

# Macomb County All-Academic 2024





## Class A

### SIENA BERES

#### Anchor Bay High School

**Principal:** Michael Mackenzie

**Parents:** Sheri Beres and Jason Beres

A 4.2

student at Anchor Bay, she earned a 1490 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan with a dual major in communications and history.

Siena helps her mother manage her small business (she makes purses). Honors received include Mackinac 19th annual poetry slam finalist, MIFA Award for superior performance in Acting three time recipient. AP Scholar with Honors,

**She said** her seventh grade English teacher, Mr. Comer was the most influential in her academic career. "I wrote a short story for his class and he liked it so much that he printed it out and distributed it to the rest of the faculty. I remember being so embarrassed but it was the first time I felt like someone was listening to what I had to say."



### NOLAN CONNOLLY

#### Anchor Bay High School

**Principal:** Michael Mackenzie

**Parents:** Joe Connolly and Jaime Connolly

A 4.4 student at Anchor Bay, he earned a 1550 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Rice University majoring in business/IT.

Nolan is a member of the National Honor Society and DECA Chapter Campaign. Honors received include AP Scholar with Distinction, six year



Michigan Symphony and Orchestra Association First Division rating Trombone, National Merit Scholar Commended Student, Wesner Tuxedo Senior Show, DECA National Champion.

**He said:** "My parents have influenced me the most as they have always been supportive of my educational endeavors and have been excellent role models for hard work."

### AIDEN EVANS

#### Anchor Bay High School

**Principal:** Michael Mackenzie

**Parents:** Todd Evans and Gina Evans

A 4.399 student at Anchor Bay, he earned a 1460 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan State University majoring in Neurosciences (Pre-Med).

Aiden is active in the school and community doing band volunteering every week and during the summer, more than 70 hours doing National Honor Society community service and united the school by creating new banners and moved band and student section together. Honors received include AP Scholar with Honor, All-Academic varsity player, Alumni Distinguished Scholarship semi-finalist, Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Special Recognition Music Award and National Rural Small Town Recognition Program.

**He said:** "My mom Gina Evans and my dad Todd Evans have influenced me the most in my academic career. My mom taught me to be organized and responsible while my dad taught me to be inquisitive and curious. They've always encouraged me to my best and I owe it all to them."



### ERIK ROLLMANN

#### Chippewa Valley High School

**Principal:** Todd Distelrath

**Parents:** Bjarke Rollmann and Daphne Rollmann

A 4.028 student at Chippewa Valley, he earned a 1550 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan's College of Engineering to major in engineering.

Erik has been involved with the CVHS math club, CVHS Robotics, and CVHS Band. Honors received include CVHS Math Club Behind the Scenes and Summa Cum Laude.

**He said:** "My parents have influenced me most in my academic career by taking various steps in my early youth to ensure I received and was prepared for a good education as well as suggesting and offering help in opportunities for me."



### MATVEY PUKALO

#### Cousino High School

**Principal:** Andre Buford

**Parents:** Randall and Yevgeniya Pukalo

A 4.69 student at Cousino, he earned a 1390 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the College for Creative Studies to major in transportation design.

Honors received include two time Dunning Fellow, Bill Neale Award winner, Sketchbattle participant.

**He said** his parents have been the most influential in his academic career.



### TIMOTHY CARR

#### Dakota High School

**Principal:** Kevin Koskos

**Parents:** Lisa Carr and Mike Carr

A 4.0 student at Dakota, he earned a 1450 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in math, data science or engineering.

Timothy has been involved with the Dakota High School football team for four years, done various community service activities as a member of National Honor Society and as a member of the Dakota High School Student and Staff Panel helping freshmen transition to high school. Honors received include Academic All-State football for two years, 2023 Dakota Football Impact Player of the Year, National Honor Society and German National Honor Society, Macomb Area Conference All-Academic award for four years, AP Scholar.

**He said:** "Both of my parents, Lisa and Mike Carr, have influenced me the most in my academic career. They set a standard when I was young to pay attention in class, do all of my work, respect my teachers, and then the rest is out of your control. These standards never really had to be stated, helped me become successful throughout all of my years of schooling. My parents made sure I was in the best position to succeed in my schooling before I even stepped into a school."



### KADEN CHIRCO

#### Dakota High School

**Principal:** Kevin Koskos

**Parents:** Ivan Chirco and Fatin Chirco

A 3.943 student at Dakota, he earned a 1460 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of

Michigan, Ann Arbor College of Engineering to major in Biomedical engineering.

Kaden has been involved with the community as the assistant teacher for programming club. Honors received include varsity tennis, multiple solo and ensemble first division ratings and Honor Roll throughout high school.

**He said:** "When we first moved to this community, it was my eldest sister, Chloe Chirco who braced the change of environment and carved a pathway for my other siblings, and I to follow. Her academic prowess was a leading role in my interest in school, giving me a prime example of what I should try to achieve. Without her frequent guidance throughout high school, my life may have followed a completely different route."



### SIMON DAVIS

#### Dakota High School

**Principal:** Kevin Koskos

**Parents:** Jordana Davis and Jeff Davis

A 4.0 student at Dakota, he earned a 1570 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in biomedical engineering.

Simon has been involved with the community with National Honor Society, tutoring at Mathnasium and volunteering at running events. Honors received include Valedictorian, National Merit Finalist, Cross Country Academic All-State, Cross Country First Team All-County and AP Scholar with Distinction.

**He said:** "My parents have influenced me the most in my academic career by



constantly supporting and motivating me to pursue my goals."

### JACK ELZERMAN

#### Dakota High School

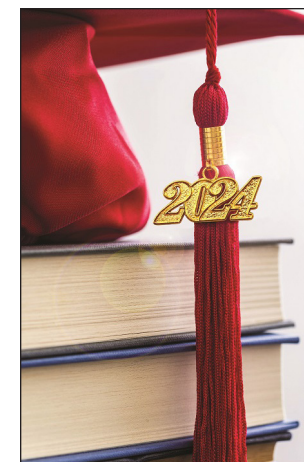
**Principal:** Kevin Koskos

**Parents:** Carol Elzerman and Jeff Elzerman

A 4.0 student at Dakota, he earned a 1470 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan or Michigan State University to major in engineering.

Jack has been involved with the community wrapping Christmas presents for foster children, volunteering at Gleaners Food Bank, and supervising children at local elementary school. Honors received include Honor Roll, AP Scholar and was the second grade spelling bee winner.

**He said:** "The person who influenced me the most in my academic career is Mr. Chad Giannini. Mr. Giannini was my AP Calculus teacher last year and he motivated me to become a better student. He showed me how beneficial it is to create relationships with your teachers outside of school. Outside the classroom, he would organize basketball games for us to play and inside the classroom he was a great teacher."



**KAREN MEI****Dakota High School****Principal:** Kevin Koskos**Parents:** Ruo Tong Mei and Zhao Cong Mei

A 4.0 student at Dakota, she earned a 1510 on the SAT.

Future plans include attending Yale University to major in molecular biophysics and bio-chemistry.

Karen has been involved as a camp counselor for Michigan Youth Leadership and planned and hosted a charity fashion show raising over \$3,000. Honors received include HOSA International Medalist, AP Scholar with Honor and National Honor Society.

**She said:** "My parents, Ruo Mei and Zhao Mei have influenced me the most in my academic career. They have always believed in my potential and encouraged me to have a good work ethic. Their perseverance to give me a better life has given me no doubt that I can get through any obstacles in my life."**ITUNU OLAGBAIYE****Dakota High School****Principal:** Kevin Koskos**Parents:** Kehinde Olagbaiye and Temitope Olagbaiye

A 4.0 student at Dakota, she earned a 1470 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor to major in marketing and philosophy.

Itunu has been involved with Model United Nations (e-board) and with Dakota's theater productions. Honors received include National African American Recognition Award, AP Scholar with Distinction, Dakota High



School Honor Roll all four years, highest honors at Mid-American International Affairs Conference and Mid-American Model United Nations.

**She said:** "The most influential person in my academic career is my freshman AP World History and Model United Nations club leader, Mrs. Kara Lukens. She has a true passion for what she does and an incredible ability to teach her kids advanced subjects while connecting with them on deeper level. She was my first AP teacher and she set me up with the foundation to continue to strive for better."**LUCA POLIDORI****Dakota High School****Principal:** Kevin Koskos**Parents:** Lisa Polidori and Mike Polidori

A 4.0 student at Dakota, he earned a 1520 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in engineering.

Luca has been involved as

president of the National Honors Society, Key Club and National Spanish Honor Society. Honors received include AP Scholar with Distinction and Honor Roll.

**He said:** "My mom has most influenced me in my academic career. She decided to go back to college when I was in elementary school. She worked very hard to get into the radiology program she wanted to attend. Seeing her hard work motivated me to be the best academic version of myself I could be."**KATELYN THRELKELD****Dakota High School****Principal:** Kevin Koskos**Parents:** Amy Threlkeld and Rob Threlkeld

A 4.0 student at Dakota, she

earned a 1450 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in environmental science.

Katelyn has been involved with Dakota Model UN for three years, as a four year varsity swimmer on the girls high school swim team and as the coach for the Seneca Middle School swim team. Honors received include individual and delegation honors at Mamun in Model UN, AP Scholar with Distinction, Macomb County first team O1 swimming, Honor Roll and two time county champion in 500 freestyle.

**She said:** "My parents, Rob and Amy Threlkeld have influenced me the most. They always supported me in everything I did by driving me to extracurriculars and they pushed me to work hard no matter what. Both also encouraged me to explore my interests and think creatively."**DEREK YAEK****DeLaSalle Collegiate****Principal:** Ken Kalinowski**Parents:** Jonathan and Jennifer Yaek

A 4.570 student at DeLaSalle Collegiate, he earned a 1570 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in molecular, cellular and developmental biology.

