

# Macomb County All-Academic Team 2021

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## MACOMB COUNTY 2021 ALL-ACADEMIC DREAM TEAM NAMED

Educators named the All-Academic Dream Team, the top 25 members of the 2021 All-Academic Team. Listed in reverse order, they include:

25. Utica Academy for International Studies *William Jenkins*
24. Stevenson High School *Bronwyn Weiker*
23. Dakota High School *Dominic Bednar*
22. International Academy of Macomb *Allison Lee*
21. Sterling Heights High School *Brendan Evert*
20. Warren Mott High School *Rizwan Hayder*
19. Utica High School *Sachit Soni*
18. Utica Academy for International Studies *Delaney Sacra*
17. Anchor Bay High School *Jonathan Taylor*
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8. International Academy of Macomb *Achyuth Parola*
7. International Academy of Macomb *Daniel Sak*
6. Stevenson High School *Rohit Ray*
5. Anchor Bay High School *Giana Maniaci*
4. Eisenhower High School *Hariharan Ramakrishnan*
3. Stevenson High School *Elana Serra*
2. Utica Academy for International Studies *Ryan Boring*
1. Utica Academy for International Studies *Alexander Hughes*

### COLUMN

# All-Academic Team a tradition like no other in Macomb

Outside of my position at The Macomb Daily, I coach high school athletics. I am often asked by parents of those student-athletes I have the pleasure of working with “how can my child get a scholarship?”

My answer has never changed: “Do well in the classroom.”

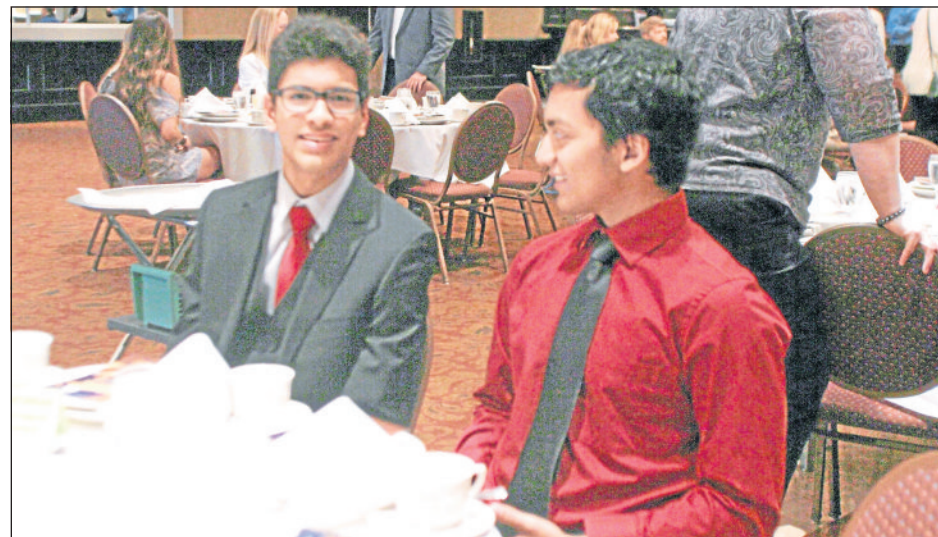


Jeff Payne

Today more than ever, parents and students are mesmerized by the dealings of star athletes. We assign stars to football and basketball recruits and a cottage industry has developed and grown promoting the opportunity to make your kid the next star. Twitter and other social media feeds are filled with athletes promoting their choice of a college and all the big things they are going to do. And coming soon, a select few of those young stars will even be able to get paid marketing their likeness on products.

Those opportunities, while desirable, are also rare. So rare that some schools may only lay claim to one per generation. At the school I coach at, a young athlete went on to star at Michigan State University and was on the field when the Spartans won the Rose Bowl in 2014. Before that, the last male athlete to play major college football from that school was in the late 1960s.

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MACOMB DAILY FILE PHOTO

A pair of students are pictured at the 2017 Macomb County All Academic banquet.

the 2021 Macomb County All Academic Team. Collectively, the amount of scholarship money collected by these young men and women probably approaches the \$1 million mark. Some will be continuing their academics locally while others will be going off to places far away. They may not have 40-inch vertical leaps or blazing fast 40-yard dash times. But what they have will make them the leaders of their communities and workplaces one day.

The Macomb All-Academic Team was started in 1986 by The Macomb Daily to honor the county's academically best students similar to all-county teams in athletics. Students are selected in three classes — A, B and C/D — according to school enrollment. In recent years, the Macomb County Principal's Association has added a Dream Team, which is the top 25 honorees regardless of class.

Last year, the team was

again recognized but due to the hasty onset of the COVID-19 pandemic it was limited to the publication of names on a page. No photos, no biographies. This year, the banquet that had accompanied the naming of the team in its first 33 years is again not happening. Instead, local educators and this editor took part in a video filmed at the Macomb ISD offices honoring the team members.

Hopefully next year, the banquet can return. In both my roles as a high school coach and as editor of The Macomb Daily I typically get to go to plenty of banquet-style gatherings. None top the All-Academic banquet where we get to recognize the work of these high achievers.

The team was the brainchild of retired Macomb Daily Staff Writer Gordie Wilczynski, who worked with principals and superintendents to get it off the ground and grow it. Fol-

lowing his retirement, the paper stepped back from some of its responsibilities. While we still publish the section and our news staff helps get the information in print and online, the Macomb ISD has done an incredible job not only maintaining but even expanding the event. Their commitment to recognizing excellence is a reminder of just how lucky Macomb County is to have an Intermediate School District that I would offer is one of the best in Michigan.

To the students featured today, congratulations on all your success. While we may not be recognizing you over plates of glazed chicken and green beans, we are nonetheless proud of the work you have done and look forward to the leaders you will become.

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## Class A

### GIANA MANIACI

#### Anchor Bay High School

**Principal:** Jeffrey LaPerriere

**Parents:** Christy and Michael Maniaci

A 4.380 student at Anchor Bay, she earned a 1550 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan major in chemistry.

Giana has been involved in Student Council, Relay For Life and National Honors Society. Honors received include National Merit Finalist, recognition by College Board's Rural and Small Town program, Course Award for Honors Biology, Individual Teachers Award for Spanish 2 and AP Government.

**She said:** "My parents have influenced me the most. They have pushed me to accomplish things I never would have been able to do on my own. No matter what I know they will always be there to support me."



### JONATHAN TAYLOR

#### Anchor Bay High School

**Principal:** Jeffrey LaPerriere

**Parents:** Jeannie and Greg Taylor

A 4.345 student at Anchor Bay, he earned a 1520 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in mechanical engineering.

Jonathan is president of the school's chapter of National Honor Society and is in charge of the tutoring program, coordinating tutors and tutoring when requested. He serves on his



church's worship team once or twice monthly, playing piano. He also plays trumpet in band and participated in four years of marching band, Solo and Ensemble festival and other musical events. Honors received include post level winner of the VFW's Voice of Democracy contest in 2018, AP US Government and Politics course award and perfect attendance every year.

**He said:** "My parents have guided me throughout my academic career. From an early age, they instilled in me the importance of education and taught me to prioritize my studies. In elementary school, when I had curiosity beyond the material taught in class—particularly in math—my parents were there to answer my questions. As my schooling progressed my parents guided me in my choices of classes, which put me on track for vigorous Honors and AP classes—which they knew I could handle as long as I continued to prioritize my studies. Even in making my college decision, my parents fully supported my decision to choose U of M. I am tremendously grateful for their support."

### SARAH ACORD

#### Chippewa Valley High School

**Principal:** Todd Distelrath

**Parents:** Sue and Jerry Acord

A 4.046 student at Chippewa Valley, she earned a 1500 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in biomedical engineering.

Sarah has been involved with Key Club, National Honor Society and World Medical Relief. Honors received include Commended Student in National Merit Scholarship program, Commitment Award in Coalition



Teen Council, Honor Roll and Academic Excellence.

**She said:** "Both my parents, Sue and Jerry Acord, have influenced me the most by always encouraging me to do my best. They also taught me to work hard in everything I do."

### TERRA LAFRENIERE

#### Chippewa Valley High School

**Principal:** Todd Distelrath

**Parents:** Leanne and David Lafreniere

A 4.144 student at Chippewa Valley, she earned a 1500 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in mathematics.

Terra has been involved with marching band, varsity tennis and has worked as a patient transport volunteer at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital. Honors received include Commended Student in National Merit Scholarship program, AP Scholar with distinction and CVHS Academic Excellence.

**She said:** "Irina Pospelova-Mills, my AP calculus teacher, has influenced me the most in my academic career. Though her class and her passion for teaching has expanded my love for mathematics. Because of her, I decided to pursue a career in math."



### ABIGAIL LIVERNOIS

#### Chippewa Valley High School

**Principal:** Todd Distelrath

**Parents:** Mary Beth and Brian Livernois

A 4.153 student at Chippewa Valley, she earned a 1470 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in chemical engineer-



ing.

Abigail has been team captain for Relay for Life Team Anthony's All Stars, planning restaurant fundraisers and community gatherings for support and participated in Relay for Life in Clinton Township in 2020. She has also been president of Student Government and executed several meaningful events, such as U-Matter Week promoting mental health awareness and wellness for the student body, restaurant fundraiser to raise money for the National Alliance on Mental Illness and other activities. Honors received include Academic Excellence, MASC/MAHS Unsung Hero Award, Leader of the Year for Freshman Class Council and Behind the Scenes Big Red for Sophomore Class Council.

**She said:** "My older siblings, Olivia and Cameron Livernois influenced me most in my academic career. They have always been my biggest role models and I strive to follow in their footsteps. Olivia and Cameron were excellent students, constantly challenging themselves by taking difficult courses and participating in countless hours of extracurricular activities. When I entered high school, I followed their lead by taking Advanced Placement and honors courses and involving myself in student leadership clubs like Student Council and Student Government."

### AVA MACDONALD

#### Chippewa Valley High School

**Principal:** Todd Distelrath

**Parents:** Carolyn MacDonald and James MacDonald

A 4.208 student at Chippewa Valley, she earned a 1530 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Georgetown to major in economics.



Ava has been involved with Key Club, National Honor Society and vice-president of Writer's Club. Honors received include Commended Student in National Merit Scholarship program, AP Scholar with distinction and Michigan Math Prize semifinalist and first in 11th grade in school.

