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career in field of global health policy.

Academic honors: National Merit semifinalist; Catholic Archdiocese bronze, silver and gold medals; Michigan Foreign Language Association Award for Excellence in Spanish, AP Scholar; Who's Who Among American High School Students; nominee, People to People programs; National Youth Leadership forums and Michigan Girls' State.

Extracurricular activities: Model United Nations; Mercyaires (vocal/dance ensemble); Human Relations Council; National Honor Society; Detroit Telugu Association volunteer; Spanish Honor Society; SADD; Northwestern Spectrum Honors Program through the Center for Talent Development and Columbia Summer Honors Program for High School Students.

Influential teacher: "... Mr. John Eshleman had the greatest impact on my life. I have known him in a classroom setting through AP Biology and also in an extracurricular environment through my participation in the Model United Nations, where he serves as a staff moderator."

To improve public education, Paidipaty said, "I feel that greater resources, mostly monetary, must be allotted to public education aimed mainly at technological improvements and expansion of facilities available to students."

Paidipaty is the daughter of Butchi Babu and Kamala Sudha Paidipaty, and sister of Poornima, 26; and Ravi, 21.

Elizabeth Perrell
Redford Union High School
Redford

College prospects: University of Michigan, to study psychology and engineering.

Academic honors: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Scholarship winner; Girls' State delegate; Scholar Athlete for four years, All-A honor roll; first in class; Michigan Math Prize Competition, high score for school, (All-Academic and All-Conference).

Extracurricular activities: Varsity basketball captain; varsity volleyball; student council; senior class president; SADD; vocal music (RUHS Madrigal Choral) and National Honor Society.

Influential teacher: "Cheryl Patterson, who taught advanced science in seventh and eighth grade ... We were in Odyssey of the Mind and Future Problem Solvers." To improve public education, Perrell said the key was to "make state per-pupil funding equal for all public school districts."

Perrell is the daughter of Bruce and Theres Perrell, and the sister of Rachel, 13.

Nicholas Poniatowski
Wayne Memorial High School
Wayne

College prospects: University of Michigan, to study biology and work

toward a career as a research biologist or teacher.

Academic honors: Academic letter; honors in math, computers and Spanish.

Extracurricular activities: Vice president of National Honor Society; Student Senate (executive secretary, class secretary, class historian); SADD; National Spanish Honor Society; Spanish Club; STEP Team.

Influential teacher: "Mrs. Elsesser - (she) made learning interesting, more than just book learning."

To improve public education, Poniatowski said the key is to "lower class size and improve teachers' salaries."

Poniatowski is the son of Jerome and Lynn Poniatowski and the brother of Alex, 21; and Ben, 17.

Jessica Anne Rachoza
Clarencoville High School
Livonia

College prospects: Michigan State University (admitted to honors college) to study law, psychology and English.

Academic honors: Honor roll; academic letter; English departmental award in creative writing and Excellence in Scholarship Award.

Extracurricular activities: Student Congress; junior class president; National Honor Society; varsity cheerleading; varsity softball; marching band (color guard) and yearbook (club section editor and senior section editor).

Influential teacher: "Mrs. Bobbi Gutman and Mrs. Cindy Roby - they both inspired me to want to learn and opened my eyes to different things." Rachoza is the daughter of Anthony and Sheryl Rachoza and the sister of Anthony, 20; and Stephen, 9.

Amanda Schalk
Belleville High School
Belleville

College prospects: Eastern Michigan University, to study pre-pharmacy or biology, to work toward career as medical researcher.

Academic honors: Salutatorian and chief editor of school newspaper, *The Tiger Paw*.

Extracurricular activities: Cross country captain and track and field.

Influential teacher: "Mrs. Erika Sizemore - she taught me to not be afraid to speak up and have confidence in my answers."

To improve public education, Schalk said, "I believe public education could be improved through efficient budgeting and spending."

Schalk is the daughter of Paul and JoAnn Schalk, and sister to Marci, 21; and Holly, 13.



Nicholas Poniatowski

Sarah Street
Huron Valley Lutheran High School
Livonia

College prospects: Concordia University in Ann Arbor, to study pre-law.

Academic honors: Certificate of Merit, Society of Women Engineers; third place, Voice of Democracy contest; honor roll and highest honors.

Extracurricular activities: Drama; softball; student council and student council president.

Influential teacher: "Ms. Graco Mattek taught me to be a leader and strive to do my best."

To improve public education, Street said that the key would be to "lower the student-to-teacher ratio."

Street is the daughter of Beverly Street and Robert Bresler, and sister of Michael, 22; Dale, 22; Kim, 13; Brian, 11; Sasha, 11, Joshua, 11; and Michael, 8.



Sarah Street

Sheila Turner
Franklin High School
Livonia

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

Academic honors: Honor roll; Academic Achievement Award and academic letter.

Extracurricular activities: Theater, National Honor Society; Senior Class Council; Student Congress and St. Genevieve Youth Ministry.

Influential teacher: "Ms. Eileen Brandies (seventh grade). She knew how to connect with us and taught us valuable skills."

To improve public education, Turner said, "I would change the form of scheduling in the high school so students have an opportunity to take more classes they are interested in without giving up required courses."

Turner is the daughter of Kathryn and Joseph Turner, and the sister of John, 15; and Ken, 13.



Sheila Turner

Elisa Verde
Belleville High School
Belleville

College prospects: Wayne State University or Calvin College, to study pre-medicine and biochemistry for career in pediatrics.

Academic honors: Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award; National Merit Scholarship commended student and valedictorian.



Elisa Verde

Extracurricular activities: Church youth group, leadership team; piano study; National Honor Society; literary magazine; Chemistry Club and marching band (squad leader).

Influential teacher(s): "Mrs. Christine Diehl and Mrs. Mary Ann Heias. They've really encouraged me to do well in the classroom and outside the classroom. They're just really helpful."

To improve public education, Verde said that creating "smaller class sizes and scheduling advanced classes later in the school day" would be key.

Verde is the daughter of Juan and Beth Ann Verde and the sister of Jason, 13; and Emily, 7.

Tamar Vescoso
Garden City High School
Garden City

College prospects: Albion College, to study chemistry and pre-medicine, for possible career as biomedical researcher.

Academic honors: Bausch & Lomb Science Achievement Award; English departmental award; math departmental award; science departmental award and music departmental award.

Extracurricular activities: Student government (vice president); National Honor Society (president) and marching band (drum major).

Influential teacher: "Keith Penski. He made me like math and came up with songs to help us remember math."

To improve public education, Vescoso said, "smaller class sizes and scheduling advanced classes later in the school day."

Vescoso is the daughter of Don and Tamar Vescoso and sister of Donny, 19.



Tamar Vescoso

Jonathon Ross Wolocko
John Glenn High School
Westland

College prospects: University of Michigan, Michigan State University or University of Pennsylvania, to major in pre-med and work toward becoming a doctor or pharmacist.

Academic honors: National Honor Society; academic letter; honor roll; Renaissance Award and 4.0 Wall of Fame.

Extracurricular activities: Football; varsity football; SADD, various part-time jobs.

Influential teacher: "Coach Chuck Gordon. He has taught me about life and responsibility."

To improve public education, Wolocko said, "I would like to see smaller classes with more individual attention from teachers to students."

Wolocko is the son of Phil and Donna Wolocko, and brother of P.J., 20.



Jonathon Ross Wolocko



Elizabeth Perrell



Amanda Schalk