Derek has been active as co-captain and varsity runner for cross-country, founder of the Society of Young Socratics (philosophy/debate club) and as an altar server at St. Augustine Catholic Parish.

**He said:** "My parents Jonathan and Jennifer

Yaek, by fostering my love of reading from an early age and always encouraging my curiosity."

**MELANIJA ILIJEVSKI****Eisenhower High School****Principal:** Brandon Manzella**Parents:** Daniela Ilijevski and Zack Ilijevski

A 4.0 student at Eisenhower, she earned a 1450 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan major in computer science.

Melanija has been involved with Cancer Aid Research Everywhere (CARE), Key Club and National Honors Society. Honors received include University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholar and College Board AP Scholar with Honor.

**She said:** "The most influential figure in my academic journey has undoubtedly been my older sister, Angelina. I've always looked up to her for the rigorous course she tackled in high school and continues to manage in college. Her unwavering determination and refusal to give up have been inspiring, allowing me to persevere through challenging academic pursuits. Through her guidance and sharing of knowledge, she ignited my curiosity and drive for learning. Despite my own hard work, it was her dedication and studiousness that initially set me on this path. I owe a tremendous amount to her and she has truly molded me into the person I am today."**JACK JARZYNA****Eisenhower High School****Principal:** Brandon Manzella**Parents:** Chris and Joe Jarzyrna

A 4.0 student at Eisenhower, he earned a 1480 on the SAT. Future plans

include attending Michigan Tech University to major in mechanical engineering.

Jack has been involved in the community, helping to run the family farm/business, tutoring and running multiple community cleanup efforts. Honors received include National Honor Society, German National Honor Society, AP Scholar with Honor and Valedictorian.

**He said:** "The greatest influence in my academic career has been my brother, Dan Jarzyrna. Being seven years older than me and a valedictorian himself, he is someone that I have always turned to when I was lost and he is always eager to help. Dan set a great example for me and our competitiveness has pushed me further than I ever could've on my own."**JOSHUA MCCOY****Eisenhower High School****Principal:** Brandon Manzella**Parents:** Aimee McCoy and Dan McCoy

A 3.971 student at Eisenhower, he earned a 1460 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of the Nations though currently undecided on a field of study.

Joshua has been involved in the community, volunteering at Relay for Life and Camp PBJ that provides a week of camp for foster kids. Honors received include Eisenhower High School National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student

**He said:** "My dad, Dan McCoy has influenced me the most in my academics. He would answer all

my crazy questions about how the world works and he taught me to have fun while I learn."

**NICHOLAS OPPERMAN****Eisenhower High School****Principal:** Brandon Manzella**Parents:** David and Jeannie Opperman

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

Nicholas has been involved with the community making gifts for children with cancer treatment and granting a wish for a child with cancer by partnering with the Rainbow Connection. Honors received include All State Academic baseball team, All District Academic baseball team

**He said:** "Madeline Opperman, my older sister, is my biggest influence in all that I do. Through her battle with cancer she taught me to look for all the positives no matter the situation. Along with giving my all to whatever I do and the thought process translated into my schoolwork to be the best I can be. Her treatment at Michigan's U of M hospital and her love for the nurses and doctors kindness is what drove me to want to go to Michigan and sparked my love for academics."**Graduation  
2024**



**EILEEN SANTANA****Eisenhower High School**

**Principal:** Brandon Manzella  
**Parents:** Elena Morales and Marco Santana

A 4.0 student at Eisenhower, she earned a 1440 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Columbia University or the University of Michigan to study biomedical engineering.

Elena has been involved with Student Council at Eisenhower and Utica Center for Math, Science and Technology, Science Olympiad and National Honor Society.

Honors received include Summer Science Program Biochemistry Research recipient, National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar, Hispanic Scholarship Foundation Scholar and AP Scholar with Distinction.

**She said:** "My parents and the values they have taught me have influenced me immensely. They have encouraged me to succeed throughout their years of support at academic competitions, sports tournaments and everywhere else. I will forever appreciate the risks they have taken for me and my education."

**DEVANSH SHAH****Eisenhower High School**

**Principal:** Brandon Manzella

**Parents:** Tejas Shah and Payal Shah

A 4.0 student at Eisenhower, he earned a 1530 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in neuroscience. Devanesh has been involved with National Honors Society, Spanish Honors Society and volunteering



at the Shelby Township Library. Honors received include UCS Seal of Global Language, Michigan Seal of Bilingual and AP Scholar with Distinction.

**He said:** "My mom, Payal Shah, is the one who has influenced me the most because she has always supported me in everything I do and pushes me to do my best."

**NATHAN SIEMEN****Eisenhower High School**

**Principal:** Brandon Manzella

**Parents:** Kristen Siemen and Richard Siemen

A 4.0 student at Eisenhower, he earned a 1500 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in electrical engineering.

Nathan has been involved in the community as a Little League baseball coach and with a food drive. Honors received include AP Scholar with Distinction and National Merit Commended Scholar.

**He said:** "My older brother, Jacob Siemen, has influenced me the most because he has always set the bar extremely high for me in academics which has always pushed me to do better and eventually match or beat most of his stats."

**GABRIEL THOMAS****Eisenhower High School**

**Principal:** Brandon Manzella

**Parents:** BiJi Thomas and Mincy Thomas

A 3.95 student at Eisenhower, he earned a 1460 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan College of LSA to major in



neuroscience.

Gabriel has been involved with Project Outreach, raising money for UNICEF, volunteering at food banks and churches, with a church youth group and as a volunteer for Science Olympiad. Honors received include AP Scholar with Distinction The "Him" Award and first and second Science Olympiad awards for Science Olympiad (Anatomy and Disease Detectives).

**He said** Sarah Thomas, his older sister, has been the most influential in his academic career. "Not only taught me the value of hard work but showed me how far you can go with a good work ethic."

**KATIE VAN DE WINKLE****Eisenhower High School**

**Principal:** Brandon Manzella

**Parents:** Paul Van De Winkle and Nora Van De Winkle

A 4.0 student at Eisenhower, she earned a 1480 on the SAT. Future plans

include attending the University of Michigan or Michigan State University to major in computer engineering.

Katie has been involved with the Spanish Honors Society, National Honors Society and Student Council. Honors received include National Merit Finalist, Michigan Seal of Bilingual, UCS Seal of Global Language and AP Scholar with Distinction.

**She said:** "My parents have supported me throughout my entire academic career. As an elementary school teacher, my mom gave me a passion for learning at an early age. My dad has inspired me to become an engineer and has taught me so much. I will forever be grateful to both of my parents for everything they have done for me."

**NATHAN YASSO****Eisenhower High School**

**Principal:** Brandon Manzella  
**Parents:** Jeanne Yasso and Yasso Yasso

A 4.0 student at Eisenhower, he earned a 1530 on the SAT. Future plans include attending college to major in actuarial science.

Nathan has been involved with Tri-M Music Honor Society with music related community service. Honors received include AP Scholar with Distinction, National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student and Malow Junior High School English Department award

**He said:** "Yasso Yasso, my father, has influenced me most in my academic career. As a math teacher who cares deeply for his students, he inspired me to value the learning and relationships formed at school."

**MICHAEL ZELENAK****Eisenhower High School**

**Principal:** Brandon Manzella

**Parent:** Denise Zelenak

A 4.0 student at Eisenhower, he earned a 1520 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan State University to major in biology.

Michael has been involved as an active member of his church, assistant captain of Eisenhower varsity hockey and with volunteer work for Forgotten Harvest. Honors received include Macomb County All-Academic Team, AP Scholar with Distinction, Valedictorian, National Honor Society and Varsity Hockey and Lacrosse Macomb Area Conference All-Academic Team.



**He said** his mother, Denise Zelenak has been the most influential in his academic career. "She is always pushing me to try my hardest and is always supporting me when it comes to my academics."

**JASON BACHI****Fitzgerald High School**

**Principal:** Amanda Clor

**Parents:** Faiza Bachi and Khalid Bachi

A 3.919 student at Fitzgerald, he earned a 1380 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor to study computer science.

Jason has been involved as a member of National Honor Society, Summer School teacher cadet and has more than 60 hours of community service. Honors received include graduating with highest honors, Multicultural Club president and member of National Honor Society.

**He said:** "The person who has influenced me most in my academic career is Rob Meier, my computer science teacher. Mr. Meier's influence sparked an interest in computer science for me. He equipped me with a strong foundation and a curious mindset that will be invaluable in my future studies and career. His encouragement to explore complex



concepts, his patience in guiding me through challenging projects and his ability to relate theoretical knowledge to real world applications have all contributed significantly to my readiness for the computer science field."

**NOAH TONN****Fraser High School**

**Principal:** Ryan D. Sines

**Parents:** Cara Tonn and Keith Tonn

A 4.365 student at Fraser, he earned a 1480 (1490 Super-scored) on the SAT.

Future plans include attending the University of Michigan College of Literature Science and the Arts to major in Data Science.

Noah has been involved FIRST Robotics Team 818 at the Macomb Mathematics Science Technology Center, DECA Campaign Manager and Be Nice Club Founder and Advisory Board. Honors received include Valedictorian, NMSQT Commended, AP Scholars with Honors, DECA State Finalist, 2022 Michigan Statistics Poster Competition Honorable Mention.

**He said** Mike May the IDS Teacher at Macomb Mathematics Science Technology Center has influenced him most in his academic career.





**DAVID MISCOVICH****Henry Ford II High School****Principal:** Lori Singleton**Parents:** Karen Miscovich and David Miscovich

A 4.0 student at International Academy of Macomb, he earned a 1440 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Kettering University to major in engineering. David has been involved with the Thunderchickens and National Honors Society. Honors received include FRC Dean's List Nominee and AP Scholar with Distinction.