**She said:** "My eighth grade teacher, Mrs. Barker has influenced my academic career the most. She reignited my love of learning during a very tough time in my life and facilitated my rise as a student in high school through the confidence and drive she gave me both in and out of the classroom."

### MICAIAH HURD

#### Paul K. Cousino High School

**Principal:** Bradley Perkins

**Parents:** Dennis Hurd and Lawanda Hurd

A 4.6 student at Cousino, she earned a 1390 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Macomb Community College to major in nursing.

Micaiah has been involved with National Honors Society and volunteering at Gleaners Community Food Bank. Honors received include Gold Honor Roll for all A's in 9th-12th grade, Scholastic award, certificate of Writing Excellence, certificate of participation in the WCS festival of the arts.

**She said:** "Excluding my parents, my second grade teacher, Mrs. Pamela Thompson influenced me the most in my academic career. It was in Mrs. Thompson's class that I grew to love reading, writing and learning as a whole, as she instilled in me a deep love of learning. This love of learning and my own curiosity made it easier for me to progress through my



academic career later on because I genuinely wanted to comprehend what I was being taught, so I made an extra effort beyond the classroom to understand the information and I have excelled academically as a result."

### DOMINIC BEDNAR

#### Dakota High School

**Principal:** Kevin Koskos

**Parents:** Michael and Lisa Bednar

A 4.111 student at Dakota, he earned a 1510 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan State University to major in mechanical engineering.

Dominic has donated Christmas gifts to Friends of Foster Kids, helped fundraise for Alliance for the Great Lakes through Rock the Runway and held a canned food drive at MASC/MAHS States Conference.

Honors received include Honor Roll each semester and Summa Cum Laude.

**He said:** "My fifth grade teachers, Mrs. Goedge and Mrs. Reeves, influenced me the most as I moved on to higher education. They made learning fun and interesting while setting me up for the future through new and effective study habits."



**JESSICA JARVIS****Dakota High School****Principal:** Kevin Koskos**Parents:** Stacy and Jeff Jarvis

A 4.056 student at Dakota, she earned a 1470 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Oakland University to major in mathematics.



Jessica has been involved in organizing and wrapping donated gifts for families in need during the holidays, making blankets with her church for people in need and making and sending cards and letters for children in the hospital during the pandemic. Honors received include Summa Cum Laude, Honor Roll and Oakland University's Platinum Presidential scholarship.

**She said:** "I have a lot of respect and appreciation for all my teachers throughout the years, my one who really went above and beyond to keep me motivated and self confident is Mr. Alex Nolan, who was my ninth grade biology teacher and 11th grade Earth Science teacher. I appreciate all that he has done for me."

**MADISON NEUNER****Dakota High School****Principal:** Kevin Koskos**Parents:** Anna and Matt Neuner

A 4.071 student at Dakota, she earned a 1490 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Grand Valley State University to major in exercise science (Pre-PT).



Madison has been involved with National Honors Society, Key Club and Mu Alpha Theta. Honors received include Summa Cum Laude,

Honor Roll, AP Scholar award, varsity softball team captain and nominated for The Detroit News Outstanding High School Graduate program. She said her mom has been the most influential person in her academic career. "She has shown me how hard work and determination will allow me to be successful in the classroom."

**KYLE VERELLEN****Dakota High School****Principal:** Kevin Koskos**Parents:** Heidi and Duane Verellen

A 4.00 student at Dakota, he earned a 1460 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Oakland University to major in engineering.

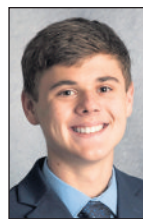
Kyle has been on the track and field and cross country teams at Dakota. Honors received include

Honor Roll all four years and Summa Cum Laude, Michigan Competitive Scholarship recipient, Oakland University Platinum Scholar Award recipient and MOD Pizza March 2021 Employee of the Month.

**He said:** "My parents, Duane and Heidi Verellen, have influenced my academic career the most by teaching me the importance of working hard and always making education my first priority. They motivated me to put in my best effort, which in turn helped me excel in and out of school,"

**SUHEUM HEO****DeLaSalle Collegiate****Principal:** Keith Kalinowski**Parents:** Jungeun Lee and Chulkoo Hur

A 4.42 student at DeLaSalle Collegiate, he earned a 1430 on the SAT. Future plans include



attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison to major in data science.

Suheum has volunteered at a local children's museum, cleaning and tutoring, a local church cleaning and helping with some of their projects and volunteering at a local foster closet to provide clothing to children in need.

Honors received include third place in the 47th annual New Hampshire Mathematics Contest, honor in recognition of Excellence in Scholarship and he is a certified International Korean translator.

**He said:** "My mother, Jungeun Lee has influenced me the most in my academic career. Every time I get a bad grade or lose my motivation to study, she would motivate and encourage me to study by reminding me of the reason why I have to study and the importance of education and having a good study habit."

**ANGELINA ILIJEVSKI****Eisenhower High School****Principal:** Jared McEvoy**Parents:** Daniela Ilijevski and Zarko Ilijevski

A 4.00 student at Eisenhower, she earned a 1470 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in computer science.

Angelina has been involved with Key Club, Goodworks Organization and her church youth group. Honors received include College Board and Utica Community Schools AP Scholar, Utica Community Schools Seal of Global Language, Ike's Brightest award, National Honor Society and #3 Class Rank/Valedictorian.

**She said:** "My mom, Daniela Ilijevski, has had a profound influence on my academic career because



she is extremely supportive and has helped me shape into the person I am today."

**JOSEPH MICHONSKI****Eisenhower High School****Principal:** Jared McEvoy**Parents:** Jeffrey Michonski and Barbara Michonski

A 4.00 student at Eisenhower, he earned a 1470 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in economics.

Joseph has been involved with Key Club, National Honor Society and HOSA-Future Health Professionals. Honors received include Macomb Area Conference All-Academic Team, AP Scholar with Distinction, French Club president, Seal of Biliteracy and Valedictorian. He said: "Jeffrey Michonski (father) has most influenced me in my academic journey. He has influenced me more than any other single individual and it is not even close. I structured my whole academic journey after his academic journey. He went to the University of Michigan, which is my dream school, so it only made sense to follow in his footsteps. Except college is much more competitive now than it was in 1988, so I knew I had to one up him. Every class I scheduled, sport I played, and club I signed up for was methodically chosen to rival his application. He was also my main motivator and critic, I wanted to please him and he held a standard of excellence for me that I was committed to meet. My dad has been the single most positive motivator for me as a student conquering the daunting academic career."

**ALEYA MILLER****Eisenhower High School****Principal:**

Jared McEvoy

**Parents:** Nancy and Drew Miller

A 4.00 student at Eisenhower, she earned a 1460 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Xavier University to major in biomedical sciences.

Aleya has been involved with National Honors Society, Linus Project and as a volunteer for Hello World. Honors received include National Merit Commended Student, Top Ten of Utica Center for Math Science and Technology, two varsity letters and Ike's Brightest award. She said: "My two older sisters, Kayla and Breanne Miller, influenced me the most academically. They set an example that I could strive to become throughout my academic journey."

**AISHANI MORADIA****Eisenhower High School****Principal:** Jared McEvoy**Parents:** Hareesh Moradia and Rashmika Moradia

A 4.00 student at Eisenhower, she earned a 1470 on the SAT. Future plans include attending University of Michigan, Ann Arbor to major in neuroscience.

Aishani has been involved with marching band, Science Olympiad and National Honor Society. Honors received include Valedictorian, UCS AP Scholar, College Board AP Scholar, Science Olympiad Award of Excellence and Utica Center for Math, Science and Technology.

**She said:** "My fourth grade teacher, Jaqueline Lamkin, influenced my academic career the most because she always gave us a reason



for learning and why it was important to better ourselves. She taught me that our education is based off of how much we choose to get out of it, and with that being said, she pushed us to get the most out of what we learn and always carry it with us. Since then I have been able to carry that philosophy throughout my academic career which has allowed me to understand the importance of what I learn and get the most out of it."

**CHRISTOPHER OLTEAN****Eisenhower High School****Principal:** Jared McEvoy**Parents:** Laura Pampu and Ionica Oltean

A 3.941 student at Eisenhower, he earned a 1510 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to possibly study engineering.

Christopher has received honors including Valedictorian, Ike's Brightest recognition and MST student.

**He said:** "There is not one person that I would say influenced me. If I had to give credit to those who influenced me I would credit my peers. We all grew together over the years, which only made the competition between us grow as well. This competitive aspect pushed me to grow academically through higher standards and goals. The urge to stand out above the crowd grew over the years as the crowd became more and more distinguished."



**KAI PENDLETON****Eisenhower High School****Principal:** Jared McEvoy**Parents:** Shawn Pendleton and Kelly Pendleton

A 4.00 student at Eisenhower, he earned a 1520 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to study information technology and Informatics.

Kai helped out at his parents' old restaurant where they would cook food for the homeless, an idea that was suggested by his mother and one of the employees. He would cook with his mom and then make sure it got where it was distributed. Honors received include Valedictorian, UCS AP Scholar and National Merit Commended Student. He said: "My fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Jessica Stewart helped me get out of my shell. I was a shy kid. She created interactive lessons and was always very genuine with us. She helped me find my love for reading and learning. I definitely would not be where I am today without her class."

**HARIHARN RAMAKRISHNAN****Eisenhower High School****Principal:** Jared McEvoy**Parents:** Ramakrishnan Srinivasan and Jayapriya Kotteeswaran

A 4.00 student at Eisenhower, he earned a 1550 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan State University to study computer engineering.

Hariharn has been involved with National Honor Society, Science Olympiad team captain, cross country, track



and field and AYSO soccer. Honors received include multiple Science Olympiad state medals, AP Scholar with Distinction, Michigan State University Honors College Alumni Distinguished Scholarship competition full ride winner.

He was influenced by several people in his academic career. Susan Ogden, Eisenhower Science Olympiad Head Coach who nurtured his love for STEM subjects. On his dad, Ramakrishnan Srinivasan, Hariharn said: "My dad always pushed me to accomplish my full potential, yet gave me the freedom to pursue whatever it is I am passionate about." Hariharn was also influenced by James Clear, author of "Atomic Habits." "His book completely changed my perspective on long-term personal growth. This paradigm shift enabled me to climb the ladder to my academic goals more efficiently. Tim Ferris, author of '4-hour Workweek', another of my favorite authors, taught me how to work smarter not harder and to make sure my ladder is against the right wall to get to the place I want to go and be the person I want to be."

