

received the Bloomfield Optimist Award, is a Michigan Math Prize Finalist, and is a state finalist for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award. He is Student Government president, is class president and captains the varsity basketball, varsity golf and Science Bowl teams. He also plays varsity soccer and runs varsity track and field. He selects social studies teacher Butch Ashman who helped him to see that it takes time to evaluate problems. Nicholas' parents are Maureen and Alvaro Martinez of Bloomfield Hills.



Nicholas Martinez

MARK McCUBBIN, Walled Lake Central, is headed to the University of Michigan for biomedical engineering. He would like to research genetics. He is an AP Scholar with Honor and has achieved an academic pin and letter. A National Honor Society member, he is treasurer of French and Chess clubs and active in the Fitness Club. Rob Osterman, his AP Physics teacher, "inspired me to major in something physics-related." Mark's parents are Margaret McCubbin and John McCubbin of Walled Lake.



Mark McCubbin

AARON MELAAS, Cranbrook Kingswood, is choosing among the University of Michigan, Georgetown and Princeton, where he is considering concentrating on journalism and/or political science. Aaron is a \$2,600 National Merit Scholarship winner. His other academic honors include the National Spanish Exam, the Colgate Book Award, and various writing awards. These include Excellence in Journalism, and school awards such as the Strickland Writing Award and the English award that takes the form of Prize Papers. Aaron is editor-in-chief of the *Crane Clarion* student newspaper and plays ice hockey. English teacher David Watson has "above all, taught me to question and helped make me a better writer." Aaron's parents are Keith and Karen Melas of Oxford.



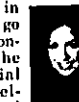
Aaron Melas

AMANDA MELLO, Waterford Kettering, will attend either University of Michigan or Oakland University to study physiology with minors in math and Spanish. She hopes to go on to become a doctor. She is a National Academic Scholar Athlete, a MEAP Scholarship winner, a Wendy's High School Heisman nominee, and a member of National Honor Society. She is captain of the varsity volleyball team, on Student Council, and in Spanish Club and SADD. Teachers Robert Schuetz and Willis Farratt helped her "become the best student I possibly can." Her parents are Matthew and Kelly Mello of Waterford.



Amanda Mello

LAUREN O'BRYAN, Marian High, will attend the University of Michigan Honors College to major in pre-law. She would like to go into politics. She is a National Merit Finalist, won the Illinois Press Presidential Award of Literary Excellence, and is a DAR Good Citizen. She serves as National Honor Society secretary and French Honor Society president, and is art director for the Marian Rice Players, a theatrical group. She is both a crisis counselor and Miss Michigan Teen America. French teacher Cindy Krasucki has been most influential. Lauren's par-



Lauren O'Bryan

ents are Dennis and Mary Ellen O'Bryan of Bloomfield Hills.

ABHAYA PANDIT, Southfield Lathrup, is going to the University of Michigan. She is open to a field of study. She is a Scholar Athlete, is an AP Scholar, and earned the highest score in her school on the Michigan Math Prize Competition. She is a Michigan Merit Award winner and received the Medical Academy Award for Excellence in Chemistry. She has taken part in summer research programs through Temple University's School of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health. Abhaya is in National Honor Society, co-president of the Class Board and drum major of the S-L Marching Band. She also plays varsity soccer. She is chair for three years of the city of Southfield's Youth Advisory Committee. Chemistry teacher Rita Hinzman most impacted her life. "She did not just teach us about chemistry, she taught us about life and how to deal with others." Abhaya's parents are Vijaya and Arkesh Pandit of Southfield.



Abhaya Pandit

JASON PESICK, Bloomfield Hills Andover, will most likely attend the University of Michigan Honors College. He may study political science. He is a National Merit Commended Student, the winner of the Cornell Book Award, and a Scholar Athlete. He is also president of National Honor Society and drum major for the Andover Marching Band. Jason, a clarinetist, is concertmaster of its Symphony Band and section principal in the Symphony Orchestra. He is editor-in-chief of the school's newspaper, is captain of varsity cross country and runs varsity track. He picks social studies teacher Frank Buford and band teacher Robert Ambrose as having the most impact on his life. His parents are Jerome and Marianne Pesick of West Bloomfield.



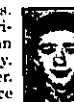
Jason Pesick

JAYNE PTOLEMY, Oxford High, is off to the University of Michigan. She doesn't know what she will study. She won the U.S. Mathematics Award, the Michigan Merit Award (MEAP), and an Award of Excellence in Poetry as well as being a top student in French. She is in Math Club and Quiz Bowl. Teacher Jim Flynn "showed me the individual's responsibility in their education." Her parents are John and Dianne Ptolemy of Dryden.



Jayne Ptolemy

THOMAS PUSTELAK, Springfield Christian, will attend Northwood University to study economics. He was elected to the American Association of Christian Schools Honor Society. Thomas plays varsity soccer. Math and computer science teacher Pat Wagner has been most influential because of "his dry humor." Thomas' parents are Jeff and Regina Pustelak of West Bloomfield.



Thomas Pustelak

ANNA RUZHANOVSKA, A.G.B.U. Manooagan, is headed to Wayne State University for teaching, nursing or journalism. She is in Honor Society, is on the Administrator's List for Citizenship, and was awarded a Physics Olympiad certificate. She is involved in dancing and Jiu-Jitsu Club. She honors teachers Alin Schmidt, Judy Kadri, Anahit Tournagan, Ervin Dentel and D. Piantadosi. Anna's parent is



Anna Ruzhanovska

Volodymyr Ruzhanovsky of Hamtramck.

