

2014 HONORABLE MENTION

BAXTER GROVES

Redford Union High School

College: University of Michigan-Dearborn to study biomedicine.

Academic honors: Honor roll, perfect attendance.

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society; mentoring; student council representative; theater crew captain.

Career goals: "Attend medical school after attending U-M and become a doctor."

Influential teachers: English teacher Steve Beaulieu, because he "helped me see my potential." Psychology teacher Robert Reese because he "gave me an open mind to new ideas."

Groves of Redford is the son of Daniel and Deborah Groves and brother to Jessica Lennox, 25, Sabryna Groves, 19, and Amanda Groves, 15.



HOLLY GUBACHY

Redford Union High School

College: Boston College to study political science.

Academic honors: Honor roll.

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society, vice president; student council, treasurer; mentor at an elementary school; Irish dance team.

Career goals: Work as a lawyer "to represent people who are less fortunate and to give them a fair chance at living the life they deserve."

Influential teachers: Spanish teacher Kimberly Cuevas and world history teacher Karen Caprara: "Their passion for their subjects brought me to love learning and to see the world more open-minded and through a brighter perspective."

Gubachy of Redford is the daughter of Lisa and John Gubachy and sister to Sheila, 12.



REDJON HASIMLLARI

Garden City High School

College: Wayne State University for pre-medicine.

Extracurricular activities: Vice president of Class of 2014; Student Council; Key Club; National Honor Society, member and vice president; DECA.

Career goals: "I plan on attending medical school and pursuing a career in cardiology."

Influential teachers: Denise Bills (science), Keith Penske (calculus), Chad Davis (art) and Nicholas Timmerman (history) - "They have all encouraged me to succeed and have inspired me."

Hasimllari of Garden City is the son of Lumturi and Edmond Hasimllari and brother to Deona, 17.



EMMA HOLCOMB

Royal Oak High School

College: Looking at the University of North Carolina to major in public health or University of Michigan to dual major in biology and statistics.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholar finalist; honor roll.

Extracurricular activities: Secretary for the Royal Oak Model United Nations; president of Interact Club; took service trip to Guatemala for Interact Club; leadership intern at Camp Invention; section leader for baritone in marching band; played euphonium in symphony band; plays piano.

Career goals: "I hope to earn a master's degree in epidemiology and work as an epidemiologist for a city, state or the federal government, tracking trends in disease and health. I would like to do research in infant and maternal health, hopefully finding ways to improve infant health in the United States. Eventually, I hope to work for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

Influential teachers: "Steve Chisnell, AP literature, and Alec Snyder, AP world history: "They have taught me so much about debate and international issues and how I can make an impact in my community and the world. They have provided me with so many opportunities as a delegate and leader. Mr. Chisnell is also the Interact adviser and has provided me with incredible opportunities to lead and serve."

Holcomb of Royal Oak is the daughter of Erin and Dennis Holcomb and is sister to Grace, 15.



BRIGID JACOB

Ladywood High School

College: Will select from among Wayne State, Michigan State University and the University of Michigan to study biology/chemistry.

Academic honors: National Honor Society; Tri-M Music Honor Society; Scholar-Athlete Award; awards in mathematics, science, choir, foreign language, social studies, literature and college writing.

Extracurricular activities: Student Council, executive president; church children/youth choir director; church children's activities director; church pianist; Red Cross volunteer; St. Mary Mercy Hospital volunteer; field hockey; catechism teacher.

Career goals: "I would like to be a medical doc-



tor that travels the world, practicing medicine as part of my missionary work."

Influential teachers: Andrea Cole, biology and chemistry: "She is a great role model of a woman in the science field." Juanita Jeffries, chorus/ensemble: "She inspired me to develop my own musical talent."

Jacob of Livonia is the daughter of Sunny and Jessy Jacob and sister to Mary, 29, and John, 25.

MATTHEW KARPIUK

John Glenn High School

College: Has applied to Stanford, Harvard, Georgetown, Princeton, USC, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and John Hopkins to study medicine.