**LANCE ROUNDS****Eisenhower High School****Principal:** Jared McEvoy**Parents:** Natalie Brewer and Jeff Rounds

A 3.97 student at Eisenhower, he earned a 1540 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Kettering University to study mechanical engineering.

Lance is technical build lead for FRC Team 2851 Crevolution. Honors received include Valedictorian, UCS AP Scholar and College Board AP Scholar.

**He said:** "Honestly, myself. I grew up academically independent. I've never asked anyone for help, barely



asked questions, I had to be my own inspiration to keep working every day. I have needed support in other aspects of my life, but academically I am isolated. My way works for me. If anything, I'd like to inspire others to become more self-sufficient."

**JACOB SIEMEN****Eisenhower High School****Principal:** Jared McEvoy**Parents:** Kristen Siemen and Richard Siemen

A 4.00 student at Eisenhower, he earned a 1480 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in biomedical engineering.

Jacob has been involved with Varsity baseball, varsity football and National Honor Society. Honors received include AP Scholar with Honors, Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition Round 2 qualifier and high school rank of 1.

**He said:** "My parents Kristen and Richard have had a tremendously positive impact on my academic career. They have supported me through all the late nights spent studying and the last minute rushes to put the finishing touches on projects. They have always pushed me to challenge myself and strive to be the best I can personally be."

**VICTORIA VERELLEN****Eisenhower High School****Principal:** Jared McEvoy**Parents:** Scott and Lisa Verellen

A 4.00 student at Eisenhower, she earned a 1500 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in biomedical engineering.



Victoria has been involved with Key Club and AAU basketball. Honors received include UCS AP Scholar, College Board AP Scholar with Honor, Seal of Global Language, Summa Cum Laude and National Honor Society.

**She said:** "My dad, Scott Verelle, is the person who most influenced me in my academic career. He has supported me, taught me and pushed me to do my best and strive to achieve my goals."

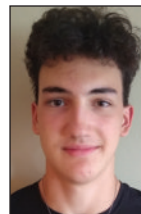
**NICOLAS VIOLET****Eisenhower High School****Principal:** Jared McEvoy**Parents:** Adrian Violet and Nicoleta Violet

A 4.00 student at Eisenhower, he earned a 1530 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Toronto to major in molecular genetics and microbiology.

Nicolas has been involved with tutoring, volunteering with Forgotten Harvest, and volunteering with piano competitions and church.

Honors received include AP Scholar with distinction, Ike's Brightest recognition, valedictorian, Macomb Area Conference Academic award for swimming, Macomb Area Conference White Champion, Multiple county cuts junior and senior year for swimming.

**He said:** "More than anyone else in my life, my parents have always emphasized the value of education, academic success and being open to experiences from which I can learn something. I did not always value what my parents taught me when I was younger, but now I realize how much my parents set me up to be the person I am today. I would be nowhere near as successful as I am in any aspect of my life if it were not for my parents' influence and for that I am



forever grateful."

**TAZKIRA AMIN****Fitzgerald High School****Principal:** Amanda Clor**Parents:** Shabnom Begum and Ruhul Amin

A 4.7 student at Fitzgerald, she earned a 1400 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan State University to major in social work.

Tazkira has been involved with Generation of Promise, Student Government and National Honor Society. Honors include WXYZ Brightest and Best student, Wayne State University C2 Pipeline Residential Camp scholarship recipient and Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship semifinalist.

She said: "The social worker at Fitzgerald High School, Mrs. Jamie Caddon, is someone I look up to as she has made me the person I am today. There were many instances these past years where I would come into her room frustrated or overwhelmed. Yet, every time, she would allow me to confide in her. She would not only console me, but prepare me. She would ask me what I plan to do about the circumstance, and every time I left her room, I felt invigorated. She is one of the main reasons I plan on becoming a social worker. She executes her job so well while exuding such happiness and positivity. She makes me want to be the best version of myself. I hope to continue what I was taught by Ms. Haddon and become a beacon of inspiration for others like she was for me."

**ELIJAH DICERBO****Fraser High School****Principal:** Ryan D. Sines**Parents:** Lorraine DiCerberio and John DiCerberio

A 4.0 student at Fraser, he earned a 1520 on the SAT.



Future plans include attending Wayne State University to major in statistics.

Elijah has been involved with an Eagle Scout service project, Fraser Cross Country running and a job in the retail sector. Honors received include Eagle Scout, valedictorian, cross country Most Valuable Player 2019 and 2020, acceptance to and attendance of Macomb Math, Science and Tech Center. He said: "The people who most influenced my academic career have to be my parents. They supported my choices and encouraged me when I doubted myself."

**DILLON ARCHER****Henry Ford II High School****Principal:** Lori Singleton**Parents:** Terry Jo Archer and Rebecca Anne Stewart

A 4.13 student at Henry Ford II, he earned a 1480 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Oakland University to major in engineering and computer science. Dillon has been involved with National Honor Society during junior and senior years which included tutoring and helping to fundraise school events and activities. Honors received include AP Scholar, French National Honor Society, National Merit Scholarship Commended Scholar, Academic Scholar and recognized twice in 2021 by the UCS Board of Education for academic excellence.

**He said:** "My mother Rebecca Anne Stewart introduced me to a year of nursery school at three and began teaching me to memorize the 1-12 multiplication table and master proper handwriting early on which kept me motivated to keep learning."



**GIOVANNI CAVATAIO****International Academy of Macomb**

**Principal:** Dr. Laura Strong  
**Parents:** Lisa Cavataio and Antonio Cavataio

A 4,309 student at the International Academy of Macomb, he earned a 1480 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Ketter-



ing University majoring in biochemistry and chemical engineering.

Giovanni has been helping design intubation boxes during the pandemic, volunteering for the 2020 Macomb Community College First Robotics Competition and building STEM kits for children in Macomb County. Honors received include 2019 and 2020 Kettering Math Olympiad Half Ride scholarship, Design and Strategy Captain for FRC Team 4810 I AM Robot and first place in Division 17P of the MAC Open Fall Classic Piano Competition.

**He said** his grandpa, James Belloli was his inspiration as a kid, getting him interested in STEM and academics.

**HAILEY HARTZ****International Academy of Macomb**

**Principal:** Dr. Laura Strong  
**Parents:** Brent Hartz and Holly Hartz

A 4.0 student at the International Academy of Macomb, she earned a 1540 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in Environment.



Hailey has been involved with FIRST Robotics, as a summer camp volunteer counselor at church and as a summer reading volunteer at the library. Honors

received include Electrical Captain of FIRST Robotics team, FIRST Dean's List semifinalist award nomination and National Merit Scholarship Commended Student.

**She said:** "My father Brent Hartz has influenced me most in my academic career as he taught me the importance of education in life. He has inspired me by working to provide more opportunities for me than he had in his childhood."

**ALLISON LEE****International Academy of Macomb**

**Principal:** Dr. Laura Strong  
**Parents:** Jessie Guo and Wen-Tzong Lee

A 4.0 student at the International Academy of Macomb, she earned a 1510 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in microbiology or biochemistry.



Allison has been co-president of UNICEF Club, a hospital volunteer at St. John Ascension Hospital and vice-president of the Buddha's Light International Association, Detroit Chapter. Honors received include Gates scholarship semi-finalist, first division rating at Michigan Band and Orchestra Association district Solo and Ensemble competition, Wayne State Med Direct semi finalist, finalist in Pathophysiology event at regional HOSA competition.

**She said** her mother Jessie Guo has been the most influential in her academic career. "She taught me the importance of hard work from a young age and always encouraged me to try my best in everything that I do."

**LOURD NESBIT****International Academy of****Macomb**

**Principal:** Dr. Laura Strong

**Parents:** Caroline Nesbit and Matthew Nesbit



A 3.97/ 4.24 student at the International Academy of Macomb, she earned a 1470 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in biology.

Lourd has been a member of the Spanish National Honors Society and also tutors students in Spanish. Honors received include University of Michigan Regents Merit scholarship and Oakland University Presidential Scholarship.

**She said** her mother, Caroline Nesbit has been the most influential in her academic career. "She has helped support me throughout my academic career by helping motivate me through stressful times."

**ACHYUTH PAROLA****International Academy of Macomb**

**Principal:** Dr. Laura Strong

**Parents:** Rama Parola and Devaki Purushothaman



A 3.95 student at the International Academy of Macomb, he earned a 1550 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Johns Hopkins University majoring in biophysics, physics and applied mathematics and statistics.

Achyuth has been involved as Model United Nations Delegate and team board member (Logistics Director), as a research assistant under Dr. Sudhaker Rao at Henry Ford Bone and Mineral Research Laboratory and as a hospital transport volunteer at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital. Honors

received include National Merit Scholarship finalist, Best Delegate at Wayne State MUN 2019 and OUMUN 2021 and part of varsity team and received second and third place at OUMUN 2020 and 2021, respectively.

**He said** his father has been the most influential in his academic career. "My dad always made sure I set the bar high but never failed to instill within me the confidence to reach out and grab it. Through him, I learned to temper ambition and discipline with humility and moderation. He embodies excellence as a habit and I aspire to do the same."

**DANIEL SAK****International Academy of Macomb**

**Principal:** Dr. Laura Strong

**Parents:** Laura Sak and Douglas Sak

A 3.982 student at the International Academy of Macomb, he earned a 1560 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Vanderbilt University majoring in political science.



Daniel has been involved with Student Council, as a volunteer for several political campaigns and is a managing member of Red Lion Business Services LLC, a company he started and owns. Honors received include National Honors Society, Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica and National Student Leadership Conference. He said: "My sixth grade English and Social Studies teacher, Mrs. Kathy Pille, was a major influence in my academic career. Her English lessons stuck with me, and, to this day, they are the reason I can clearly communicate my thoughts in my writing. In social studies, our conversations in and out of class helped me discover my fascination with politics. Most impor-

tantly, her classes taught me that I could be more than a science-and-math guy; they opened my eyes to new subjects that I enjoyed so much, I plan to make a career out of them."

**CalLEN FIELDS****Lake Shore High School**

**Principal:** Jenelle Bross

**Parents:** Rick Fields and Keli Fields

A 4.24 student at Lake Shore, he earned a 1480 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in computer engineering.



