



Austin Buckley Farmington High School

Austin Buckley of Farmington Hills is considering Michigan State University, Loyola University, Hofstra University or George Washington University to study chemistry and forensic science.

He plans to pursue a career as a forensic chemist and “work in a laboratory preferably at the federal level, such as the FBI.”



Buckley's academic honors include National Merit Scholarship Program commended student, four academic letters and Scholar Athlete.

His extracurricular activities include cross country, track and field, Link Crew, Confirmation facilitator, Summer Leadership Seminar 2009, Servant Church of St. Alexander Youth Group, Oakland County Rebuilding Together, Gleaners Food Bank, St. Pat's Senior Center volunteer, Farmington Youth Assistance Volunteer Recognition Award 2008.

Two teachers influenced Buckley — Don McGregor (forensic science) and Peg Convery (chemistry and AP chemistry)

“Mr. McGregor first introduced me to the field of forensic science in his class freshman year. I always knew I wanted to have a career that combined math and science, and after taking his class, I realized forensics was the perfect choice,” wrote Buckley in his All-Star application.

“Mrs. Convery inspired my specific focus on forensic chemistry. Her passion for teaching the subject, in addition to my own abilities in the subject, drove me further toward the professions of forensics.”

He is the son of Kimberly and Terry Buckley and the brother of Aaron, 15, Alexa, 20, and Ashley, 22.

Samantha Cunningham Lahser High School

“My ultimate goal is to find a way to combine my passion for the arts with my passion for learning and seeking new knowledge. I would love to work on the new developing field of art therapy.” That succinctly sums up the career goals of Samantha Cunningham, who



plans to attend the University of Michigan where she is already enrolled in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts and the School of Art and Design.

“I am planning on studying both studio

art and either pre-law or biology,” said Cunningham, who was invited to join the U-M Honors College.

At Lahser, she has taken many Honors classes. She has also taken AP classes in government, chemistry, psychology, English and art.

But she hasn't confined her achievements to the classroom. She also has been involved in community theater where she has performed in such productions as *West Side Story*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Footloose*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Les Miserables* and *Guys and Dolls*.

She also has been involved in many school theater productions including *Kiss Me Kate*, *Fame*, *Little Shop of Horrors* and *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

She also has been a member of the Art Club, Drama Club, National Honors Society and the Lahser Dames school dance team. For her artistic efforts, she won a Silver Key in print making and received certificates in painting, drawing and sculpture.

Two teachers who had the most influence on her are Susan Neun and Tina Greenlee.

Neun, who taught Cunningham various English classes, is “an extremely gifted teacher and one of the kindest people I ever met,” Cunningham wrote in her all-star application.

“Because of her, I am confident in my skills in graded discussions, essay writing and my ability to quickly and effectively analyze literature on different levels.”

Greenlee, who has directed Cunningham on stage, “is exceptionally loving and kind, yet firm when it comes to directing.”

Cunningham is the daughter of Patrick William Cunningham and Susan Mary Sutton of Troy. She has a brother, Matthew, 16, and a sister, Megan, 13.

Dana Fenster Andover High School

Dana Fenster admits that her career choice changes weekly, “ranging from architect to neurologist to mathematics professor.” But she is clear on her goal: “Though I don't have a specific career path just yet, I hope to do something that challenges me, inspires me and



teaches me something new every day.”

And she knows where she is heading. “I will be attending Duke University next year,” she said. “I hope to study behavioral economics and neuroscience.”

She already is involved in a number of challenging and inspiring activities in and outside the classroom. Among her academic achievements she is a member of the National Honor Society, won the Harvard Book award, was a National Merit Finalist, won a College Board Advanced Placement Scholar Award and has received various Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Awards, including being the 2009 State Champion in sales.

Her extracurricular activities include being captain of the Bloomfield Hills United Varsity Figure Skating team, captain of the Andover Forensics team, section editor of the Andover *Hillcrest* student yearbook, member of the Figure Skating Club of Birmingham, Summer in the City volunteer and FAR Figure Skating coach.

She credits teachers Dennis Kwasny and Vivian Johnston with having the greatest influence on her.

“Mr. Kwasny, my Advanced Placement Chemistry teacher, sparked my previously unexplored interest in science and taught me to never fear a challenging subject,” she said.

“Mrs. Vivian Johnston introduced me to the fascinating field of economics in her Advanced Placement Economics class. A psychology teacher as well, Mrs. Johnston and I combined our mutual interest in psychology and economics to create an independent study behavioral economics course. The class has been a highlight of my senior year, as I have had the opportunity to work closely with a teacher to study a subject I am genuinely interested in,” said Fenster.

She is the daughter of Susie and Rick Fenster of Bloomfield Hills. She has a brother, Matt, 20.

Calla Glavin Seaholm High School

The military and/or medical field are in the future for Calla Glavin of Birmingham. She has accepted an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

“I intend to major in chemistry or engineering and have plans of being a career Army officer, perhaps as a doctor,” she said.

While at West Point, she hopes to participate in study-abroad programs, and after graduation wants to seek a medical degree.

“I want to become a career Army officer, and after retirement would like to continue working for the government in some capacity,” she said.

For now, she is busy posting academic achievements at Seaholm, including winning the J.J. Lyman Award for Excellence in American History, a Harvard Alumni Association Book Award for Excellence in English and a National Merit Scholarship.

She won a U.S. Lacrosse Association Scholar-Athlete Award and Oakland Athletic Association Scholar Athlete Award.

Among her extracurricular activities, she is a four-year member of the Birmingham Women's Lacrosse Team; goalkeeper on the 2009 Division I State Championship Team; vice president of the National Honor Society; four-year co-chair of the annual Field Day Gleaners Food Bank Class Charity; co-president of the Seaholm Book Club; participant in the Michigan Girls State Model Government Camp where she was elected senate majority leader and received the Robert C. Morris award for active participation; volunteer for Think Detroit PAL lacrosse camp; and attended summer leadership seminars at West Point and the U.S. Naval Academy.

The teachers who influenced her most are “Mrs. Kyle Hall, English teacher, and Mr. Charles Passarelli, history teacher.”

She is the daughter of James Glavin and Annemarie Cwikiel-Glavin of Birmingham, and has a brother, Ryan, 13.