**He said:** "The person who influenced me the most is Mr. Galli From Bemis Middle School. He inspired me to keep going even though I was dealing with pressure outside of school. He encouraged me to do well in school."

**AUSTIN BOBACK****International Academy of Macomb****Principal:** Dr. Laura Strong**Parents:** Catherine Boback and Christopher Boback

A 3.9880 student at International Academy of Macomb, he earned a 1450 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in biomedical engineering.



Austin has been involved with the Thanksgiving Food Drive, as Powderpuff Coordinator/Head Coach, basketball camps and playing varsity basketball. Honors received include MYP Diploma, NHS/SNHS/SHH member (National, Science, Spanish Honor Society), All-Academic MAC in basketball.

**He said** his parents, Cath-

erine and Chris Boback "push me to be my best self everyday" and Mrs Dop-pke, his fifth grade teacher, "broadened my horizon into discovering more difficult maths (my passion).

**MARCUS BOSCA****International Academy of Macomb****Principal:** Dr. Laura Strong**Parents:** Marcel Bosca and Cristina Bosca

A 4.442 student at the International Academy of Macomb, he earned a 1580 on the SAT. Future plans include attending either the University of Michigan or Cambridge University to major in astronomy and astrophysics..

Marcus has been involved with the International Academy of Macomb Key Club, International Academy of Macomb Science Olympiad, FIRST Robotics Team 4810 AM ROBOT. Honors received include National Merit Commended Scholar, Science Olympiad Statewide Medalist, FIRST Robotics Dean's List nominee, Chicago FED Challenge Winner, FIRST Robotics Impact Award Winner

He said his grandfather, Ruben Rodriguez has been the most influential in his academic career. "He always shared creativity and perseverance in the automotive field and showed me what it really means to try and what an engineer is really all about."

**ISABELLA BUCCILLI****International Academy of Macomb****Principal:** Dr. Laura Strong**Parents:** Collette Buccilli and Tony Buccilli

A 4.0 student at the International Academy of Macomb, she earned a 1560 on the SAT. Future



plans include attending the University of Maine to major in marine biology.

Isabella is involved as Key Club District Secretary, Ecology Club co-president, National Honor Society secretary. Honors received include Outstanding Executive Board Member MI District Key Club, National Merit Finalist, Anchor Bay Swim and Dive varsity.

She said her older sibling, Nicolina Buccilli was the most influential in her academic career. "Their own accomplishments have motivated me to stick with the IAM and excel academically. I've always admired their confidence and individuality. Their academic successes fostered competition that ultimately pushed me to become who I am today."

**DASHIELL HEATH****International Academy of Macomb****Principal:** Dr. Laura Strong**Parents:** Christopher and Nora Heath

A 3.9742 student at the International Academy of Macomb, he earned a 1520 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in neuroscience.

Dashiell has been involved as a member of vestry at Grace Episcopal Church and a regular volunteer at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library. Honors received include a silver medal from the National French Contest, member of National Honor Society and National Merit Scholarship finalist.

Dashiell said, "My eighth grade teacher, Mrs. Kathy Falk, gave me a glimpse into



the world of education outside of restrictive curricula in an environment of my wanting to challenge myself. From as early as third grade she was the first teacher who actively outwardly supported my academic endeavors"

**MADISON MONTE**  
**International Academy of Macomb****Principal:** Dr. Laura Strong**Parent:** Michele Monte

A 3.987 student at the International Academy of Macomb, she earned a 1560 on the SAT. Future plans include attending college to major in biology.

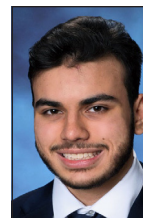
Madison has been involved as a member of Key Club, a Link Crew leader and tutoring. Honors received include National Merit Commended Student, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society.

**She said:** My parents, John and Michele Monte have influenced me most in my academic career by always supporting me and my goals. They've always been there to remind me of the bigger picture when I push myself too far and I can't thank them enough."

**MATTHEW NESBIT**  
**International Academy of Macomb****Principal:** Dr. Laura Strong**Parent:** Caroline Nesbit

A 3.982 student at the International Academy of Macomb, he earned a 1490 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in engineering.

Matthew has been involved



with the school having started a physics help room. He said his mother Caroline Nesbit has been the most influential in his academic career by always providing for and supporting me despite her own struggles."

**KILLIAN PICARD****International Academy of Macomb****Principal:** Dr. Laura Strong**Parent:** Christelle Picard-Guido

A 4.0 student at the International Academy of Macomb, he earned a 1550 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in biomedical engineering.

Killian has been involved with the community tutoring and volunteering at the library.

Honors received include valedictorian, IB diploma, MYP Diploma, CFML certificate of excellence.

He said his sister, Maelis Picard is the most influential in her academic career. "No matter how many hardships and difficulties she has been through, she hasn't given up and has always been the best, kindest, most caring and intelligent person she could be and she's always inspired me to do better and to do the same as her."

**MATTHEW ROMAYA****International Academy of Macomb****Principal:** Dr. Laura Strong**Parents:** Neven Romaya and Anmar Romaya

A 3.917 student at the International Academy of Macomb, he earned a 1530 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Oakland University to major in biochemistry.

Matthew has been involved



with the school doing SAT tutoring and tutoring at Seneca Middle School. Honors received include NAIQSQT Commended Student, National Honor Society, first place in Dynamic Planet at Science Olympiad Regionals, first place in microbe mission at Science Olympiad Regionals, first place in Chemistry Lab at Science Olympiad Regionals.

**He said:** "My dad, Anmar Romaya, has been a significant influence to me because he taught me the importance of having a good work ethic and without him I wouldn't have been nearly as successful as I am today."

**OLEKSANDR SAKHNO****International Academy of Macomb****Principal:** Dr. Laura Strong**Parent:** Andriy Sakhno

A 3.95 student at the International Academy of Macomb, he earned a 1480 on the SAT. Future plans include attending a university in Michigan to major in environmental engineering.

Oleksandr has been involved with club and varsity soccer, Ukrainian volunteering and school Honors received include National Merit Finalist, National Honors Society, Science Honors Society and IB Diploma.

**He said:** "My aunt, Coles Plazio, motivated me to strive for an academic future by being the first person in my family to attend university (Michigan) in the USA since immigrating from Ukraine."





**SHUPTI SHILL****International Academy of Macomb****Principal:** Dr. Laura Strong**Parents:** Sanjay Shill and Popy Sen

A 3.994 student at the International Academy of Macomb, she earned a 1450 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in molecular, cellular and developmental biology.



Shupti has been involved as a teacher's assistant for Wayne State math corps, planning and hosting a local art exhibition to help raise money for charity and volunteering at a Bangladeshi run health clinic. Honors received include Excellence in Teaching Math Corps, AATG National German Exam finalist Gold Medal, second place in regionals for HOSA nutrition.

**She said:** My mom and dad, Sanjay Shill and Popy Sen have been the most influential in my academic career. My parents immigrated from Bangladesh in order to give me a better chance for education. They taught me the value of working hard and the importance of having ambition. Both of these skills help me take advantage of the opportunities I am given."

**PRUDENCE SOTO****International Academy of Macomb****Principal:** Dr. Laura Strong**Parents:** Mary Len Soto and Hans Soto

A 3.934 student at the International Academy of Macomb, she earned a 1510 on the SAT. Future plans include attending college in Michi-



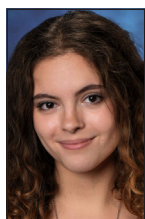
gan to major in mechanical engineering.

Prudence has been involved with The Mighty Quill school newspaper, IAM Theatre since 2021 and American Sign Language Club. Honors received include National Honor Society, National French Honor Society, National Science Honor Society and Tri-M Music Society.

**She said:** "The biggest influence on my academic career has been my peers competition and camaraderie between friends has always been one of my biggest motivators for better or for worse, the drive to prove my skills match up (or even exceed) those of my peers has led me to pursue many an academic venture. Especially at the IAM where the competition is steep. I have found a community that tempers my ambition and encourages me to constantly learn and improve."

**KIARA STEFA****International Academy of Macomb****Principal:** Dr. Laura Strong**Parents:** Altin Stefa and Arjola Stefa

A 3.978 student at the International Academy of Macomb, she earned a 1500 on the SAT. Future plans include enlisting in the Navy. Kiara has been involved as founder and editor of the school newspaper and teaching swim lessons. She said her twin sister, Siena Stefa, influenced her most in her academic career. "We push each other to do the best we can. I want her to be proud of who I am. And what I've done, so I work hard in everything I do."

**GIANA FETT****Lake Shore High School****Principal:** Jenelle Bross**Parents:** Antoinette Fett and Eric Fett

A 4.037 student at Lake Shore, she earned a 1310 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Grand Valley State University to major in finance.

Giana has been involved with the community, serving food to the homeless at St. Mark Lutheran Church with her church's youth group and small catechism group, participation in World Visions 30 hour Famine to fundraise for children in poverty in Africa and assisted in making plarn (plastic yarn) blankets to donate to veterans. Honors received include Principal's Academic Honors Letter, Lakeview Lamp of Learning, Citizenship Honor Roll, Top Performer Math.