Callen has been part of a band since fifth grade that every Christmas has played a Christmas concert at two local nursing homes. Honors received include third place in trigonometry competition hosted by the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors, VFW Voices of Democracy essay competition local winner, 12 first division ratings playing saxophone and guitar at various Michigan School Band and Orchestra (MS-BOA) events, Drum Major of school marching band and treasurer of school's chapter of National Honor Society.

**He said** Nick DeNault, his twelfth grade computer science teacher, was the most influential in his academic career. "His intellectual curiosity and love of education inspired me to learn more about computer science. I now hope to study computer engineering in college and eventually secure a job in this field."

**JAIME JACOB****Lake Shore High School**

**Principal:** Jenelle Bross

**Parents:** Michelle and Rick Jacob

A 4.2241 student at Lake Shore, she earned a 1460

on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in environmental science.

Jaime has been a youth soccer referee and also done tutoring. Honors received include variety softball captain, salutatorian, Macomb Area Conference Team for soccer and National Honor Society.

**She said:** "Kimberly Gravel, my ninth grade IDS and twelfth grade IDS teacher has influenced me most in my academic career. She is so kind and a great person if I ever needed anything, including just a person to talk to. I always looked forward to her class and greatly appreciate all she's done for me, like encouraging me to continuously push myself and do my best."

**DEA KANANI****Lakeview High School**

**Principal:** Scott Kapla

**Parents:** Shkelqim Kanani and Matilda Kanani

A 4.044 student at Lakeview, she earned a 1450 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Wayne State University to major in biological sciences.

Dea has volunteered for community clean ups and community events for young children. Honors received include Student of the Month and Lamp of Learning and Silver Bar award.

"The person who has influenced my academic career is Mrs. Sonja Dammann, my second grade teacher at Greenwood Elementary School. When I first arrived to America when I was in second grade I faced really difficult challenges. Mrs. Dammann helped me overcome all these challenges and continued to encourage me along the way."



**MAX GODIN****L'Anse Creuse High School****Principal:** Dr. Major Mickens**Parents:** Julie and Michael Godin

A 4.0 student at L'Anse Creuse High School, he earned a 1490 on the SAT.

Future plans include attending Michigan State University Honors College to major in mechanical engineering.

Max has been involved as a catechist aid at St. Hubert for four years, counselor at Camp Invention and a tutor for AP Calc BC, Chemistry and Physics. Honors received include Scholastic Achievement award all four years, MST achievement award all four years, Timothy award, AP Scholar with distinction and Macomb Area Conference All-Academic Team award.

**He said:** "My dad, Michael Godin, has definitely been the most influential person in my academic career. My goal to become an engineer started at a young age due to my dad, he taught me that I could fix most all problems with a bit of hard work and dedication. I have worked to incorporate this in everything I do, whether that be studying for an AP test or simply rotating my tires or installing a ceiling fan. I would not be where I am right now without my dad's guidance."**TAI BRASS****L'Anse Creuse High School North****Principal:** Meredith Beard**Parent:** Shawn Grogan

A 3.938 student at L'Anse Creuse High School North, he earned a



1500 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan State University Lyman Briggs.

Tai has been a middle school Science Olympiad tutor and helped with animal feeding at Lake St. Clair Metropark Nature Center. Honors received include state qualifier for Prepared Public Speaking, MST Achievement award, LCN certificate of Merit and LCN certificate of Scholastic Achievement.

**He said** Chandler Missig, ninth grade biology teacher and tenth grade AP Biology teacher has been the most influential on his academic career. "Ms. Missig has taught me the dedication needed to fully understand and practice a subject and it is because of this teacher that I am able to appreciate each and every class."**HUNTER HILL****L'Anse Creuse High School North****Principal:** Meredith Beard**Parents:** Carol Gould and James Hill

A 3.944 student at L'Anse Creuse High School North, he earned a 1500 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in engineering, possibly chemical or biomedical.

Hunter has been involved as MST Science National Honor Society president, National Honor Society eboard member and MST Mu Alpha Theta. Honors received include Michigan Math Prize competition finalist, certificate of excellence, valedictorian, MST achievement award and Michigan Mathematics Prize competition best in school.

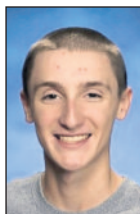
**He said** his mother Carol Gould has been the most influential in his academic career. "She has always been my biggest fan and encouraged me to work hard."**CHAD GILBERT****Romeo High School****Principal:** Bernie Osebold**Parents:** Janelle Gilbert and Chad Gilbert

A 4.021 student at Romeo, he earned a 1470 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Macomb Community College to finish early college and then transfer to an undecided institution to major in chemistry or chemical engineering.

Chad has received honors including College Board National Recognition Program Rural and Small Town recipient, Dean's List at Macomb Community College, excellence in science and English; 3.5 and above GPA and Macomb Area Conference All Academic team for excellence in athletics and academics.

**He said** David Tramotazzi, his organic chemistry I and II professor, has been influential because he "inspired/fueled my desire to pursue a degree in chemistry. Dr. T also helped me to study efficiently and think critically about anything, even unrelated to chemistry." His parents, Janelle and Chad Gilbert have also been influential having "created an environment that I was able to thrive in. I would not be in early college or this graduating class without them." and Jennifer Mies, honors/AP chemistry teacher because "she first created interest in chemistry and excitement in learning."**SOFIA CHEN LIN****Roseville High School****Principal:** Patrick Adams**Parent:** Qing Lin

A 4.185 student at Roseville,



she earned a 1310 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Wayne State University or Central Michigan University to major in an undecided field of study.

Sofia is involved with Student Assembly, Macomb Diversity Summit and church volunteer work. Honors received include Honor Roll, 6-Cess Full Student and Top 1% of graduating class.

**She said:** "My mother, Qing Lin, has influenced me most in my academic career as she always supports me, cheers me up and offers me help any time I need it."**BRENDAN EVERT****Sterling Heights High School****Principal:** Craig Miller**Parents:** Lance and Rochelle Evert A 4.0 student at Sterling Heights, he earned a 1510 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Hope College to major in mathematics-actuarial science.

Brendan has served as treasurer for National Honor Society and has done volunteer work at North Hills Christian Reformed Church. Honors include All State Academic Team given by Michigan Baseball Coaches Association, third place National Finish Invest Write Competition (SIFMA), All State Honorable Mention MHSAA boys varsity tennis and Macomb County Dream Team Boys varsity tennis.

**He said:** his sisters, Jocelyn and Lauren were the most influential in his academic career "through their exemplary dedication to learning."**HANNAH BARAN****Stevenson High School****Principal:** Kenneth Cucchi III**Parents:** Hedi and Robert Baran

A 4.00 student at Steven-



son, she earned 1470 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Bowling Green State University to major in forensic science.

Hannah has been involved with National Honors Society as co-president and Stevenson Titan Marching band as section leader. Honors include National Merit Semifinalist, AP Scholar with Honor, Gold President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence and many first and second division ratings at Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Solo and Ensemble Music Festival.

**She said:** "My parents have been the most influential. They have supported my academic endeavors since day one. They continue to support me as I graduate and move on to college in the pursuit of forensic science."**MIRELLA BOU-CHAAYA****Stevenson High School****Principal:** Kenneth Cucchi III**Parent:** Mona El-Amoud

A 4.00 student at Stevenson, she earned 1460 on the SAT. Future plans include attending University of Michigan College of Engineering to major in aerospace engineering.

Mirella has been involved with Peer2Peer, Maronite Youth Organization and National Honors Society. Honors include AP Scholar Award, valedictorian and Stevenson High School Academic Scholar.

**She said:** "My older brother, Michael Bou-Chaaya, who has autism, has been the most influential person in my academic career. While

he can't be much help with homework or my education itself, my brother shows me every day how important it is to work hard with what you have and never give up on your dreams or interests. His ability to work past a disability while maintaining ambition and optimism truly drives me the passions that I have to do better in all facets of my life and simply living with him has given me a different and better outlook on my life, the lives of others and the ways that I can help them learn and grow in their own capacities. Much, if not all, of what I do and work towards is because of Michael and I wouldn't be where I am today without his influence."

**EMMA BOWEN****Stevenson High School****Principal:** Kenneth Cucchi III**Parents:** Luke and Beth Bowen

A 4.00 student at Stevenson, she earned 1490 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Oakland University to major in psychology.

Emma has been involved with Sterling Heights Youth Advisory Board, Freedom Christian Love Week and National Honor Society. Honors include National Merit Scholarship program Commended Scholar, Stevenson Scholar, valedictorian, cross country Macomb Area Conference Red and Macomb County All-Academic, cross country All-Macomb County and All Region.

**She said:** "My parents Luke and Beth Bowen have influenced me most in my academic career by instilling in me the importance of a good work ethic. They have also always encouraged me to follow my passions but be realistic as well."

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**ROHAN DESAI****Stevenson High School****Principal:** Kenneth Cucchi III**Parents:** Nimesh and Sweetu Desai

A 4.00 student at Stevenson, he earned 1480 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in computer science.



Rohan has been involved with Dance UCS Jazba, Quiz Bowl and SHS Tennis. Honors include AP Scholar with Distinction, second place AMC Math Test, Round 2 qualifier Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition. He said: "My older brother introduced me to current interests. He pushes me to the next level each step of the way."

**RAMI KATTO****Stevenson High School****Principal:** Kenneth Cucchi III**Parents:** Wael Katto and Dunya Katto

A 4.0 student at Stevenson, he earned 1460 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the Ross School of Business to major in business administration.



Rami has been involved with Key Club and Student Council, volunteered to help an elderly neighbor with chores and garden and sprinter and member in track and field. Honors include President's Education award, Principal's award, AP Scholar with Honor, Student of the Month. He said both of his parents were the most influential in his academic career.

**LUCY POTTS****Stevenson High School****Principal:** Kenneth Cucchi III**Parents:** Lynn Potts and Edward Potts

A 4.00 student at Stevenson, she earned 1480 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in biology.



Lucy has been involved with Spring Hill Summer Camp Teen Service Team, a volunteer at church and tutoring. Honors include National Merit Scholarship program Commended Scholar, AP Scholar with Distinction, Utica Community Schools Superintendent's Scholarship recipient Stevenson Academic Scholar, cross country All Region 2018 and All Conference 2017 and 2019.

**She said:** "I would say that my parents, Ed and Lynn Potts, influenced my academic career the most. They always encourage me to do my best, but never put pressure on me to be perfect. They remind me working hard keeps your options open to do whatever you want to in life and I am grateful for their support throughout my academic journey."

