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fect. She earned a 3.943 grade point average (a single B+ in AP Chemistry) and 1590 (a perfect score is 1600) on the SAT. She is deciding between Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard College, where she is considering a biology major toward a career in biomedical engineering.

Chandra is a National Merit Finalist, a nominee for Presidential Scholar and a National AP Scholar. She is the winner of the Harvard Book Award, the Mt. Holyoke Book Award and the Rennselaer Medal.

Winner of two Bronze Medals (among top 30 math students in the state) in the Michigan Math Prize Competition, she scored the highest of all females taking the test in 1999-2000. She also has placed as high as fourth in the country on the National Spanish Exam (1999-2000) and was individual high scorer in the American Computer Science League in 2000-2001.

She captains Cranbrook-Kingswood's Girls' Crew and has held two national cabinet positions in the Junior State of America non-partisan political debate sessions. She co-captains the Computer Team and is active in Math Club. Last summer Chandra volunteered at Wing Lake School for mentally and physically disabled. She currently teaches an SAT preparation class.

She selected science teacher Russell Conner who encouraged her to pursue biology outside of class. And she'd increase teachers' salaries to improve public education.

Her parents are David and Diane Clarke of Franklin. She has a brother Colin, 15; and a sister, Kaila, 11.



MATTHEW DAVENPORT
Clarkston High

Matthew Davenport has a perfect 4.0 grade point average and rang up 34 on his ACT. He'll attend Michigan Technological University on a full-tuition scholarship to study physics. He's interested in physics research and/or technology.

He was elected to the Academic Order of Merit, a National Organization for Scholastic Excellence, and is drumline section leader of marching band. He is also an Honor Thespian member of drama club. He recently directed high school students in a children's play that they performed at area elementary schools.

To better public education, he would increase the role of students in making decisions that directly affect them, from scheduling to faculty selection.

It was teacher Ned Burdick who "introduced me to physics and inspired me to pursue it as a college major, and perhaps a career."

Matthew's parents are Mike and

Maryann Davenport of Clarkston. He has two brothers, Joe, 20; and Christopher, 10; and a sister, Sarah, 13.



LUSI FANG
Troy High

Lusi Fang has an all-A academic record, coupled with a perfect 36 score on the ACT. She'll attend Harvard University and aims to study "anything not involving biology."

She is the winner of a PPG Corporate Scholarship as part of the National Merit program, for which she'll receive \$6,000 over four years. She is also an AP Scholar and the Michigan Math Prize Competition's top female scorer, in which she received the Bronze Medal. She ranked 10th in the country on the third level of the National French Test and is an Outstanding Student of America and University of Michigan Dean's Merit scholarship winner.

Her extracurricular activities include co-founder and co-president of the Red Cross Youth Council, co-president of French Club, and chairperson of National Honor Society. She is also student representative on the City of Troy Cable TV Board, a member of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony, Oasos of Teen Court and active in Oasos Youth Group.

Lusi believes "we should raise teacher pay to make the teaching career more attractive to people who have the potential to be influential teachers. Great teachers equal great students."

Dr. Raghunath Khetan has had the greatest influence on her high school career "...not particularly due to the materials he taught me (math and physics), but because of his passion as a teacher that inspires me to find something I'm truly passionate about in life."

Her parents are Jian Fang and Wei Jiang of Troy.



DEVON HELTSLEY
Waterford Mott

This all-A student who achieved 34 on her ACT is headed to the University of Michigan. Devon Heltsley has made no decision as to what she will study or her eventual profession.

She has received both the University of Michigan Regents Scholarship and the Dean's Merit Scholarship. She

is president of the National Honor Society chapter at Waterford Mott.

Devon plays varsity soccer, and is captain of the varsity poms team and of her school's Quiz Bowl team. She is also active in Students Against Driving Drunk.

To improve public education, she would add more class choices and honors courses. The teachers who have influenced her most are Chris Austin and Tim Maxfield from Mason Middle School.

Her parents are Joe and Sharon Heltsley of Waterford. She has a sister, Lauren, 14.



DAN HIRSCHMAN
Roeper School

Dan Hirschman achieved a 4.0 grade point average and a 1670 on the SAT. He'll attend the University of Michigan to study chemistry or physics.

He is a National Merit Finalist, the winner of a U-M Regents Alumni Scholarship, and a Malone Scholar at Roeper.

He is active in the school's meditation group and gaming club.

Dan would reduce standardized testing and class size to improve public education. And he'd increase funding, especially for teacher salaries.

He chooses science teacher Patricia Vance as most influential "for being a good friend and fellow lover of science." His parents are Martin Hirschman and Marcia Abramson of Southfield. He has a brother Sam, 25; and a sister Jenna, 21.



JONATHON HOWLETT
Bloomfield Hills Lahser

All A's and 1580 on his SAT helped get Jonathon Howlett into Stanford University. He is undecided about his field of study; but is considering medicine.

It's no fluke that he won a \$2,500 National Merit Scholarship. He got perfect scores on the PSAT he took in both 10th and 11th grade. He earned a Bronze Medal in the Michigan Math Prize Competition in both 10th and 11th grade and was among the top 100 in the state in 12th. He also had the highest score in his school for three years to qualify for the American Mathematics Competition 12 Exam.

Jonathon has won Gold Medals on the National Latin Exam, including perfect scores as a ninth and 10th grader. He won honorable mention for an original screenplay in the Michigan Student Film and Video Festival and won a *Detroit Free Press* Editorial Writing Award of Excellence.

He co-captains the Lahser cross country and track teams. In cross country he has been named All-League, All Region and All-Academic. He has been part of the University of Michigan Math Scholars Program and a public library volunteer, and participates in the Mock Trial Club.

To improve public education, he would "reduce class sizes as much as possible in all schools. Small class sizes have benefited me greatly in my public school education. I hope society will realize the value of a high quality education for all students and decide it's worth the cost."

He picks math teacher Bruce Dinning as most influential because he "always went out of his way to help me explore mathematics. He discussed material with me that ranged far beyond what was studied in class. Mr. Dinning also gave me books so I could further my own investigations. This year, he agreed to work with me in an independent study advanced mathematics class. His individual attention and enthusiasm has been invaluable in helping develop my mathematical abilities."

Jonathon's parents are Chris and Patricia Howlett. He has a sister, Megan, age 15.



XIAOJUE HU
Troy High

Xiaojue Hu is another who left no doubt about her election to the *Eccentric Academic All-Stars*. She earned a 4.0 grade point and a perfect 1600 on her SATs. She is choosing between Cornell University and the Program in Liberal Medical Education at Brown University that offers direct admission to medical school.

She is an AP Scholar with Honors, was ninth (1999) and 10th (2000) in the country on the National French Exam and a Michigan Math Prize Competition Finalist. She is a member of the National Art Honor Society, and been named a Scholar Athlete. If you are wondering why she isn't a National Merit Scholar with her top score, it's because she's a Canadian citizen.

Xiaojue is active in the Stardust Vocal Ensemble and in Young Writers (she was art editor for the literary magazine), has been vice president of the Chinese Cultural Club for three years and is on the debate team, winning the Top 10 Speaker Award and the Novice Team Award.

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