**She said:** "My fifth grade math teacher, Ms. Elizabeth Willoughby, has influenced me the most in my academic career. While I had always done well in school prior to fifth grade, it never really mattered much to me. I was just listening to the instructions I was given nad doing what teachers told me. It wasn't until I had Ms. Willoughby that I actually wanted to learn and push myself to go above and beyond in the classroom. I would catch on to the lessons very quickly and she would not let that go unnoticed. She would always compliment my good work ethic and tell me that I have a future in the math field. Eventually she gathered a small group of students who were doing very well in her class and began assigning us middle school math work to see if we could figure it out on our own and to prepare us for the years to come. As we got the hang of things, she would give us harder and harder content. She was always pushing us to do better and it kept me



interested in what I was learning. I started to realize that math was something that I was really good at, and it became fun to work out the different challenging problems she would throw at us. Being able to do the math coursework meant for older kids felt rewarding and it motivated me to push myself in all areas of academics. I wanted to be able to read at a higher reading level, spell more complex words, write more engaging essays and just further progress in all areas of my schooling. Ms. Willoughby's teaching just didn't make me better at math, it influenced me to stay motivated and always go one step further in all areas of my academic career."

**ANDREW PILLARS****Lakeview High School****Principal:** Scott Kapla**Parents:** Julie and Jim Pillars

A 4.196 student at Lakeview, he earned a 1490 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan or Western Michigan University to major in aerospace engineering.



Andrew has been involved with National Honors Society for three years and as a volunteer at Kids Against Hunger. Honors received include MyLead participant, AP Scholar award, MAC All-Academic varsity soccer, MAC Gold Division soccer champs 2022 and 2023 and four year honor roll.

**He said:** "My mom and dad have been my number one influence. They have always supported me. My parents encouraged me to do my best and never give up in school, life nad sports. They taught me how to push through set-backs, disappointments and obstacles. Another positive person in

my life was Mrs. Tomich. She was my fourth or fifth grade teacher. She saw my potential early and kept me interested in learning. Mrs. Tomich developed my love of learning by keeping me challenged."

**BRANDON MCDONALD****L'Anse Creuse High School North****Principal:** Meredith Beard**Parent:** Kelly McDonald

A 4.185 student at L'Anse Creuse High School North, he earned a 1560 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor to major in computer science and robotics.



Brandon has been involved with the community as an Macomb Science Olympiad Code Warriors event volunteer, Pankow volunteer for open house, college night, career night etc. MST Mu Alpha Theta volunteer peer tutoring. Honors received include MASC/MAHS "Unsung Hero" award- Pankow Leadership Council, MST achievement awards, He said, Mr. Sanborn, my AP Computer Science and Game Design teacher, has been the most influential in my academic journey. His enthusiasm for programming and innovation sparked similar passion within me, transforming my outlook on technology. More than just teaching, Mr. Sanborn, encouraged me to think beyond the classroom. He involved me in the Macomb Science Olympiad's Code Warriors event. Under his guidance, I developed an interactive challenge that served as an alternative to the traditional Free Response Questions of the event. This experience not only allowed me to gain much more experience in

game development and have real people testing my work but also allowed me to contribute meaningfully to my community. Mr. Sanborn's mentorship has been instrumental in shaping not just my academic path but my personal development passions."

**NATHAN CHAMP****L'Anse Creuse High School****Principal:** Alysia Samborsky**Parents:** William Champ and Melissa Champ

A 4.0 student at L'Anse Creuse High School, he earned a 1390 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor or Purdue University to major in mechanical engineering. Nathan



has been involved in the community assisting the L'Anse Creuse Boys Swim Team. Honors received include Valedictorian, AP Scholar with Distinction, National Honor Society, LCHS Scholastic Award winner three years and MAC Academic Award for football.

He said, I have been very fortunate to have many great teachers. However my greatest influence was my varsity football coach and weight training teacher Mr. Orande Roy. Not only did he teach, he led by example that to succeed, you have to work twice as hard as everyone else in the room."





**ALYSSA MALOTT****Romeo High School****Principal:** Bernie Osebold**Parents:** Lisa and Brian Malott

A 4.049 student at Romeo, she earned a 1410 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan State University to major in civil engineering.



Alyssa has been involved in travel and high school soccer and volunteering as a summer camp counselor. Honors received include class of 2024 Top Ten and Macomb All-Academic varsity golf team.

**She said:** "My mom, Lisa Malott, has always been my biggest influence and supporter. She always encourages me to put forward my best effort, no matter the outcome and taught me as long as I worked for it I have the ability to achieve whatever I want."

**NINO PEPITO****Roseville High School****Principal:** Jason Bettin**Parents:** Darwin Pepito and Myla Gicain

A 3.907 student at Roseville, he earned a 1190 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in nursing.



Nino is involved with Student Assembly, National Honor Society and Swim Team. Honors received include Academic Letter, All "A" Honor Roll for three years, consistently Top 10 Math/Read STAR and Salutatorian.

**He said** Emily Collias, his eleventh grade teacher, was the most influential in his academic career. "Ever

since I met her my freshman year, Mrs. Collias has always been a role model for what a teacher should look like. From overseeing our Student Assembly and teaching the Leadership class we have, she's always been someone I could go to for virtually anything, whether it's for help with school work, personal advice or just to have someone to talk to. Mr.s Collias has been there for me through it all. She is truly what an exemplary teacher should be like. Caring, helpful, student driven and passionate about the education and welfare of her students."

**MUHAMMAD AHMED ASAD****Sterling Heights High School****Principal:** Craig Miller**Parents:** Asad Murtaza and Raffat Jahan

A 4.0 student at Sterling Heights, he earned a 1570 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in mechanical engineering.



Muhammad Ahmed has been active in the community with National Honor Society community service, and volunteer service at local mosque during Ramadan. Honors received include Honor Roll every quarter of high school, AP Scholars with Honors Award, National Honor Society above and beyond.

**He said:** "In my academic career, the greatest influence has to be attributed to my loving mother, Raffat Jahan. From the time I entered elementary school, my mother would always be there to help me understand anything that I had trouble in. But she went beyond that as well. She would teach me mathematical and scientific concepts beyond

my grade level and always pushed me to cross over my academic boundaries. Even though I did not appreciate this at that time, I truly realize the value of her efforts now. She is the invisible hand that who is responsible for all my academic success. Without her, I wouldn't have received an invitation to this great event."

**NICOLE MEMBRERE****Sterling Heights High School****Principal:** Craig Miller**Parents:** Israel Membere and Gloria Membere

A 4.0 student at Sterling Heights, she earned a 1500 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor to major in mathematics.



Nicole has been active in the community as a tutor at the Kumon of Sterling Heights, National Honors Society and Color Guard captain. Honors received include Division I rating for Proficiency I on piano and Honor Roll.

**She said:** "My parents, Israel and Gloria Membere have both equally been the most influential in my academic career. They remind me that my education and lessons I learn in school are things that could never be taken away from me. They inspire and push me to continue my education that allows me to be who I am today and supports who I want to be in the future."

**BRANDON STORY****Sterling Heights High School****Principal:** Craig Miller**Parent:** Rania Story

A 4.0 student at Sterling Heights, he earned a 1480 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor to major in the medical field.

Brandon has been active in the community with the National Honor Society and the youth ministry at a local church. Honors received include Honor Roll every quarter of high school Near perfect attendance the majority of quarters.

**He said:** "The person with the biggest influence on my academic career is my father. Ever since I was about three years old, he would go through books with me for hours on end so that I would be ahead in all of my classes. He is the reason I have a good work ethic and I strive for a good educational future. He has been advocating for me since day one."

**MEERA GANESHKUMAR****Stevenson High School****Principal:** Kenneth Cucchi III**Parents:** Hema Ganeshkumar and Ganeshkumar Shanmugasundaram

A 4.19 student at Stevenson, she earned 1510 on the SAT. Future plans include attending college to major in biochemistry.



Meera has been involved with volunteering at Ascension St. John, hospital mostly helping patients, tutoring students from preschool to twelfth grade for math and English at Kumon in her junior year and volunteering at the Michigan Humane Society taking care of cats. Honors received include AP Scholar with Distinction, valedictorian

**She said:** "My parents have influenced my academic

career by teaching me how to be determined and hard working."

**STEFAN PETRONIJEVIC****Stevenson High School****Principal:** Kenneth Cucchi III**Parents:** Dusan Petronijevic and Zorica Petronijevic

A 4.26 student at Stevenson, he earned 1480 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in computer science.

Stefan has been involved with church volunteering. Honors received include National Merit Commended Scholar, AP Scholar with Distinction, Science Olympiad Medalist and Quiz Bowl captain.

**He said:** "Both of my parents, Dusan and Zorica Petronijevic, have influenced me the most in my academic career by inspiring my love for mathematics. They always motivated me to succeed in the sciences by taking me to competitions and supporting my passions."

**EFAZ RAHMAN****Stevenson High School****Principal:** Kenneth Cucchi III**Parents:** Alaur Rahman and Dilara Rahman

A 4.19 student at Stevenson, he earned 1520 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in computer engineering.

Efaz has been involved with National Honor Society. Honors received include AP Scholar with Distinction, and Honor Roll.



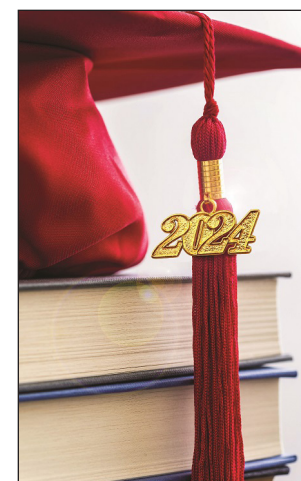
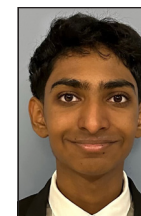
**He said:** "My older brother, Ishtaq Rahman, influenced me by encouraging me to challenge myself whenever I could and to test how far I can go. He is always there for me to rely on and guide me to make the correct decision."

**SAJIV SUNDAR****Stevenson High School****Principal:** Kenneth Cucchi III**Parents:** Sundar Chellappan and Rama Sukumar

A 4.25 student at Stevenson, he earned 1490 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the Michigan State University to major in neuroscience.

Stefan has been involved with volunteering at Henry Ford. Honors received include Davinci MVP Science Olympiad award, HOSA state top seven, National Merit Qualifier.