**ROHIT RAY****Stevenson High School****Principal:** Kenneth Cucchi III**Parents:** Koushik Ray and Atreyee Chakraborty

A 4.0 student at Stevenson, he earned 1550 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in public health.



Rohit has been involved with Key Club as president, vol-

unteer at American House Senior Living Communities and the Sterling Heights City Youth Advisory Board as a board member. Honors include National Merit Scholar, AP Scholar with Distinction, Stevenson High School Academic Scholar, 2021 Superintendent's Scholarship winner and Bonior Soapbox Challenge winner. He said that Heather Chase, AP government teacher was most influential in his academic career. "I have always had an aptitude for STEM subjects and since biology was my favorite, I wanted to study medicine. Mrs. Chase guided me in a different direction when I took her class. She showed me the importance of our government, its structure, civic engagement and how it can be utilized to improve our society. Mrs. Chase encouraged me to explore the humanities further and her class led me to pursue a major in public health, the intersection of science and government."

**ELENA SERRA****Stevenson High School****Principal:** Kenneth Cucchi III**Parents:** Paul Serra and Kathleen Serra

A 4.00 student at Stevenson, she earned 1560 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan State University to major in neuroscience.



Elena has been involved with Advancing Childhood Education (ACE), Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) and National Honor Society. Honors include National Merit finalist, AP Scholar with Distinction, Michigan State University Alumni Distinguished Scholarship recipient.

**She said:** "My grandfather, George Gorday, has influ-

enced me most in my academic career. Before I even began elementary school he took time to work with me on math problems, logic puzzles and other activities that put my mind to work. He instilled in me an affinity for problem solving and encouraged me from a young age to give school my best effort. I'll always be thankful for the time he's dedicated to me and the lessons he's taught me."

**BRONWYN WEIKER****Stevenson High School****Principal:** Kenneth Cucchi III**Parents:** Laura and Matt Weiker

A 4.00 student at Stevenson, she earned 1510 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan Technological University to major in biomedical engineering.



Bronwyn has been involved with helping with the Science Olympiad elementary tournament and coaching Science Olympiad. Honors include National Merit Commended Scholar, valedictorian AP Scholar with Distinction and Science Olympiad Da Vinci award.

**She said:** "The person who has influenced me most in my academic career is my mom Laura Weiker. Starting in elementary school, she has helped coach Science Olympiad and always encouraged me to try new things and learn science in cool ways."

**AARON ENGLEHARDT****Utica High School****Principal:** Thomas Lietz**Parent:** Thomas Englehardt  
A 4.11

student at Utica, he earned a 1490 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in biochemistry. Aaron has been involved with assisting special education teachers outside of district, volunteering at a food pantry and participating in multiple Relay for Life opportunities. Honors include first place in pharmacology at 2021 HOSA regionals, valedictorian and graduating with Summa Cum Laude and participated in Trap State tournament.

**He said** his older brother, Brendan Englehardt was the most influential in his academic career. "I always looked up to him since we were both young kids, he was always one of the first people that I would ask for help on homework since sometimes our parents didn't know how to do it. He gave me advice on which classes to take and was a big help when it came time to plan for college."

**JULIA KAVANAGH****Utica High School****Principal:** Thomas Lietz**Parents:** Angela and Scott Kavanagh

A 4.11 student at Utica, she earned a 1460 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in biology.



Julia has been a teen volunteer at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital. Honors include Valedictorian, four years of Utica Center for Math, Science and Technology, Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar Athlete award nominee, third place in creative problem solving at HOSA regionals, junior varsity tennis All-Academic team.

**She said** her aunt Yvette Lanni has been the most influential in her academic

career. "When she visited my school to give a presentation about her career path, her extensive knowledge and schooling inspired me. The way that she is so passionate about her job and passionate about learning is something that I want in life."

**SACHIT SONI****Utica High School****Principal:** Thomas Lietz**Parents:** Om Soni and Priyanka Soni

A 4.06 student at Utica, he earned a 1530 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in data science.

Sachit has been involved with cross country, Quiz Bowl and track and field. Honors include AP Scholar, cross country state qualifier and National Merit Commended Scholar.

**He said:** "My biggest influences in my academic career are my parents. They have always supported my extracurriculars, academics, and hobbies and pushed me to accomplish my best. Also, my sixth grade teacher, Mrs. George at Wiley Elementary always supported my academics and believed in my potential."



**RYAN BORING****Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies****Principal:** Shaun Greene-Beebe**Parents:**

Laurie Wallon-Boring and Steven Boring

A 4.0 student at Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies, he earned a 1590 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in computer science.

Ryan has been involved with Crevolution Robotics and UAIS Phoenix Debate. Honors include National Merit finalist, AP Scholar, Learner of the Month: Principled, Best Presiding Officer out of five qualified competitors at 2019-2020 MIFA State Finals Novice Legislative Debate, second place speaker at 2019-20 MIFA State Finals Novice Legislative Debate.

**He said** Christopher Kuhlman, theatre teacher and Academic Mentoring for Educational Success (AMES) advisor for grades 9-12 and debate coach for grades 10-11 has been the most influential in his academic career. "Mr. Kuhlman has helped me to navigate the challenges of an International Baccalaureate education with his caring and understanding disposition and encouraged me to develop my communication skills in theatre class and on the school debate team."

**NOELLA DULO****Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies****Principal:**

Shaun Greene-Beebe

**Parents:**

Vila Dulo and



Nevzat Dulo

A 4.0 student at Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies, she earned a 1460 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in biochemistry.

Noella has been involved as Beck language club co-president, Key Club vice president and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) co-president. Honors include AP Scholar, UCS Academic Scholar, Key Club outstanding member, HOSA regional first place Pharmacology and HOSA Regional first place Parliamentary Procedure.

**She said:** "My parents, Vila and Nevzat as well as my younger brother Mateo have always supported and inspired me in my learnings despite their own challenges as immigrants."

**ETHAN GERTSCH****Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies****Principal:** Shaun Greene-Beebe**Parents:**

Brook Gertsch and Jamie Gertsch

A 4.0 student at Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies, he earned a 1540 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Brigham Young University to major in actuarial science.

Ethan has been involved with Boy Scouts of America. Honors include National Merit finalist and scholarship recipient, AP Scholar and varsity soccer.

**He said:** "My dad Jamie Gertsch, influenced me the most in my academic career through his example of work ethic and interests in varying STEM careers and opportunities."

**ALEXANDER HUGHES****Gene L Klida Utica Acad-****emy for International Studies****Principal:** Shaun Greene-Beebe**Parents:** Michael & Carlene Hetland, Kyle & Lindsey Hughes

A 4.0 student at Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies, he earned a 1600 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Harvard College to major in government.

Alexander has been involved with Key Club as District Governor, Heritage Junior High Code Club founder and Student Advisory Board. Honors include Coolidge Senator, 2020 State Champion for varsity congressional debate, National Merit Scholar, National French Contest Gold Medal and Michigan Voice of Democracy second place speech.

**He said** his parents have been the most influential in his academic career. "It has made all the difference for me to have been surrounded by loving and hardworking people who expect excellence from me and help me achieve it. I have been blessed to be born into families where education and even more importantly, honesty and diligence, are highly valued."

**WILLIAM JENKINS****Utica High School and Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies****Principal:** Thomas Lietz / Shaun Greene-Beebe**Parents:** Elizabeth Jenkins and Jeffrey Jenkins

A 4.0 student at Utica High School and Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies, he



earned a 1510 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Oakland University to major in computer science.

William has been involved as UAIS National Honor Society Senior Hours Keeper and Heritage Code Club co-founder. Honors include Freshman Math department award, AP Scholar with Honor and IB full diploma candidate.

**He said:** "My parents have played a big part in my academic career. My mom is a seventh grade math teacher and my dad was a math teacher at some point too, so naturally they would have their influence on me and I grew to enjoy math. When I was young, my mom would bring home some of the worksheets that she handed out in class and let me do them. I found it very fun and this had accelerated my learning greatly."

**MARGARET KHUSHI****Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies****Principal:** Shaun Greene-Beebe**Parents:** Hiba Arrow and Miassar Khoushi

A 4.0 student at Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies, she earned a 1490 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in neuroscience.

Margaret has been involved with school by tutoring elementary students, running a French club for elementary students and volunteering at a hospital. Honors include AP Scholar, Seal of Global Language, National Honors Society, National French Honors Society and second place at regional Health Occupations Students of America competition. She said: "Mom and Dad (Hiba and Miassar) for encourag-



ing me to take education seriously and for working so hard to give me the best opportunities while they struggled as immigrants."

**ANGELINA MCKIMSON****Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies****Principal:** Shaun Greene-Beebe**Parents:** Jill and David McKimson

A 3.971 student at Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies, she earned a 1500 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Notre Dame to major in Applied Computational Mathematics and Statistic (ACMS).

Angelina has been involved as a member of the student voice committee, member and former president of the National Art Honor Society and she has also been a member of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life team. Honors include College Board AP Scholar

**She said:** "The community of teachers and students at my school has influenced me most because they have motivated me to work hard."

**DELANEY SACRA****Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies****Principal:** Shaun Greene-Beebe**Parents:** Diane Sacra and John Sacra

A 4.0 student at Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies, she earned a 1520 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Grand Valley State University though undecided at present on a field of study.



Delaney has been involved with the Whisper phone project, Key Club and as an elementary SACC volunteer. Honors include National Merit Commended Scholar, AP Scholar, Global Seal of Language and VFW Voice of Democracy post level first place. **She said** Justin Spear, her ninth grade English teacher and Key Club Advisor, has been the most influential in her academic career. "Mr Spear took a real interest in my education and my potential from the very first semester of high school. He was very supportive and always very encouraging. Not only did Mr. Spears encourage my academic performance but he also urged me to pursue extracurricular and service minded endeavors."

**JENNA TRYAN****Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies****Principal:**

Shaun Greene-Beebe

**Parents:**

Diane Sacra and John Sacra

A 4.0 student at Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies, she earned a 1530 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan State University to major in business.

Jenna has been involved with the Kids Against Hunger, hosting junior high robotics tournament (Thunderquest) and co-hosting a charity dodgeball tournament for 'A Beautiful Me.' Honors received include AP Scholar and Academic Scholar.

**She said:** "Bryan Battaglia, the physics teacher at UAIS, taught me to think critically about the world around me. He also coached me through my first two years on the Crevolution Robotics team and pushed me to step out of my comfort zone and take leadership positions I never thought I could do."



