

at Henry Ford Hospital. He is on the crew and ski teams, on student council and active in SADD. Most influential is John Ray, his crew coach and honors chemistry teacher. Nicholas' parents are Claire and Randy Clarke of South Lyon.

BRIE COURTNEY, Oakland Christian School, will attend Oakland University in elementary education on a full scholarship. She is class valedictorian, a Michigan Merit Scholar, a member of National Honor Society. Brie is also newspaper editor and active in drama. She nominates Keri Peabody as most influential teacher. Brie's parents are Capt. James Courtney and Kathleen Courtney of Pontiac.

ELISE CONA, Avondale High, will attend either Notre Dame or the University of Michigan to study international business. She is class valedictorian, is a Scholar Athlete, won the Oakland Press Excellence in Education Award, and is a member of the 2002 Academic All-State team and National Honor Society. Elise plays varsity basketball and softball, and is active in SADD, Future Problem Solvers and Community Service Club. She picks Todd Henderson as "an amazing teacher." Her parents are Frank and Debbie Cona of Auburn Hills.

MEGAN COUGHLIN, Waterford Mott, will attend the University of Michigan on a Regent's Scholarship. She's open to a field of study. She plays varsity soccer and captains both the varsity cross country and track teams. Math teacher Edwina Bednarz "is so committed to her students and math it's amazing." Megan's parents are Paul and Linda Coughlin of Waterford.

CHRISTOPHER A. CHOU, Walled Lake Western, will attend either the University of Michigan, Northwestern University or University of Pennsylvania to study business. He is president of National Honor Society, has received an Academic Award of Excellence, and is on the National Honor Roll. He is also vice president of senior council, captains the varsity tennis team and is active in peer influence and mentoring groups and in Youth in Government. Christopher says three teachers, Greg Riley, Kristie Hannan and Joe Johnson, "all changed my life." His parents are Johnny and Gloria Chou of West Bloomfield.

STEVEN EL AILE, Brother Rice, is headed to the University of Michigan to study engineering. He hopes to become an automotive engineer. Steven is a Scholastic All-Catholic Scholar, took second place for "Rube Goldberg" as a senior and third place for Straw Tower as a junior at U-D Mercy Technology Day. He has won top honors in his school in physics, Spanish, pre-calculus and AP US History to 1900. He's a member of National Honor Society, on the yearbook, and active in basketball and swimming, the latter through Troy parks and recreation. He selects Rachel Boudrea, his pre-calculus teacher, as "a model for teachers and students alike." Steven's parents are Rachid El Aile and Gladis El Aile of Troy.

LEAH FAGAN, Lutheran Northwest, will attend either Central Michigan University or Saginaw Valley State

and isn't sure what she will study. She is a National Merit Commended Scholar, winner of the Metro Conference Academic Excellence Award and the Madame Curie Award, and was Student of the Month in December. She is vice president of National Honor Society, runs cross country and plays volleyball, and is active in dramatics. English teacher Elizabeth Davis has had the most influence. Leah's parents are Fred and Nancy Fagan of Auburn Hills.

JAMES GARRISON, Walled Lake Central, will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point. He plans to study psychology and history toward a military career. He is a National Merit Commended Scholar, president of National Honor Society, vice president of Model United Nations and captain of the cross country team. Dr. Jeff Liles is his teacher selection for introducing him to philosophy. James' parents are Karen and John Garrison of Commerce.

MOIRA ANN GASKELL, Our Lady of the Lakes, is headed to Albion College for pre-medicine on an Albion Alumni Scholarship. She wants to do medical research. She is co-valedictorian, received the President's Education Award, and is Academic All-Catholic. A National Honor Society member, she is Phi Beta Kappa and a Cum Laude Scholar. She plays varsity golf and is a Eucharist minister. Moira picks teacher Thomas Klick who "made learning chemistry both fun and interesting." Her parents are Michelle S. Barry and Jon M. Gaskell of Waterford.

CORY GIANNOLA, Southfield Christian, is another packing for the University of Michigan to study engineering. He has received a U-M Regents Scholarship and is a qualifier for the Michigan Competitive Scholarship. Cory has scored well in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition, is in National Honor Society, and has won a series of school-wide awards. He is a Scholar-Athlete as well as a member of the Division IV 2001 State Championship, All-State, All-District, All-Conference Soccer Team. He also runs varsity track and plays acoustic, electric and base guitar. Social studies teacher Bob Montgomery gets his nod as most influential. Cory's parents are Lance and Holly Giannola of Farmington.

POOJA GUPTA, Southfield High, will attend the University of Michigan's medical program. She wants to become an Emergency Room Physician. She is a U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Scholar, the Bausch & Lomb Award winner, the Society of Women Engineers' designee for outstanding achievement and Optimist Student of the Month. Pooja is president of National Honor Society and vice president of the Southfield Student Congress. She captains the varsity tennis team, plays women's soccer, and is in marching band, symphonic band and orchestra. Southfield counselor Michael Ogden gets her vote as most influential because of "devotion to his students." Her parents are Satya Gupta and Neelu Gupta of Southfield.