**He said:** Mrs. Debra Horger UCMST Biology teacher has been the most influential in his academic career. "Helped me to learn things as fast as possible, take time out of every day to study even if there isn't an upcoming test, helped with my research project and has helped me a lot in general with questions."





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**MIA JALICS****Utica High School**

**Principal:** Timothy Young-blood

**Parents:** Amy Jalics and Laci Jalics

A 4.29 student at Utica, she earned a 1520 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan College of Engineering to study computer science. Mia has been involved with the community tutoring at Beck Elementary School. Honors include AP Scholar with Distinction National Merit Commended Scholar and valedictorian.

**She said:** "My older brother, Luka Jalics, always strived for excellence in his academics. He continuously encouraged me to take difficult courses and to challenge myself to perform at the highest levels."

**HARJOT SINGH****Utica High School**

**Principal:** Timothy Young-blood

**Parents:** Gurdeep Singh and Sukhwinder Kaur

A 4.28 student at Utica, he earned a 1570 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan or Michigan State University to major in neuroscience and Spanish.

Harjot has been involved as an ER volunteer at Ascension Warren and a teacher at Sikh Temple for Youth. Honors received include National Honor Society President, National Merit finalist, Hispanic Honor Society president and AP Scholar for three years.

**He said:** "Dawn Anderson, Spanish teacher at Utica



High School pushed me well beyond the curriculum's demands and after seeing my potential created a lifelong passion for learning Spanish." and his grandmother, Manjit Kaur "encourage me to be my best always She was never satisfied with anything less than 100 percent this drove me towards perfection."

**KATRINA ISHIOKA****Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies**

**Principal:** Shaun Greene-Beebe

**Parents:** John Ishioka and Naomi Ishioka

A 4.21 student at Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies, she earned a 1540 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan Ross School of Business to major in business administration.

Katrina has been involved as National Honor Society vice-president, Student Senate Treasurer and Head of Homecoming Committee. Honors received include National Merit Scholarship Finalist, National French Competition Gold Medalist. She said, "Aside from my parents, who have always supported me in my academic endeavors, my IB French teacher of four years, Mary Blain has consistently encouraged my growth as a student. Her class, which is both engaging and demanding, have reminded me throughout high school that success is not the result of luck, but rather hard work and passion. I have gained valuable skills in organization techniques and note-taking that will continue to benefit me in my future academic pursuits. So as I continue on to university, I am grateful for all my teachers, since



they have provided me with the opportunities and tools that are key to my success."

**MARIA KHOUSHI****Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies**

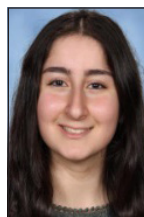
**Principal:** Shaun Greene-Beebe

**Parents:** Hiba Arrow and Miassar Khoushi

A 4.23 student at Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies, she earned a 1520 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan College of Engineering to major in mechanical engineering.

Maria has been involved as former French Club co-president, member of student advisory board and co-chair of its fundraising committee and former Key Club secretary. Honors received include AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honors, MIFA 2023 Broadcasting state semi-finalist.

**She said:** "My parents have influenced me the most in my academic career. As first generation immigrants they taught me to value my education as a privilege instead of a right. They always pushed me to do my best and for that I will always appreciate them."

**JOHN KRAJENKE****Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies**

**Principal:** Shaun Greene-Beebe

**Parents:** Kim Krajenke and John Krajenke

A 4.19 student at Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies, he earned a 1480 on the SAT. Future plans



include attending Oakland University though as yet undecided on a field of study. John has been involved as leader of the Jazz Club and member of the Key Club. Honors received include Commencement for Academic Scholar.

**He said** Kim Krajenke, his mother, has been the most influential in his academic career. "My mother has supported me and kept me on track throughout my entire academic career."

**DHARAMJIT MADAHAR****Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies**

**Principal:** Shaun Greene-Beebe

**Parents:** Avtar Madahar and Ravinder Madahar

A 4.19 student at Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies, he earned a 1510 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan State University or the University of Michigan to major in computer engineering. Dharamjit has been involved in the community volunteering at Oakland Hope food pantry. Honors received include AP Scholar with Distinction.

**He said** his older sister, Amarpreet Khabra has been the most influential in his academic career. "She taught me the value of perseverance and always staying positive."

**AMRITA NAYAK****Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies**

**Principal:** Shaun Greene-Beebe

**Parents:** Atanu Nayak and Sumrita Nayak

A 4.23 student at Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies, she

earned a 1590 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in biochemistry.

Amrita has been involved as charity fashion show director, member of student voice committee and member of National Honor Society. Honors received include National Honor Society, National Merit Scholarship Program finalist, US Presidential Scholars program candidate and AP Scholar.

**She said:** "My older sister, Arpita Nayak, has influenced me most in my academic career by setting an example of perseverance. I would not be as accomplished as I am without her."

**BRENDAN PAWLICKI****Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies**

**Principal:** Shaun Greene-Beebe

**Parents:** Christopher Pawlicki and Deanna Pawlicki

A 4.22 student at Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies, he earned a 1560 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan Ross School of Business to major in finance. Brendan has been involved as a Detroit Opera House



usher, Academic Games Leagues of America middle school coach and Eisenhower varsity football scoreboard manager/senior interviewer. Honors received include International HOSA Spelling champion, State HOSA Medical Math Top Five.

**He said:** "Mrs. Yvette Snopkowski, AP World History teacher, CAS/AMES Advisor NHS Chapter Advisor helped me to develop my voice as a confident leader and encourages me to seek out service in my community."

**PETER SCHOENHERR****Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies**

**Principal:** Shaun Greene-Beebe

**Parents:** Michael Schoenherr and Danie Schoenherr

A 4.21 student at Gene L Klida Utica Academy for International Studies, he earned a 1540 on the SAT. Future plans include attending college to major in computer science. Peter has been involved with the Boy Scouts of America. Honors received include Utica High School cross country junior and senior captain, Utica High School varsity swim team.

**He said** his parents, Michael and Diane Schoenherr have been the most influential in his academic career. "I owe everything to them."





**GRACE HAVERN****Warren Mott High School****Principal:** Kevin Kittle**Parents:** Michael Havern and Patricia Havern

A 4.0 student at Warren Mott, she earned a 1380 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan State University to major in environmental science.



Grace has been involved as a member of senior council and worked to raise over \$1,000 to go towards the senior's school funds, president of National Honor Society provided service hour opportunities to the chapter while being active in the community and member of Peer to Peer, supported and built relationships with students struggling to make connections. Honors received include Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen scholarship, Macomb Area Conference All-Academic team five times over the course of three years, Warren Mott academic award 2021-2023, MMSTC Science Fair finalist and SE-FMD Science Fair nominee, Most Valuable runner for the girls distance team.

**She said:** "My oldest sister Helen Havern, has influenced me most in my academic career. She encouraged me to persist and has been a constant source of inspiration over my four years of high school. She taught me to enjoy high school and to live my life to the fullest."

**KEEGAN MONTICCIOLO****Warren Woods Tower High School****Principal:** Ian Fredlund**Parent:** Karen Monticciolo

He earned a 1410 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of

Michigan College of Engineering to major in biomedical engineering.

Keegan has been involved as a WWT youth soccer mentor for three years and adopted a family for Christmas. Honors received include varsity soccer most valuable player.

**He said:** "Growing up I was blessed to have a family that supported me and pushed me to grow mentally and awas a person. My mom however, Karen Monticcolo has been the greatest influence in my life by far. She has always supported my inquiries and curiosities standing by my side as I pursued my interests. Growing up she showed me the merit of putting others before myself that fuels my passion for bio-medical research. Every day I watched her help anyone she could family or stranger, friend or foe regardless of how it affected her. Her unwavering kindness and generosity inspires me to pursue a career and life dedicated to improving the lives of others. I believe that is why we are here. She taught me that."

**CLASS B****ANDREW BLAKE****Armada High School****Principal:** Andy Kastl**Parents:** Eric and Melanie Blake

A 4.0 student at Armada, he earned a 1470 on the SAT.

Future plans include attending Michigan State University to major in ecology, evolution and biodiversity.

Andrew has been involved with the PAL Leader-



ship Team, National Honor Society and Relay for Life. Honors received include Macomb County Dream Team Tennis/Division 4 State Finalist for Tennis, All State Academic Tennis.

**He said:** "My parents, Melanie and Eric Blake. They have always encouraged me to give my maximum effort in school and been unconditionally supportive of me. Without their motivation and support I would not be the person I am today."

**JACK DAVIS****Armada High School****Principal:** Andy Kastl**Parents:** Karen and Richard Davis

A 4.0 student at Armada, he earned a 1480 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Oakland University to major in accounting and finance. Jack has been involved as a volunteer for Special Olympics, teaching park and recreation karate classes and collecting food and money for a local food pantry. Honors received include DECA state finalist, honorable mention All State Double Tennis, Woody Herman Award winner.

**He said:** "Both of my parents, they are both teachers and understand the importance of education. They always push me to do my best, take risks and learn new things."

**DAVID DEGRANDCHAMP****Armada High School****Principal:** Andy Kastl**Parents:** Dave DeGrandchamp and Lisa Johnson

A 3.977 student at Armada, he earned a 1260 on the SAT.

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



David has been involved with the US Postal Service canned food drive and the Armada Football Kids camp. Honors received include 2023 State Playoff qualifier for football, Blue Water Area Conference All-Academic Team, Principal's Award.

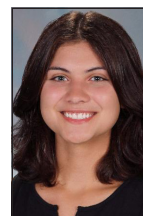
**He said:** "My parents have taught me the value of hard work, not only for themselves but for those they care for."