**RIZWAN HAYDER****Warren Mott High School**

**Principal:** David Meengs  
**Parents:** Mohammed Hayder and Syeda Najar-Hayder  
 A 4.611 student at Warren Mott, he earned a 1510 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in mechanical engineering.



Rizwan has been an Islamic Organization of North America participant and volunteer and a National Honors Society volunteer. Honors received include Award of Excellence for Region 7 Science Olympiad Tournament Division C and 36th and 37th state tournaments, Special Congressional Recognition for participation in the Michigan Ninth District Congressional App Challenge 2019 and Summa Cum Laude.

**He said:** "My father, Mohammed Hayder has influenced me most in my academic career. He has encouraged me to work hard and become the student and person I am today while simultaneously teaching me to treat the world and those in it with kindness, respect, patience and generosity."

**TYLOR SKRZYPCZAK****Warren Woods Tower High School**

**Principal:** Michael McKenzie  
**Parents:** Paul and Heather Skrzypczak  
 A 4.0 student at Warren Woods Tower, he earned a 1440 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in chemical engineering.



Tylor has been involved with volunteering at Kensington Community Church with their production team, teen

service team at Springhill camps, lead freshman mentor at Warren Woods Tower High School. Honors include All State Honorable Mention soccer, soccer Macomb Area Conference Gold Division Most Valuable Player, President's Education Excellence award, Summa Cum Laude, Macomb Mathematics, Science and Technology Center graduate.

**He said:** "My parents, Paul and Heather Skrzypczak have been the most influential in my academic career. My parents have always pushed me to work harder and given me opportunities to achieve my fullest potential in the classroom."

**Class B****ADRIANA ANNONI****Armada High School**

**Principal:** Kelly Skokna  
**Parents:** Anontella and Nick Annoni  
 A 3.974 student at Armada, she earned a 1390 on the SAT.

Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in engineering.

Adriana has been involved with the Police Athletic League (PAL) Leadership Team, National Honor Society and Nature Club. Honors received include AP Scholar Award, College Board National Rural and Small Town Recognition program, National Honor Society.

**She said:** "My older brother Antonio Annoni has had the biggest influence on my academic career. His drive throughout high school inspired me to have a similar passion for learning and dedication to succeeding. It has led me to follow in his footsteps in attending the University of Michigan. He has always been there



to guide me along the way and answer any questions whether it be homework or college related."

**ALYSON BARBRET****Armada High School**

**Principal:** Kelly Skokna  
**Parents:** Emily and Scott Barbret  
 A 4.0 student at Armada, she earned a 1310 on the SAT.

Future plans include attending Wayne State University to major in learning design and technology.

Alyson has been a member of 4-H, as a leadership intern for Camp Invention and Armada Community Enrichment Program (ACEP) Dance Assistant. Honors received include National



Honor Society, four time All-Academic for cheerleading, varsity cheer captain, first in intermediate showmanship for 4-H, Wayne State Warrior scholarship.

**She said:** "My older sister, Anna, has influenced me most in my academic career by setting an example of what hard work and dedication looks like and by tutoring me across various subjects whenever I needed the help."

**COURTNEY BARR****Armada High School**

**Principal:** Kelly Skokna  
**Parents:** Amy Barr and Stephen Barr  
 A 3.942 student at Armada, she earned a 1310 on the SAT.

Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in neuroscience.

Courtney has been involved with First Robotics Team 1718, varsity track and cross country and Student Council.



Honors received include AP Scholar with Honor, All-Academic Blue Water Athletic Conference) Team and as secretary for National Honor Society. She said: "Throughout my academic career, my parents have been the most influential. Their support and encouragement have allowed me to overcome any of the challenges I have faced."

**JOSHUA BOWMAN****Armada High School**

**Principal:** Kelly Skokna  
**Parents:** Kristin and Christopher Bowman  
 A 3.902 student at Armada, he earned a 1300 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Grand Valley State University to major in mechanical engineering.

Joshua has been involved with National Honor Society, food pantry at church and volunteering at church with vacation bible school working with kids and media/sound tech help. Honors include first team wide receiver all county, varsity basketball all four years, All-Academic (track 2 years, basketball four years, football three years).

**He said:** "Michael Becker motivated me to be a better student and as a coach to be a better athlete in two sports (basketball and track)."

**JACOB BROWN****Armada High School**

**Principal:** Kelly Skokna  
**Parents:** Christopher and Kerry Brown  
 A 3.938 student at Armada, he earned a 1280 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Central Michigan University to major in biochemistry.



Jacob has been involved with National Honor Society, as a youth wrestling volunteer and youth football camp volunteer. Honors include Student of the Month, All Blue Water Athletic Conference) Team, AP Honor Roll and All County Honorable Mention for football and wrestling.

**He said:** "My middle school wrestling coach, Eric Foster has been most influential in my academic career. "He has given me a lot of advice throughout the years both during my time on his team and after."

**MADISON FEYS****Armada High School**

**Principal:** Kelly Skokna  
**Parents:** Jennifer and Duane Feys  
 A 3.902 student at Armada,

she earned a 1310 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of South Florida to major in global business and Spanish. Madison has been involved with varsity track

and cross country. Honors received include AP Scholar All-Academic Blue Water Athletic Conference) Team three years for cross country. She said: "Jason Hundrey, my teacher for World History plus many other electives, influenced me greatly throughout my academic career. He taught me how to look beyond social boundaries and to understand other people and cultures. This knowledge has led me to my career path."

**PETER GILLIAM****Armada High School**

**Principal:** Kelly Skokna  
**Parents:** Maryann Meyerholt and Ken Meyerholt  
 A 3.66 student at Armada, he earned a 1420 on the SAT. Future plans include attending University of Phoenix to major in I.T. and Information



Technology.

Peter has been involved with Soup Kitchen volunteer work, free online math material (Youtube channel=Peter Gilliam) and church contributions. Honors received include All "A"'s junior year, athletic letter for cross country. He said: "Matthew Woznicki (my math and Spanish teacher in 11th and 12th grade) has quite possibly been the most influential character in my academic life. His enthusiasm to tackle any question, both advanced and silly, perfectly combines with his encouragement for me to learn and grow, even outside the confines of our curriculum."

**CAMERON KELLER****Armada High School**

**Principal:** Kelly Skokna  
**Parents:** Keith Keller and Patricia Keller  
 A 3.9 student at Armada, he earned a 1290 on the SAT.

Future plans include attending Northern Michigan University to major in Medicinal Plant Chemistry.

Cameron has been involved with the Nature Club, as a National Honor Society Treasurer and volunteer and Holy Family Church youth group. Honors received include varsity track, varsity cross country and varsity bowling, AP Scholar with Honor and Presidential Scholarship recipient. He said his father, Keith Keller has been the most influential in his academic career. "My father has taught me the value of consistent hard work, time and attention to a subject. If he did not instill these practices in me from a young age, I never would have become who I am today."



**ALEX LEONE****Armada High School****Principal:** Kelly Skokna**Parents:** Rochelle and Paul Leone

A 3.96 student at Armada, he earned a 1320 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Oakland University to major in computer science.

Alex has been involved with leading local robotics tournaments, being a part of Relay for Life to help fund cancer research and mentoring and tutoring elementary students. Honors received include First Dean's Finalist Award for robotics, AP Scholar award and Fighting Pi Judges award for robotics. He said: "My Spanish and calculus teacher Mr. Woznicki has been the most incredible teacher I have ever all. I base my work ethic off of his since he always goes the extra mile."

**CONNOR MACKENZIE****Armada High School****Principal:** Kelly Skokna**Parents:** Michael Mackenzie and Darcy Mackenzie

A 4.0 student at Armada, he earned a 1420 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan State University to major in mechanical engineering.

Alex has been involved as Police Athletic League (PAL) counselor in training, part of a Relay for Life team and is currently organizing a relay event and previously organized a label drive for hospitals over quarantine. Honors received include three time Academic All State, four time state meet qualifier once for track, three times cross country, two time first team all League for basketball and second fastest cross country



time in school history. He said: "My parents have been the most influential to me throughout my academic career. As educators, both of my parents have constantly pushed me to succeed in school and in life. They have provided guidance on classwork and general school decisions whenever needed. They allowed me to experience a wide variety of academic topics which lead to my decision to major in mechanical engineering. They have always been there for me in and out of school and are easily the most influential."

**BRENNAN MCCLELLAND****Armada High School****Principal:** Kelly Skokna**Parents:** Larry McClelland and Jennifer McClelland

A 4.0 student at Armada, he earned a 1500 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Princeton University to major in politics.

Brennan has been involved as captain and varsity athlete on Armada High School wrestling team, National Honor Society member and as a member of his local parish youth group. Honors received include 150 career wrestling wins, two time team lower weight most valuable player for wrestling, two time All State Individual Honors third and fourth place for wrestling, Blue Water Athletic Conference All-Academic team and Macomb All County wrestling. He said his parents, Larry and Jennifer McClelland have been the most influential in his academic career. "By pushing me to do my best at everything I do."

**MACKENZIE MEERSCHAERT****Armada High School****Principal:** Kelly Skokna**Parents:** Michele Meerschaert and Kenny Meer-

schaert

A 4.0 student at Armada, she earned a 1480 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan State University to major in Biosystems engineering.

Mackenzie has been involved having worked as a counselor at Black River Farm and Ranch, as editor-in-chief of Armada High School's yearbook and as a tri-sport athlete, competing in bowling, cross country and track. Honors received include AP Scholar with Honor, All-Academic Blue Water Athletic Conference) Team, State All-Academic team and 12 time Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Music Festival Division one medalist.

**She said:** "My grandfather, Ken Meerschaert Sr. had the most significant impact on my academic career. He showed me that if you work hard and keep your loved ones close, you have all you could ever need in life. His battle with cancer pushed me to pursue biomedical engineering so that I could improve the lives of those fighting similar serious illnesses."

**PAYTON MILLER****Armada High School****Principal:** Kelly Skokna**Parents:** Heather Panches-Miller and Corey Miller

A 3.971 student at Armada, she earned a 1330 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Siena Heights University to major in musical theatre and communications.