ROBERT SAUNDERS, Waterford Kettering, will attend Michigan State University to study chemical physics. His profession is undecided. He has won a number of school-wide honors, including recognition for Outstanding Achievement in Math and Social Studies. He was also chosen as one of the "Select 50" for the Waterford Foundation for Public Education and as Kettering's top math student for the Detroit News Outstanding High School Graduate Program. Robert is president of the Student Band Board, squad leader in Marching Band, and percussionist for several jazz bands, including Honors Jazz Band. Teacher Kenneth Frenkel had the greatest influence. Robert's parents are Robert and Janice Saunders of Waterford.



Robert Saunders

JOSHUA SLAUGHTER, Rochester Hills Christian, is headed for Oakland University for computer science. He'd like to work for one of the major auto companies. He is class valedictorian. Joshua is co-captain of both his high school soccer team and a club-level team. He is a coach at the Michigan Goalkeeper Academy. His mom, Madeline Slaughter, has had the greatest influence because "she always seeks the best in me and pushes me to do my best." His parents are David and Madeline Slaughter of Troy.



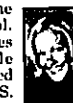
Joshua Slaughter

RAY SMITH, Clarkston High, is going to the University of Michigan to study mechanical engineering on a full tuition scholarship. He'd like to work in the auto industry. He is an AP Scholar, a Michigan Youth Arts Festival runner-up, a Top 10 Student at Clarkston, and in National Honor Society. Ray is Marching Band section leader and participated in the Solo/Ensemble Band Festival. Teachers Don Gilmore and Keith Cook "have shown how fun and involved one can get with physical sciences." Ray's parents are Ray Smith and Alex Smith of Clarkston.



Ray Smith

RANA SPARIOSU, Avondale High, will attend Michigan State University in business administration. She wants to attend law school. She is an Oakland Activities League and an Avondale Scholar Athlete, and received school-wide awards in U.S. history, trigonometry, English and Spanish. Rana is secretary of National Honor Society, vice-president of SADD, on Senior Class Board and Student Council, and active in church and community service. Teacher Linda Schuttman "encouraged me to do my best and has rewarded me for my accomplishments." Rana's parents are Richard Spariosu and Maureen Patterson of Lake Orion.



Rana Spariosu

ALLISON STEWART, Academy of the Sacred Heart, is deciding between the University of Michigan and Boston College. She is in National Honor Society, and won High Honors and the Holy Cross Book Award. She was junior class president and is active in dramatics and community service, volunteering at Focus:HOPE. Teacher Susan Strong "made me realize that I have to work hard for what I want." Allison's mother is Kirsten S. Walts of Waterford.



Allison Stewart

ROBERT TANNIRU, Rochester High, will go to the University of Michigan to study computer engineering. He won the Michigan Math Prize Competition Bronze Medal in 2000-2001. He plays varsity football, plays tennis and is in jazz band. Teacher Maryanne McHalpine "challenged me in math." His parents are Mohan and Edith Tanniru of Rochester.



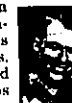
Robert Tanniru

ANDREW M. VANDEKERCKHOVE, Lake Orion High, is deciding between the University of Michigan and Hillsdale College. He may pursue history or business, hoping to own and operate his own business someday. He is a National Merit Finalist, an AP Scholar and a Scholar Athlete. He is in National Honor Society and took fifth place at the state level in Future Problem Solvers. Andrew is class vice president, Quiz Bowl captain and Physics Club president. He plays varsity tennis and intramural lacrosse. English teacher Jan Dean "has been an incredible role model. She allowed me to grow in my own way and lent a guiding hand when I needed some help." His parents are Gary Vandekerckhove and Brenda Jo Vandekerckhove of Clarkston.



Andrew Vandekerckhove

JONATHAN WADSWORTH, Bethany Christian, will go to Bob Jones University to become a pastor. He was awarded Principles of Preaching and is president of his senior class. He plays varsity soccer and is active in missions clubs and in the music program, as a vocal soloist and in ensembles. Pastor T.J. Klapperich "taught character while teaching academics." Jonathan's parents are Kent and Susan Wadsworth of Sterling Heights.



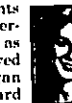
Jonathan Wadsworth

ALIZA WEISBERG, Akiva Hebrew Day, was still deciding among the University of Michigan, Wayne State University and Stern College, part of Yeshiva University, in New York. She wants to study biology and go into medicine. Her school-wide honors include honor roll for four years, and awards for outstanding achievement in biology, chemistry, literature and social studies. She has been a delegate to Model United Nations, part of the Friendship Circle Youth Group, and volunteers to distribute food and at a local nursing home. She picks science teacher Sharon Smith and English teacher Judy Kessler as having the most impact. Aliza's parents are Itzy and Rachie Weisberg of Southfield.



Aliza Weisberg

SARAH WOLKINSON, Bloomfield Hills Andover, will attend the University of Michigan on a Regents Scholarship. She is considering both law and medicine as a future career. She received the University of Michigan Scholar Recognition Award and is in National Honor Society. Sarah is SADD secretary, is class representative to Student Council, and was a delegate to Model United Nations in NYC and the Washington Institute Leadership Conference. She plays varsity basketball and is active in several religious groups. Teacher Susan Feigenson was most influential "for her encouragement in reading and her personal interest and attention to each student." Sarah's parents are Benjamin and Ruth Wolkenson of Southfield.



Sarah Wolkenson