**KAYLA DEMICK****Armada High School****Principal:** Andy Kastl**Parents:** Joseph and Maria Demick

A 4.0 student at Armada, she earned a 1410 on the SAT.

Future plans include attending the University of Michigan Ross School of Business to major in Business Administration. Kayla has been involved with National Honor Society and Girl Scouts of America. Honors received include AP Scholar, National Hispanic Recognition Program, Small Town Scholar Recognition.

**She said:** "My family has been the biggest influence and without them I would be a shell of who I am today. My sister Lily Demick has been my number one supporter whether it is something small or large and she is always showing me how proud of me she is. My parents have taught me to utilize each setback as an a new opportunity which has motivated me to be academically inclined and to overcome any obstacle that I might face."

**JENNA HOPGOOD****Armada High School****Principal:** Andy Kastl**Parents:** Hoon-Yung Hopgood and Sunhwa Hopgood

A 4.0 student at Armada, she earned a 1420 on the SAT.

Future plans include attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor to major in biology.

Jenna has been involved in the community with the partnership with Macomb County Health Department MRC as President of HOSA, volunteered as violinist for her church's Sunday services and volunteering at local nursing home. Honors received include Gold President Volunteer Service Award, National Rural and Small Town Recognition Award.

She said, "My parents, despite moving cities and changing just before my junior year, I have been able to overcome my limits due to my parent support. By being both my biggest critics, but also my biggest supporters, my parents never fail to inspire me and help me strive for continual growth in all aspects of life. Their guidance and encouragement have shaped me into the person I am today."

**ELLA MCINTYRE****Armada High School****Principal:** Andy Kastl**Parents:** Scott and Rachel McIntyre

A 4.0 student at Armada, she earned a 1400 on the SAT.

Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in ecology, evolution and biodiversity.

Ella has been involved in the



community volunteering at Kids Caring about Costumes, organized a community event to clean up a local creek and organized a local fundraiser to support a local veteran through the AHS Civic Club. Honors received include National School Orchestra Award, National Rural and Small Town Recognition and AP Scholar Award

**She said:** "My dad, Scott McIntyre, has influenced me the most in my academic career. He has encouraged me to follow my passions throughout my childhood as well as pushed me to do my best academically. Since he attended the University of Michigan he has inspired me to go there as well. Because of my dad's consistent support throughout my academic journey. I have been able to succeed in high school and will continue to be dedicated to my studies moving forward."

**RILEY MCKNIGHT****Armada High School****Principal:** Andy Kastl**Parents:** Robert and Kari McKnight

A 4.0 student at Armada, she earned a 1480 on the SAT.

Future plans are currently undecided.

Riley has been involved with National Honor Society, Girl Scouts of America and supporting youth activities at church. Honors received include National Honor Society, Tri-M Musical Honor Society, Blue Water Area Conference All-Academic Team, Rural and Small Town Award.

**She said:** Ian McKnight, my older brother, has been the most influential in her academic career. He set the standard in terms of academics and encouraged me to work to meet that standard."





**JACOB MEERSCHAERT****Armada High School****Principal:** Andy Kastl**Parents:** Kenneth Meerschaert and Michele Meerschaert

A 4.0 student at Armada, he earned a 1300 on the SAT.

Future plans include attending college to major in nursing. Jacob has been involved in Student Council, ACEP Tennis camp coaching and 4 County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee. Honors received include Most Improved Athlete for track, Macomb County Dream Team doubles tennis, State 1 Division rating.

**He said** Mrs. Dena Norrod former career counselor and track coach and Mrs. Orsola Cucuru, Yearbook Advisor and English teacher have been the most influential in his academic career.

**KENDYL WATSON****Armada High School****Principal:** Andy Kastl**Parents:** Rik and Kelly Watson

A 4.0 student at Armada, he earned a 1540 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor to major in Classical and Middle East studies.

Kendyl has been involved with cheerleading both sideline and competitive, National Honor Society and working on bringing awareness of ADA codes to school district. Honors received include AP Scholar, Macomb Community College Dean's List, National Rural and Small Town Recognition



Award.

**She said:** "Jackie McClearly, sixth and seventh grade Language Arts teacher was the most influential person in her academic career. "She was the first teacher to ignite a passion for learning in me and make me love going to class."

**JAIDEN FIZIA****Center Line High School****Principal:** John Kelley**Parent:** Jayme Fizia

A 4.45 student at Center Line, she earned a 1320 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan or Michigan State University to major in statistics.

Jasmin has been involved in the community as a youth group member at Power and Praise Worship Center, Center Line High School marching band and Link Leader. Honors received include eight Division I ratings at Michigan Band and School Orchestra Association Solo and Ensemble events, second place in chemistry at MMSTC Science Fair, academic letter and academic first pin.

**She said:** "The person who has influenced me most in my academic career is my tenth and twelfth grade chemistry teacher Mrs. Hillard. Throughout the two years I have had her as a teacher, she has constantly done things to remind me that school is about so much more than just learning."

**TA'LEAH BUTLER****Eastpointe High School****Principal:** Todd Yarch**Parents:** Angela Hughes and Timothy Butler

A 4.0 student at Eastpointe, she earned a 940 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Fisk University to



major in business administration.

Ta'Leah has been involved with soup kitchen volunteering, community blessing baskets and feeding the homeless. Honors include City of Eastpointe 2023 Student of the Year, Valedictorian, class vice-president, band president, Peer Mediator.

**She said:** "Bridge Koszowski, her tenth grade English teacher, has been the most influential in her academic career. She was the first English teacher I had in person since the pandemic. During my time in her class she always made sure I had everything I needed to be successful. She made sure to keep in contact with me even when I didn't have her class. She always reminded me that I would be successful no matter what I decide to do after high school. Out of all the teachers I had during high school, she was the one who showed the most concern and support for me."

**MADISON JOHNSON****Lincoln High School****Principal:** Michael Harris**Parent:** Tosha Johnson

A 3.964 student at Lincoln, she earned a 1040 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor to major in biology.

Madison has been involved with the community doing clothing donations, cleaning yards and cleaning homes. Honors received Honor Roll, CitizenShip, Student of the Month and Leadership award.

**She said** her mother, Tosha



Johnson has been the most influential in her academic career. "She has taught me the importance of genuine hard work and respect, which will take you far in life."

**BRANDON AVERY****Lutheran High School North****Principal:** John Reincke**Parents:** Adrea Avery-Tiedt, Brian Avery, James Tiedt and Jillian Avery

A 4.0 student at Lutheran North, he earned a 1470 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan Technological University to major in mechanical engineering.

Brandon has been involved with the community as a volunteer at National Honors Society, MiLead for 2022 and Soccer Buddies. Honors received include All State for soccer, All-Academic (Catholic League) 2021-2023, All League for soccer, All Catholic for soccer, varsity captain for soccer.

**He said:** "My twin brother, Joshua Avery has influenced me the most in my academic career. Since we are in the same classes and have similar grades, he always pushes me to do the best I can and holds me accountable."

**JOSHUA AVERY****Lutheran High School North****Principal:** John Reincke**Parents:** Adrea Avery-Tiedt, Brian Avery, James Tiedt and Jillian Avery

A 4.0 student at Lutheran North, he earned a 1280 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan Technological



University to major in mechanical engineering.

Joshua has been involved with the community as a volunteer at National Honors Society, elementary soccer and basketball camps and Soccer Buddies. Honors received include All-Academic (Catholic League) 2021-2023, All Catholic for soccer, All League for soccer, MiLead 2022 participant and varsity captain for soccer.

**He said:** My brother, Brandon Avery has influenced my academic career the most. He is in all of my classes and this allows him to push me to be the best scholar I can be."

**BIANCA CICCHETTI****Lutheran High School North****Principal:** John Reincke**Parents:** Antonio Cicchetti and Roseann Cicchetti

A 4.0 student at Lutheran North, she earned a 1290 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Detroit Mercy to major in mechanical engineering.

Bianca has been involved with cross country, track and field and National Honor Society. Honors received include Society of Women



Engineers Certificate of Merit, Scholastic All-Catholic Team at Prep Bowl, University of Detroit Mercy Presidential Achievement Award and graduate of Junior Leadership Macomb.

**She said** her father, Antonio Cicchetti has been the most influential in her academic career. "He is always pushing me to be the best and sets an example of what hard work looks like."

**CHALMERS FOSTER****Lutheran High School North****Principal:** John Reincke**Parents:** Chad Foster and Tricia Foster

A 4.0 student at Lutheran North, he earned a 1440 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the Grand Valley State University to study biomedical engineering.

Chalmers has been involved with Night to Shine at Immanuel Lutheran Church and is an active member at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Honors received include Michigan State Seal of Bilit-eracy (Spanish).

**He said** his father, Chad Foster has been the most influential in his academic career.





**NATHAN FRONTERA****Lutheran High School North****Principal:** John Reincke**Parents:** Bart Frontera and Mary Zelenak

A 3.914 student at Lutheran North, he earned a 1430 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, to major in political science/pre-law.

Nathan has been involved with Buddy for Tim Tebow Night to Shine event, volunteer for Immanuel Lutheran Community Giving Tree and Trunk or Treat events and Immanuel Lutheran worship leader/vocalist. Honors received include National Honor Society, and All-Academic athlete for varsity soccer.

**He said:** My parents, Mary Zelenak and Bart Frontera have had a huge impact on my academics. They've taught me to stay honest, stay hungry and stay consistent in everything that I do. They have offered me unrivaled love, support and care in my schooling. My sister, Leah Frontera, has been encouragement to me to pursue academic excellence and set an example for her and those around me."



Scout of the Year, Boys state delegate, FIRST Robotics Dean's List semi-finalist, Bernard Harris Super-NOVA STEM award, Thomas Edison STEM Award.