Payton has been involved with the Thespian Society/Thespian Troupe 7019, Orchestra and the Police Athletic League Leadership Team. Honors received



include National School Orchestra award, superior rating for Solo Musical Theatre, "1" at Michigan School Vocal Music Association (MSVMA) Solo and Ensemble and "1" rating for Duet Orchestral performance. She said her parents, Heather Panches-Miller and Corey Miller have been the most influential in her academic career. "They have always encouraged me to do my best in all my clubs and classes. My parents have taught me that hard work truly does pay off and without being reminded of that I would not be where I am today. They have always supported me in everything I do and have always encouraged me to ask for help when I needed it."

**BROOKE NIEBAUER****Armada High School****Principal:** Kelly Skokna**Parents:** David and Laura Niebauer

A 3.794 student at Armada, she earned a 1310 on the SAT.

Future plans include attending Wayne State University to major in neuroscience.

Brooke has been involved with track and field, volleyball and National Honor Society. Honors received include All-Academic Team, 3rd Team All County for volleyball All Macomb County First Team for track and field (400 meter) and track and field most valuable player.

**She said:** "My parents, David and Laura Niebauer both worked to enable my academic/athletic career with their support and dedication."

**AUSTIN NIEPORTE****Armada High School****Principal:** Kelly Skokna**Parents:** Shirley and Paul Nieporte

A 4.0 student at Armada, he earned a 1340 on the SAT.

Future plans include attending Oakland University to major in electrical engineering.

Austin has been involved with various community events including Trunk and Treat, Family Fun Night and Super Kids Day. Honors received include All State Honorable Mention for varsity soccer junior and senior years, National Honor Society and All Blue Water Athletic Conference (BWAC) Academic Team. He said Mr. Blume, his biology teacher in high school, has been the most influential in his academic career. "Mr. Blume taught me that high school isn't about chasing grades and trying to get A's just for a high GPA. It's about understanding the content and being able to apply everything I learn in school to everything outside of school."

**JOSHUA PRALL-STANKIEWITZ****Armada High School****Principal:** Kelly Skokna**Parents:** Nancy Prall and James Stankewitz

A 3.889 student at Armada, he earned a 1430 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan Technological or the University of Michigan to major in mechanical engineering.

Joshua has been involved with Armada Fair Robot demonstrations with Team 1718 The Fighting Pi, Student Ambassador for local FLL Competition (Armada Automation) and as Camp Invention volunteer. Honors received include Most Improved Player for varsity tennis, Dean's List finalist (FRC Robotics/Team 1718 Fighting Pi), Most Valuable Player for varsity tennis, Captain for varsity tennis, Computer



Aided Design Capitan (FRC Robotics/Team 1718 Fighting Pi for two seasons).

**He said:** "Nathaniel Maceroni (a schoolmate for eight years). He influenced me in a major way while I was younger and in elementary/middle school with him. We had always been the greatest of friends and we passed semester to semester, grade to grade, we always had some friendly competition. I had always seen him as the smartest kid in class and I aspired to be like him when I was younger, this being a major player in my inspiration to learn and have that reflected well in grades."

**ZACHARY SCHEMBER****Armada High School****Principal:** Kelly Skokna**Parents:** Brian and Susan Schember

A 3.848 student at Armada, he earned a 1350 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Oakland University Honors College to major in finance.

Zachary has been involved with Macomb County Adopt-A-Road and Adopt-A-Trail, volunteering at Armada Lions Roadkill Cafe-Armada Fair and Robot demonstrations at the fair. Honors received include Controls Captain-Team 1718 Fighting Pi Robotics, National Honor Society, Stare Chairman Award for two years for First Robotics, Oakland University Presidential scholarship and Men's Tennis Blue Water Athletic and All County Team Honors.

**He said:** Mr. Moore, his high school marketing, finance and entrepreneurship teacher has been the most influential in his academic career. "Mr. Moore's classes were always the highlight of my day and (made) me excited to come to school. Beyond just being fun, his classes were very interesting and even influenced my future plans."



**SOFIA STOUT****Armada High School****Principal:** Kelly Skokna**Parents:** Frances Stout and Charles Stout

A 3.909 student at Armada, she earned a 1430 on the SAT.

Future plans include attending Oakland University to major in psychology.

Sofia has been involved with volunteering at Gleaners Food Bank, St. Paul's Lutheran Church food drive and Forgotten Harvest doing a food drive at Joseph Della Park. Honors received include AP Scholar with Honor, Scholastic Gold Key in photography and Thespian Society Superior in Duet Acting.

**She said** Patrick Collins, her ninth grade history teacher was the most influential in her academic career. "He was the one who taught me how hard work and tenacity could pay off. He taught me how to properly take notes, and furthered my passion for historical trivia. He taught me to believe I could succeed."

**MICKALA WINNE****Armada High School****Principal:** Kelly Skokna**Parents:** Brenda Winne-Constantine and Terry Constantine

A 3.918 student at Armada, she earned a 1350 on the SAT.

Future plans include attending Arizona State University-West to major in forensic science.

Mickala has been involved with volunteering with the Ray Township Lions Club and Armada AMVETS.

**She said:** "My great-grandma has influenced me the



most throughout school and life in general. She was the kindest person I have ever known and has taught me to care for others. She has encouraged me to work hard to reach my goals and she has always made me want to challenge myself. I aspire to be her when I get older."

**MACKENZIE ABERCROMBIE****Center Line High School****Principal:** Andrea Szabo**Parents:** Sandra Abercrombie and Walter Abercrombie

A 3.720 student at Center Line, he earned a 1250 on the SAT.

Future plans include attending Michigan Technological University to major in computer science.

Mackenzie has been involved in his community with playing with the Center Line High School band at Father Murray and helping teachers at Peck Elementary School. Honors received include Gold Level of the Presidential Scholars award, Academic First Pin, Academic Letter, Physics student of the year and Algebra II student of the year.

**He said** "Both of my parents, Sandra Abercrombie and Walter Abercrombie have influenced my academic career the most because they have always pushed me to try my best and have always helped me keep good grades."

**DYASIA ROBINSON****Lincoln High School****Principal:** Billie Sczepaniak**Parent:** Darius Cherry

A 4.0 student at Lincoln, she earned a 1180 on the SAT.

Future plans include attending Howard University to major in finance.



Dyasia has been involved mentoring fifth grade girls through the organization 'A Beautiful Me,' a volunteer for the March of Dimes and a volunteer for Gleaners Food Bank. Honors include Top Academic certificates, Honor Roll, certificates of merit, varsity letters for track and cross country and ranked No. 1 all four years.

**She said:** "My family has influenced me the most in my academic career. The love and support I get from them is unmatched."

**GRACE SCHOMAKER****Lutheran High School North****Principal:** John Reincke**Parents:** Tom Schomaker and Kristin Schomaker

A 4.0 student at Lutheran North, she earned a 1240 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Grand Valley State University to major in biomedical engineering.

Grace has been involved with Leech Lake Indian Reservation Mission Trip, Lutheran High School North kids soccer and basketball camps and as a Sunday school teacher at Trinity Lutheran Church, Utica. Honors received include National Honor Society, varsity basketball captain and cross country team captain and Catholic League Honorable Mention for basketball in 2020.

**She said:** "Tom and Kristin Schomaker, mom and dad, always encouraged me to try my best and were the perfect example of hard work and dedication, that helped me learn how to persevere throughout high school."

**MADISON OAKIE****Regina High School****Principal:** Ann Diamond**Parents:** Gary Oakie and Michelle Oakie

A 4.3 student at Regina,



she earned a 1340 on the SAT. Future plans include attending University of Detroit Mercy to major in nursing.

Madison has been involved as a Gleaners Food Drive volunteer, Macomb County Emergency Shelter Team volunteer and Fraser Police Department 'Shop with a Hero' volunteer. Honors include valedictorian of 2021 graduating class, Scholastic All-Catholic Award, AP Scholar with Honor and Academic Honor Roll.

**She said:** "My parents have influenced me most in my academic career by instilling a strong work ethic in me and constantly supporting me throughout my education."

**JENNA O'BRIEN****Regina High School****Principal:** Ann Diamond**Parents:** Lori O'Brien and Roy O'Brien

A 4.3 student at Regina, she earned a 1340 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan State University to major in nursing.

Jenna has been involved as a Detroit Children's Hospital summer teen volunteer and volunteer work at Gleaners Food Bank. Honors include valedictorian of 2021 graduating class, Scholar Athlete, Scholastic All-Catholic Award, WXYZ's 'Brightest and Best' and All-State volleyball award

**She said:** "The person who has influenced me most in my academic career is my sister Megan. Being four years older than me, she always helped to guide me down the right path. She kept me going when things got tough but was also my biggest supporter when things went right. Megan



is the reason I am who I am today."

**SARAH GASKO****Richmond High School****Principal:** Andrew Kastl**Parents:** Sherry and Thomas Gasko

A 4.0 student at Richmond, she earned a 1330 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan State University to major in Environmental Engineering.

Sarah has done grocery shopping for the elderly during the holidays and pandemic of 2020-2021, assists at local church's Vacation Bible School and assisted in setting up for local rummage sale. Honors received include No. 1 academically for the class of 2021 at Richmond High School, drum major for the Richmond High School marching band and elected president of the National Honor Society.

**She said:** "Mrs. Stephanie Germain, my high school Calculus teacher, was my most influential academic influence. I remember her telling the class that she failed a calculus course in college but that didn't stop her from pursuing a career in math. From her I understand the value of perseverance, even when life gets extremely tough. She exposed me to a love of math and school."

**ALYSSA SYSTEMANN****Richmond High School****Principal:** Andrew Kastl**Parents:** Sherry and Thomas Gasko

A 4.0 student at Richmond, she earned a 1320 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Wayne State University or the University of Michigan to major in psychology or social work.

Alyssa has been a volunteer at STAR Behavioral Clinic, a



Meet Up and Eat Up volunteer and also volunteers at Auntie Na's Village in Detroit. Honors received include

Outstanding Academic Achievement in AP Calculus, Michigan Reading Association (MRA) Kaleidoscope author, made the Dean's list three semesters in a row at Macomb Community College, All A's Honor Roll for all four years in high school.

**She said** her older brother, Nicklaus Systemann has been the most influential in her academic career. "He has always been so inventive and intelligent and I knew I wanted to succeed academically the way that he did. He attends Wayne State University on a full ride scholarship and I aspire to do the same."

**KATHERINE GRIMES****South Lake High School****Principal:** Robert Beato**Parents:** Matt Honkanen and Laura Grimes

A 3.865 student at South Lake, she earned a 1520 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Hope College to major in physics.

