeff, 13; and Joe, 20.

Jonathan Moore
Plymouth Christian Academy
Canton

College prospects: Michigan State University to study genetics, for possible career as a research scientist.

Academic honors: National Honor Society, STATE scholarship and professorial assistantship at MSU.

Extracurricular activities: Junior class vice president; school Bible study leader and Web site design (as hobby).

Influential teacher: "Mr. Jeff Schmidt



Crystal Little



Michael Anthony Kimling Jr.



David Madigan



Jennifer Rose Kleinke



Erin Jung

(U.S. history). He's probably the best teacher that I ever had - he knew his subject and took it to a deeper level."

To improve public education, Moore said, "I'd give the more intelligent students a chance to delve deeper into subjects if they choose to."

Moore is the son of Jeffrey and Margaret Moore and brother of Joshua, 21.

Kevin Mundy
Stevenson High School
Livonia

College prospects: University of Michigan or Michigan State University, to study the sciences and work toward possible career in medicine.

Academic honors: Honor roll; National Science Merit Award nominee and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Extracurricular activities: Varsity basketball.

Influential teacher: "Christine Wojcik, because first grade is such a large change, but she made it fun."

To improve public education, Mundy said, "I would encourage diverging from the text and involving students in a 'hands-on' manner."

Mundy is the son of Matt and Cathy Mundy and the brother of Leah, 15; and Adam, 11.

Patrice Willette Page
Bishop Borgess High School
Detroit

College prospects: Michigan State University, for an undetermined course of study.

Academic honors: National Honor Society.

Extracurricular activities: Mentoring; student council and senior class president.

Influential teacher: "Mrs. Linda Ferenczi had the greatest influence because she taught me that I could do anything."

To improve public education, Page said, "...I would improve the curriculum and make the faculty more accountable for low scores."

Page is the daughter of Willie H. Page and sister of Kimberly, 28; Panecka, 19; and Willie, 16.

Sallaja Paidipaty
Mercy High School
Farmington Hills

College prospects: University of Michigan, Yale, Harvard, Columbia, Brown or Northwestern; to study biology and international relations, to pursue



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