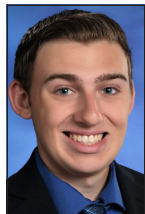
**He said:** My teacher, Robert Ellison has been the most influential in his academic career. "Mr. Ellison always loves hearing and giving ideas, helping me work through projects and loves what he does. I appreciate all that he has done for me over the years and hope to continue to mirror that in my life."

**CATELYN MOLDENHAUER****Lutheran High School North****Principal:** John Reincke**Parents:** Scott and Marian Moldenhauer

A 4.0 student at Lutheran North, she earned a 1370 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in chemical engineering.

Catelyn has been involved with Night to Shine at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Nursery volunteer and a volunteer in the Petsmart cat room. Honors received include National Honors Society HOSA sophomore representative then blood drive coordinator and varsity dance team All Academic in the Catholic league.

**She said:** "Carol Curter, my grandmother, has influenced me the most in my academic career. She has always pushed me to try my hardest in school and emphasized how important education was even at a young age."

**THOMAS PHILLIPS****Lutheran High School North****Principal:** John Reincke**Parents:** Anne Phillips and Scott Phillips

A 4.0 student at Lutheran North, he earned a 1480 on the SAT. Future plans include

attending college to major in actuarial science, though he has not yet decided, Concordia University in Wisconsin is his top choice.

Thomas has been involved with the community with a mission trip to Kenosha, Wisconsin, Camp Arcadia volunteer worker and MCREST volunteer. Honors received include AP Scholar with Honor, Michigan Seal of Biliteracy (Spanish), President of the National Honor Society, Scholastic All-Catholic team and Mustang Scholar Athlete.

**He said:** "My AP Calculus teacher, Mr. John Dumar, has influenced me most in my academic career. Last year, he was my AP Physics teacher as well and in that class I was challenged more than I ever have been before due to the rigorous material. He provided me with great insight for how to better study and take notes to prepare me for success on tests."

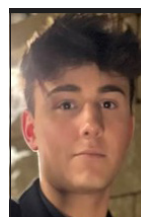
**LOGAN TROMPETER****Lutheran High School North****Principal:** John Reincke**Parents:** Matthew Trompeter and Kimberly Trompeter

A 3.938 student at Lutheran North, he earned a 1280 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in nuclear engineering.

Logan has been involved with the community having

volunteered at the R and E Foundation by providing food, clothing and school supplies to children, support kids and families in foster care and help those in need by providing home essentials and furniture. Honors received include National Honor Society and Scholastic All-Catholic.

**He said:** "My mom influenced me the most. When I was little my mom would help me study by making flash cards with me and taught me to have the work ethic I have. My parents are always there to help me and I could not have done it without them."

**KAYDEN VAN HEVEL****Lutheran High School North****Principal:** John Reincke**Parents:** Crystaly Van Hevel and Brian Van Hevel

A 3.969 student at Lutheran North, he earned a 1330 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Grand Valley State University to major in engineering.

Kayden has been involved with Night to Shine at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Immanuel Giving Tree. Honors received include All-Academic Catholic League.

**He said:** "My mom, Crystaly Van Hevel, has pushed me to stay on task and set a high standard for success."



North, she earned a 1300 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Central Michigan University to major in pre-law.

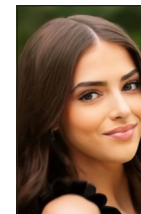
Kendra has been involved with the community, as St. Peter Macomb Vacation Bible School leader and serving food at the Lakepointe Church Food Pantry. Honors received include National Honor Society.

**She said:** "The biggest influence in my academic career has been my dad, Patrick Walsh. I have seen and heard about the hard work he has put in to get where he is today. He is always pushing me to do better in school. Seeing the confidence my dad has in me serves as a form of motivation for me to work hard."

**MIA GENTRY****Regina High School****Principal:** Ann Diamond**Parents:** Kristen Gentry and Matthew Gentry

A 4.07 student at Regina, she earned a 1340 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor to major in kinesiology, applied exercise science

Mia has been involved as



president of the World Culture Club, through which she held a successful shoe drive for Soles4Souls, physical therapy technician at Team Rehabilitation and babysitter. Honors received include member of National Honor Society, graduating Summa Cub Laude, received merit based scholarships for both high school and college educations.

**She said:** "Mrs. Cynthia Pryor was my seventh and eighth grade teacher along with my drama coach from fifth to eighth grade. She is undoubtedly my greatest academic influence.

Ms. Pryor was a fantastic teacher and mentor who helped me to excel academically and I credit her with my high scores in English and reading on both the SAT and ACT. Not only was she an amazing teacher, she cared deeply about each and every one of her students and showed it through her years of hard work and dedication at St. Thecla Catholic School. Unfortunately, Ms. Pryor passed away from cancer in 2023, but everyday I try to honor her memory through kind acts for others and hard work in academics."

**TROY KORNS****Lutheran High School North****Principal:** John Reincke**Parents:** Trevor Korn and Rachael Korn

A 3.933 student at Lutheran North, he earned a 1410 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Kettering University to major in computer engineering.

Troy has been involved with the community with Feed the Bay, Wreaths Across America and 4-H. Honors received include Eagle





**GRETA HELLEBUYCK****Regina High School****Principal:** Ann Diamond**Parent:** Dawn Childress

A 4.28 student at Regina, she earned a 1290 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Georgetown University or Vanderbilt University to major in political science.



Greta has been involved as Connect4Cancer Club founder and president, Mock Trial Club founder and Regina High School student council. Honors include Harvard Book Prize, finalist for Michigan Student Leader of the Year, Prep Bowl Scholastic All-Team member, Mock Trial State qualifier with Outstanding Attorney and Witness Distinctions, All-Academic Athlete Distinction for women's varsity golf.

**She said:** "Paula Peterson, her grandmother, was the most influential person in her academic career. "Throughout my entire life my grandmother has shown me first hand what it means to work hard and with purpose for what you want and who you want to be. Her constant support and ability to take on any situation with grace, humility and courage has inspired me to mirror these same traits in everything I do and as I go into the next stages of my life."

**SYDNEY UPTON****Regina High School****Principal:** Ann Diamond**Parents:** Ann McDonald-Upton and Ben Upton

A 4.22 student at Regina, she earned a 1290 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Detroit Mercy to major in an accelerated five year physician assistant program. Sydney has been involved with the community as an

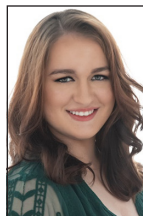
active member of the St. Anastasia Catholic Church Teen Council and Teen Youth Group and active US Figure Skating and Learn To Skate coach. Honors received include AP Scholar, Presidential Achievement Award, St. Timothy Award for Excellence and National Honor Society.

**She said:** "My science teacher, Mrs. Debra Prakkobkij, has influenced me the most in my academic career. I have been one of her students for the past three years in a row. She has always supported my love for the sciences and held me to a high standard. Whether it was AP Chemistry, Engineering or Physics, her believing in my capabilities has helped me to feel confident in tackling challenging science coursework. I will be extremely saddened to not have her as a teacher any more once I graduate. However, I know that all of the lessons I have learned from her will continue to play a substantial role in me achieving my future goals."

**ELLA WIDDOWS****Regina High School****Principal:** Ann Diamond**Parents:** Laura Widdows and Brent Widdows

A 4.24 student at Regina, she earned a 1320 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Bowling Green University to major in forensic science examination.

Ella has been involved with the community doing Altar serving, Tutoring Club and National Honor Society vice-president. Honors received include High School Scholar Athlete Leader Award, All-



Catholic Scholastic Award, AP Scholar and Honor and St. Sebastian Catholic League Captains Day.

**She said:** "My mom, Laura Widdows has influenced me the most thus far in my academic career. She has always supported and pushed me to be my best while doing her best to prevent me from burn out. From helping cut out fa animals to studying for APUSH, she has always been there for me."

**LEXI BOUTILIER****Richmond High School****Principal:** Andrea Szabo**Parents:** Kayla Boutilier and Christopher Boutilier

A 3.806 student at Richmond, she earned a 1250 on the SAT. She currently attends Macomb Community College with plans to transfer to Michigan Technological University to major in Management Information Systems.

Lexi has been involved with the community as a library summer reading program volunteer, Camp Intervention Leadership Intern and tutoring student in fourth grade math. Honors received include Dean's List at Macomb Community College, National Rural and Small Town Recognition Award through College Board, academic letter and academic pin, two fourth place finishes at Science Olympiad.

**She said:** "My parents have been my biggest influence during my academic journey. They have continuously encouraged and supported me as I have reached for my dreams. They have provided me with both the love and opportunities that have allowed me to grow into the person I am today. For that, I thank them the most."

**ANDREW SHAW****South Lake High School****Principal:** Andrew Rousselo**Parents:** Matthew and Suzanne Shaw

Future plans include attending Wayne State University to major in business/accounting.

Andrew has been involved with the community, volunteering biweekly at Christian Trinity Church, Eastpointe and the City of St. Clair Shores I-94 ramp clean up. Honors received include Honor Roll.

**He said:** My parents Matthew and Suzanne Shaw have been the most influential in my academic career. They have supported and encouraged me since kindergarten. They are both always there to listen to me and give guidance with any problem or concern I may have."

**Class C/D****BRANDON MARGALSKI****Arts Academy in the Woods****Principal:** Dr. Michael Mitchell**Parents:** John Margalski and Michelle Margalski

A 3.875 student at Arts Academy in the Woods, he earned a 1080 on the SAT. Future plans include attending University of Michigan to major in philosophy.

Brandon has been involved with school and the community doing student mentor work, collaborative ceramic works and elderly care. Honors received include valedictorian and National Honors Society.

**He said:** I, Brandon Margal-



ski have been my own biggest influence academically. I have been very self taught, guided, motivated and I can't think of anyone else who supported me more."