Katherine has been involved with many volunteer activities through the Culinary program, a member of the National Honor Society and a Huron Forest Camp Cedar Ridge volunteer. Honors include Honor Roll, Student of the Month, Art Recognition award and choir recognition award.

**She said** Mary Eagin, her seventh grade math teacher, has been the most influential in her academic career. "She showed me ways of looking at math that made it both simple and exciting."



## Class C-D

### ALYSSA CARUSO

#### Arts Academy in the Woods

**Principal:** Dr. Michael Mitchell

**Parent:** Leigh Hooks

A 3.866 student at Arts Academy in the Woods, she earned a 1240 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the College for Creative Studies to major in concept design. Alyssa has received honors including Honor Roll and second prize in the Macomb County annual secondary student show.



**She said:** "My older sister, Brianna Caruso has influenced my academic career by acting as a role model. She is the first in my family to earn a degree and has encouraged my own academic success by providing resources and guidance throughout my life."

### ROSEMARIE KRAJEWSKI

#### Arts Academy in the Woods

**Principal:** Dr. Michael Mitchell

**Parents:** Noelle Krajewski and Walter Krajewski

A 3.9 student at Arts Academy in the Woods, she earned a 1190 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Eastern Michigan University to major in secondary education language, literature and writing.



Rosemarie has been involved helping her school with open house nights, focusing on communicating with possible future students about the benefits of joining the school. She recorded herself

reading stories through Vocal ID, whose website uses a person's recordings to give someone who has lost their voice a unique voice that fits who they are. Honors received include National Honors Society for two years and the honor roll throughout high school.

**She said:** "My best friend Peter Asencio, has had an enormous influence on me. Whenever I have felt defeated, or thought that my work wasn't good enough, Peter has always been the one to encourage me. He has motivated me to be resilient and always see things through to the end. Most importantly though, Peter has taught me to slow down and has taught me a lot of patience. I produce my best work, I do my best job when I take a moment to de-stress and take life at a slower pace. Thanks to him, I've been able to work on that. He's also inspired me to work on being less of a perfectionist, which is something I battle every day. Every day, though, Peter motivates me to be a better person and constantly try to evolve."

### VICTORIA DAWIDOWICZ

#### Austin Catholic High School

**Principal:** Janel Coppens

**Parents:** Heather Dawidowicz and Jason Dawidowicz.

A 4.31 student at Austin Catholic, she earned a 1470 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in mechanical engineering. Victoria has been involved with Polish Dance Zajaczek Polish Dance Ensemble, basketball and with an internship at the Stahl's Automotive Collection. Honors received include Scholastic All Catholic, National Honor Society and AP Scholar.

**She said:** "My father, Jason



MACOMB DAILY FILE PHOTO

An honoree flashes a smile at the 2018 All Academic banquet.

Dawidowicz has influenced me the most because he constantly pushes me to strive for perfection, to work hard, to maintain commitments and be the best I can be."

### SIMON NTONIOR-FOLENG

#### Clintondale High School

**Principal:** Meloney Cargill

**Parents:** Ntonifor Fube and Sylvia Fube

A 3.977 student at Clintondale, he earned a 1210 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in electrical engineering. Simon has been involved with Forgotten Harvest organizing, cleaning and packaging food, as an annual community kite day volunteer and an annual



blood drive volunteer. Honors received include 2020 MHFCA Academic All State, Student of the Month, Honor Roll all four years, Catherine Wynne Dolan scholarship and All-Academic team, all four years.

**He said:** "My dad had the greatest influence on my academic career. He always pushed me to do the best I could and always made sure I didn't settle for less than my best."

### JOSEPH GENTNER

#### Memphis Junior/Senior High School

**Principal:** Matthew Karaffa

**Parents:** Becky Gentner and Shawn Gentner

A 4.0 student at Memphis, he earned a 1200 on the SAT. Future plans include attending



Oakland University to major in mechanical engineering. Joseph has been involved with helping at Experience Center and helping at Field Day. Honors received include getting into the Honor Society, All State Honorable mention, Summa Cum Laude and President's List at St. Clair County Community College.

**He said:** "My mom Becky Gentner has influenced my academic career the most as she always pushed me to be the best student I could be. She never let me settle for average she always pushed me to get the best grades I could get."

### SETH STIER

#### Memphis Junior/Senior High School

**Principal:** Matthew Karaffa

**Parents:** Jennifer Stier and Scott Stier

A 4.0363 student at Memphis, he earned a 1420 on

the SAT. Future plans include attending Saginaw Valley State University to major in mathematics.

Seth has been helping out at field day for the elementary, helping out with MYBSO and helping out at a soup kitchen in Port Huron. Honors received include Salutatorian, National Honor Society and varsity baseball.

He said Dominic Stier, his older brother, was most influential in his academic career. "He has influenced my academic career because I always wanted to do better than him in school."



### REBECCA CHMIEL

#### Merritt Academy

**Principal:** Nate Seiferlein

**Parents:** Lynette Chmiel and Michael Chmiel and Laura Tuerck and Fred Tuerck

A 4.0 student at Merritt Academy she earned a 1280 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Calvin University to study biology with a focus in pre-med.

Rebecca has been involved with Haven Place Summer camp, L.A> Dream Center Mission Trip Haven Place tutoring. Honors received include All "A" Honor Roll, first chair in band, National Honors Society vice president and valedictorian. He said: "The person who has influenced me most in my academic career is Jesus. Not only does my intelligence come from Him, but my drive and determination. He has blessed me with everything I have and everything I have become. My drive for everything in life stems from wanting to please Him and glorify Him and his kingdom."



**ARIELLE SMITH****Mount Clemens High School****Principal:** Kirk Duncan**Grandparents:** Bob McCarthy and Karen McCarthy

A 3.2 student at Mount Clemens, she earned a 1200 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Macomb Community College and then Wayne State University to major in computer science.



Arielle has been involved with robotics, community service and recording church services. Honors received include Mount Clemens certificate of recognition, National Honor Society and CH coding language certificate of completion.

She said Bob McCarthy, her grandpa was the most influential person in her academic career "because he was able to become an engineer with hard work."

**DAVID MARTIN****New Haven High School****Principal:** William Timmerman**Parents:** Lisa and Michael Martin

A 4.03 student at New Haven, he earned a 1480 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Oakland University to major in accounting.



David has been involved with National Honor Society, Junior Hoops volunteer (basketball program). Honors received include Valedictorian and Honor Roll all eight semesters.

He said Tod Wolfram, his history teacher, was the most influential person in his academic career. "He taught me what it means to be a

good student and to know the facts."

**JOSEPH BOWLING****Parkway Christian School****Principal:** Jennie Brady**Parents:** MaryAnn and Lee Bowling

A 4.09 student at Parkway Christian, he earned a 1320 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Oakland University to major in computer science.



Joseph has helped with the annual church play and wrapped Christmas presents for foster children. Honors received include National Honor Society, Principal's List for all four years and class science award.

He said his father, Lee Bowling was this most influential in his academic career. "He showed me the importance of education, encouraged me to do my best in school and helped me better understand complicated material."

**BAO BUI****Parkway Christian School****Principal:** Jennie Brady**Parent:** An Nguyen

A 4.0 student at Parkway Christian, he earned a 1500 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Grand Canyon University to major in biochemistry.



Bao has helped with church volunteering, leading youth group and playing the piano for church. Honors received include second place in the Provincial Chemistry Olympiad and first place in Le Quy Don Gifted School's Chemistry Entrance Exam.

**He said:** "My mom's work ethic really pushed me to work hard and be the person that I am today. She also



MACOMB DAILY FILE PHOTO

Members of the 2014 All Academic Team included (front row) Brandon Barry of L'Anse Creuse High School, Jacob Radatz of Armada High School, Sarah Lewandowski from Sterling Heights High School, Jonah Oleksiak from Roseville High School, Navin Kathawa of De La Salle, Emily Merkle from International Academy Macomb and Victor Mondine of Eisenhower High School. In the back row are Pete Hedemark, former principal at Roseville High School, Warren Woods Public Schools Superintendent Stacey Deneweth, and retired Macomb Daily staff writer Gordie Wilczynski, creator of the event.

instilled in me from a young age an attitude toward school that hard work is the cost of success and my career should be aligned with my personality and my desire."

**JASON FAHMY****Parkway Christian School****Principal:** Jennie Brady**Parents:** Nivine and Michael Fahmy

A 3.92 student at Parkway Christian, he earned a 1330 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Wayne State University to major in biochemistry.



Jason has helped by wrapping and delivering Christmas gifts to needy families, set up fundraising events and helped with back to school drives. Honors received include Principal's List every year, Academic All-State and National Honor

Society.

**He said** his grandpa, Karam Abdelmasseh, "always taught me to strive for the top of the class." Mahael Fahmy, his father, "taught me about hard work." And Nivine Fahmy, his mother, "taught me to help others and be a team player."

**JAELE FREEMAN****Parkway Christian School****Principal:** Jennie Brady**Parent:** Beth Freeman

A 4.0 student at Parkway Christian, she earned a 1460 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan, though currently undecided on a field of study.



Jaelle has been involved in the ballet program at Urban Impact Foundation of Pittsburgh, helped to found and lead an after school club as

part of the Student Demand Action. Honors received include Award of Excellence granted by the Pittsburgh Public Schools Office of Gifted and Talented, Member of the National Honor Society and Brightest and Best honoree.

**She said:** "The person who has influenced me most in my academic career has been my father, John Freeman. He has done so by being a great example of someone who works hard and applies himself. More importantly he has taught me that perfect grades and test scores are not the be all end all and that instead I should strive to give my best effort and study hard for the love of learning."

**MINH PHAN****Parkway Christian School****Principal:** Jennie Brady**Guardian:** Maria Chi Nguyen

A 3.92 student at Parkway Christian who earned a 1300 on the SAT. Future plans include attending University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study

software engineering.

Minh has been involved with packing gifts for a foster child center. Honors include National Honor Society, Principal's List for two years, Macomb County Secondary Student Show and Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit.

**Minh said** Mr. Kelvin Koepflinger has been influential in their academic career. "First of all, Mr. K helped me to find my interest in being entrepreneur, starting a business doing team-works, doing a president etc through his entrepreneur project in my junior grade. Secondly he taught me many lessons through his characteristics. He is dedicated and hard working. He had never shown anger towards anyone. He had shown me great skills in dealing with students' conflicts he only resolved their objections, but also made them respect and love him more. Especially he is a hilarious guy and always tells joke during his lectures. I love his senses of humor."