WHITNEY HARRIS, Southfield Lathrup, must decide between Duke University and the University of Miami

to study chemistry and pharmacy. She is a National Achievement Scholarship Finalist, Michigan MEAP Scholarship winner, and Optimist Student of the Month. Whitney is president of her senior class, assistant chapter leader of Young Astronauts and vice chair of Youth Advisory Committee. Teacher Thomas Sleete "makes every student feel that he or she can achieve great things." Her parents are Cheryl and Donald Harris of Southfield.

RONISHA HARVEY, Rochester Hills Christian, is going to Oakland University to study marketing. She is class salutatorian and on Honor Roll. Ronisha plays soccer. She picks speech teacher Kathy Bierke as most influential. "She encouraged us to do our best." Ronisha's parents are Ronald and Elaine Harvey of Rochester Hills.

JONATHAN HESSON, Lutheran Northwest, is headed either to the University of Michigan or to Georgetown University, to major in biology or physics. He wants to become a neurosurgeon. He is a National Merit Commended Student, is in National Honor Society, is active in dramatics, runs cross country and tutors. His sixth and eighth grade teacher Linda Dunclau "inspired me and motivated my academic curiosity." His parents are David and Myra Hesson of Romeo.

DEBORAH KARASEK, Bethany Christian, will attend Bob Jones University to become a labor and delivery or emergency room nurse. She has received numerous subject academic awards through schools. Deborah has been class treasurer since seventh grade, is involved in her church youth group, and plays piano. Teacher Richard Amick "instilled in me a love for science and encouraged me to be a diligent student." Her parents are Joseph and Arlene Karasek of Troy.

SAMUEL KHIL, International Academy, will attend either the University of Chicago or Harvard University to study either international business and finance or computer science. He'd like to be a CEO. He has received the Principal's Leadership Award, participated in the National Student Leadership Conference on International Diplomacy in Washington, D.C., and has been a U.S. Student Ambassador for two years on the People to People Michigan Delegation. Samuel is a member of both National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. He plays clarinet and drums and has participated in Detroit Metropolitan Youth Symphony and in the school's Symphonic Band. "The daily acts" of Darrin Wood, his English and Theory of Knowledge teacher, "have had a tremendous impact on me." Samuel's parents are Mark Sunung Khil and Lisa Hyeran Khil of West Bloomfield.

OKSANA LATS, A.G.B.U. Manoogian, has perhaps the biggest decision of all to make about her future. A native of the Ukraine, she will first attend Macomb Community College, and then transfer to Wayne State if she remains in the United States. If she returns to the Ukraine, she will go to

National European Academy. She would like to become a lawyer. She won a Physics Olympiad certificate and a Citizenship certificate, and is on the Administrator's List. Her list of influential teachers includes D. Piantedosi, Judi Kadri, Annhit Tournajun, Alla Semid and Ervin Dentel. Oksana's parents are Malyna Lats and Roman Lats of Hamtramck.

ALEXANDER LETVIN, Akiva Hebrew Day, is headed to the University of Michigan. His major and profession are undecided. He has been an Honor Roll student for four years. He plays varsity basketball and is treasurer of the Detroit Chapter of the National Council of Synagogue Youth. Rabbi Josef Revach has impacted him most. "He connects with students on a personal level and helps us make the right choices." Alexander's parents are Joel and Dana Letvin of West Bloomfield.

TIMOTHY MACGUIDWIN, Brother Rice, will attend the University of Michigan. He plans to major in some form of engineering, but may end up in corporate finance, business or law. He is a National Merit Finalist, two-time Scholastic, All-Catholic Scholar Athlete, and a Michigan Math Prize Competition Finalist. He plays football for Brother Rice, as well as Birmingham ice hockey and intramural basketball. He is vice president of National Honor Society and on Student Senate. Timothy's most influential teacher is Matt Schultz, whom he describes as "a great morality teacher, leader and friend." Timothy's parents are Sue and Mark MacGuidwin of Bloomfield Hills.

KEVIN P. MAHAN, Oakland Christian, will attend Liberty University. He is interested in communications, politics and public relations. He is the winner of the Wendy's High School Heisman Award, President's Education Award, the Principal's Award and a Champion for Christ Scholarship. Kevin is treasurer of National Honor Society and vice president of Student Council, and co-captains the varsity soccer and basketball teams. He also runs varsity track and has been involved in dramatics. Teacher Gerald Stauffer "has always taught me to be a leader of others in all that I do." Kevin's parents are Richard and Kim Mahan of Waterford.

COURTNEY MANGUS, Southfield Christian, will attend either Albion College or the University of Michigan and follow a pre-med curriculum. She has had her school's highest grade point average since ninth grade, is a member of National Honor Society, and has won numerous school-wide awards in English, science and history. She is senior class secretary, yearbook editor and on the Oak Pointe Church ministry team. You may have seen her hosting at the Village Place in Orchard Lake. Dave Stanton is her choice for influential teacher. Her parents are Bob and Kathy Mangus of Orchard Lake.

NICHOLAS MARTINEZ, Reoper School, is choosing among the University of Michigan, and Duke, Harvard and Stanford universities. He is an AP Scholar with Distinction, a National Hispanic Achievement Scholar and a National Merit Commended Student. He has



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