**META KLATZKE****Austin Catholic High School****Principal:** Janel Coppens**Parents:** Walter Klatzke and Patricia Klatzke

A 3.973 student at Austin Catholic, she earned a 1300 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Rose Hulman Institute of Technology to major in data science.

Meta has been involved with the community, with a greenhouse project educating the community on access to affordable produce and advance sustainability and a group mission trip to Grand Rapids to paint houses. Honors received include National Merit Scholarship program commended student, captain of the girls' soccer team and Principal Honors for seven consecutive semesters. She said, Carolyn Balzano school counselor has been the most influential in her academic career. "Taught me how to be an effective and confident leader."

**ADAM WEINGARTZ****Austin Catholic High School****Principal:** Janel Coppens**Parents:** Kris Weingartz and Dan Weingartz

A 4.0 student at Austin Catholic, he earned a 1340 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan State University to major in accounting.

Adam has been involved with the community with Field Day at Rising Stars Academy and St. Lawrence Apple Fest. Honors received include Principal's List,

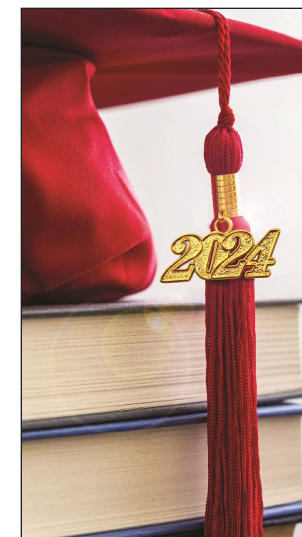
Soccer most valuable player, soccer All-Catholic, Basketball All-League and captain of the basketball and soccer team.

**He said** his dad, Dan Weingartz has been the most influential in his academic career. "By continuously pushing me to complete all of my school work."

LAZARRIUS ABNER  
Clintondale High School  
Principal: Meloney Cargill  
Parent: Juanita Hannah  
A 4.0 student at Clintondale, he earned a 1480 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Oakland University to major in mathematics.

Lazarrius has been involved in the community helping families get Christmas gifts and volunteering for Gleaners. Honors received include Honor Roll and Student of the Month.

**He said:** "My mother Juanita Hannah, has been the most influential person in my academic career because she has taught me how to work hard and strive to do better in life by leading by example. She has always encouraged and supported me in pursuing my academic goals. Without her, I know I would not be as successful as I am now."





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regional qualifier, varsity football greater thumb conference second team and varsity track.

**He said:** "My parents have influenced me the most in my academic career. They knew what I was capable of so they set high expectations and helped me accomplish them."

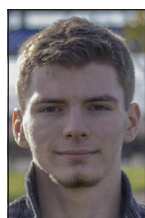
**GREGORY JONES****Memphis Junior/Senior High School****Principal:** Jesse Szatkowski**Parents:** Justin Jones and Melissa Jones

A 3.808 student at Memphis, he earned a 1260 on the SAT.

Future plans include attending Ferris State University to major in welding engineering.

Gregory has been involved with school and the community, teaching kids in 4-H group, assisting with junior high wrestling practice and picking up roadside trash. Honors received include second place in skills in USA regionals in SMAW welding, second place at skills in USA regionals in overall welding, member of National Honor Society, first place in wrestling team districts and national recognition award from BigFuture.

**He said** Rebecca Robertson, welding instructor at St. Clair RESA was the most influential person in his academic career. "Mrs. Robertson influenced me most by helping me pursue a career in what I truly wanted and assisted in every way she could."



attending Wayne State University to major in biology.

Jack has been involved with school and the community, with marching band, as a youth wrestling coach and National Honor Society. Honors received include Honor Guard 2023, Drumline Section Leader, SC4 Presidents Honor Roll, Wrestling Academic All State and Wrestling team captain.

**He said** Paul Stovall, his grandfather has been the most influential in his academic career. "He taught me to always work hard and to always do my work correctly."

**IAN MCINTOSH****Merritt Academy****Principal:** Nathan Seiferlein**Parents:** Scott and Diane McIntosh

A 3.933 student at Merritt Academy, he earned a 1280 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Michigan State University to major in human biology.

Honors received include National Honors Society treasurer and varsity baseball most valuable player.

**He said:** "My cousin (that I refer to as uncle) Jeff Chores introduced me to the medical field and has given me something to strive to become."

**AIDEN EVANS****Mount Clemens High School****Principal:** Tina McNeely**Parent:** Ira Evans

A 3.3 student at Mount Clemens, he scored a 1130 on the SAT. Future plans are currently undecided.

**CAIDEN BOROWSKI****Memphis Junior/Senior High School****Principal:** Jesse Szatkowski**Parents:** Nicole Penzien and Jason Penzien

A 3.969 student at Memphis, he earned a 1200 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Central Michigan University though currently undecided on a field of study.

Caiden has been involved with school and the community, with Adopt-A-Highway and National Honor Society and a VFW fish fry volunteer. Honors received include Academic All-State for football and wrestling, National Honor Society, varsity wrestling two time

**JACK TOMASZEK****Memphis Junior/Senior High School****Principal:** Jesse Szatkowski**Parent:** Michael Tomaszek

A 3.966 student at Memphis, he earned a 1210 on the SAT. Future plans include



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Emotions always overflow at the All-Academic gathering. In this photo, an unidentified student and educator share an embrace at a past event.

**He said,** My dad is the most influential person in my academic career since he is constantly providing incentive and motivation for me to strive to be better."

**LILLIAN GOLSON****New Haven High School****Principal:** William Timmerman**Parents:** Angela Golson and Perry Golson

A 4.0 student at New Haven, she earned a 1160 on the SAT. Future plans include attending University of Michigan, Dearborn to major in health and human services.

Lillian has been involved with the community as church daycare student leader for Watermark Church, a volunteer for Feed

the Bay program and food baskets for Watermark Church. Honors received include National Honor Society historian, scholar athlete award in volleyball, basketball and softball, first place

HOSA finish in physical therapy event, varsity basketball team captain and voted most valuable player as a senior and MAC Bronze All-Conference 2023-24 varsity girls basketball.

**She said,** "Perry Golson, her father, has been the most influential because helps with homework and helps me study. He encourages me to get good grades."

**ERIC HARRISON****New Haven High School****Principal:** William Timmerman**Parents:** Kristy Harrison

and Jerome Harrison A 3.931 student at New Haven, he earned a 1260 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Lawrence Technological University to major in computer science.

Eric has been involved with the community, with Forgotten Harvest.

**He said,** Melanie Cochrill, Intro to Programming and AP Computer Science teacher has been the most influential because she is a good teacher and she introduced me to computer science."







MEDIANEWS GROUP FILE

Parents, students and educators are shown at the 2022 All-Academic banquet, the first one held after the COVID-19 lockdown prevented in-person banquets in 2020 and 2021.

## DARIO HOXHA

### New Haven High School

**Principal:** William Timmerman

**Parents:** Erjola Hoxha and Markel Hoxha

A 4.0 student at New Haven, he earned a 1310 on the SAT. Future plans include attending the University of Michigan to major in data science.



Dario has been involved with the community, helping to host the Color Run to support local causes, volunteering at local youth sports organizations and helped host a blood drive. Honors received include valedictorian, Macomb CTE Student of the Year for New Haven, BPA state qualifier, HOSA

state qualifier and Wesner Tuxedo 2024 Fashion Show participant.

**He said,** Kaltri Hoxha, older brother has been the most influential in his academic career "by setting the bar high and inspiring me to do my best."

## OLIVIA LATHROP

### New Haven High School

**Principal:** William Timmerman

**Parents:** Rodney Lathrop and Jennifer Brnabic

A 4.0 student at New Haven, she earned a 1320 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Saginaw Valley State University to major in elementary education.

Olivia has been involved with the community, with the charity color run, Leadership Conference for the bettering of our school and

youth sports mentor. Honors received include National Honor Society, salutatorian and defensive most valuable player for softball and basketball.



**She said:**

"My mom, Jennifer Brnabic, has had the largest impact on my academic career. As a child my mom was treasurer of the PTO, my basketball coach and my Girl Scout troop leader. She both inspired and supported me to work hard in school and explore meaningful extracurricular activities. She is my biggest fan at all my sports. She'll often come to volunteer with me and always provides guidance if I need anything within my clubs."

## AVA SWIATKOWSKI

### New Haven High School

**Principal:** William Timmerman

**Parents:** Maria Swiatkowski and John Swiatkowski

A 4.0 student at New Haven, she earned a 1180 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Schoolcraft College to major in engineering.

Ava has been involved with the community, as a Little League and youth sports volunteer and the Honor Society. Honors received include Honor Roll all four years, All-Conference for volleyball, basketball and softball and three time Macomb Area Conference Gold First Team All-Conference



for softball.

**She said:** "For my academic career at New Haven Community Schools my mom has influenced me the most in my life. She helps me balance three sports, work and my school work. My mom leads by example by somehow balancing work, running a little league and still finding time to take me to pitching lessons. But I think the most important thing she has taught me is this would doesn't end when you get an A- or throw a bad pitch."

## JAMES ANDERSON

### Parkway Christian School

**Principal:** Delia Walcott

**Parents:** Kyle Anderson and Kariann Anderson

A 4.1 student at Parkway Christian, he earned a 1260 on the SAT. Future plans include attending Northern

Michigan University to major in neuroscience.

James has been involved with the community, volunteering with Life Builders Detroit, Macomb County Science Olympiad event assistant and Parkway Christian tutor. Honors received include National Honor Society member junior and senior year, Parkway Football Eagle Spirit Award 2023 season, Dean's List all four years, Most Improved Award Track freshman and sophomore year.

**He said:** "The person who influenced me the most has been my mom Kariann Anderson who has pushed me from an early age to always go for the next level in my education."