Academic honors: Academic Letter Award.

Extracurricular activities: Student Council; National Honor Society, vice president; co-lead mentor, Class Council; co-captain of the Relay for Life team.

Career goals: "Attend medical school and move into a residency."

Influential teachers: Daniel Danic, chemistry: "He possesses a great blend of social and educational knowledge. It is a pleasant way to learn and not many other teachers are like this."

Karpiuk of Westland is the son of Rebecca and Henry Karpiuk.



JACOB KEMPPAINEN

Huron Valley Lutheran High School

College: Trine University or Norwich University to study civil engineering.

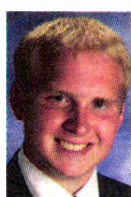
Academic honors: Salutatorian, highest honors.

Extracurricular activities: Varsity soccer; varsity basketball; varsity baseball; lifeguard and swim instructor, Livonia YMCA; Sea Cadets honor guard, color guard and honor cadet.

Career goals: "Civil engineering with service in the U.S. Navy."

Influential teacher: Jean MacKenzie, math: "Math was my hardest subject. Ms. MacKenzie was patient and yet demanding. She had high expectations for us and helped us to achieve those expectations. She was always there for us."

Kemppainen of Livonia is the son of Bruce and Dorothy Kemppainen and brother to Matthew, 22, and Nathaniel 20.



ABHAY KOMMANA

John Glenn High School

College: Plans to attend Michigan State University.

Academic honors: Perfect 4.0 grade-point average, two years.

Extracurricular activities: JV and varsity soccer; Student Council; Class Council; mentoring; public library volunteer; art contest winner; track events.

Career goals: Computer science.

Influential teachers: Kristin Drews, accelerated Biology, forensic science. "She helped me in developing a positive attitude and to aspire high."

Kommana of Westland is the son of Suneel and Shalaja Kommana and brother to Akshay, 17.



MARLA KRASNICK

Berkley High School

College: Looking to study pre-med at the University of Michigan or Tulane University.

Academic honors: Advanced Placement scholar with distinction; honor roll; valedictorian

Extracurricular activities: President of the Friendship Circle; president of the Berkley Volunteer Service Club; varsity cross country, captain; varsity tennis, captain.

Career goals: "Do important medical research and have a profession within the medical field or in health sciences."

Influential teachers: Mike Skowronski, anatomy and physiology: "He sparked my interest in the human body and challenged my thinking skills."

Krasnick of Huntington Woods is the daughter of Jodie and Steve Krasnick and sister to Ellie, 19, and Evan, 13.



COLLIN MALCOLM

Wayne Memorial High School

College: Applied to Cornell University, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and Kettering University to study chemical engineering.

Academic honors: Outstanding achievement in AP chemistry; outstanding achievement in AP U.S. history.

Extracurricular activities: Varsity track and field, swimming and cross country; plays trumpet in Jazz Band and Symphony Band and at Solo and Ensemble, received 1 at regionals and 2 at states; National Honor Society; Easter and Christmas



Choir at Church.

Career goals: "I wish to pursue a career in which I can use the basic building blocks of matter to benefit society."

Influential teachers: Shannon Pypu, AP U.S. history and AP political science, "taught reasonable tolerance." Robin Thomas, AP chemistry, "got me excited about chemistry applications."

Malcom of Canton is the son of Robert and Laura Malcom and brother to Douglas, 21, Daniel, 19, and Olya, 14.

GOHAR MELKONYAN

A.G.B.U. Manoogian School

College: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor to study business, health care administration.

Academic honors: N/A.

Extracurricular activities: Armenian dance; National Honor Society, vice president; peer mediation; St. John Providence volunteer; Sunday School student; church youth group.

Career goals: "To become the CEO of a hospital."

Influential teachers: Judith Kadri: "She is a very good influence on me and has helped me greatly throughout high school."

Melkonyan of Southfield is the daughter of Rita Khachatryan and Armen Melkonyan and the sister to Arsen, 22.



JULIANA MEZMAR

Southfield Christian High School

College: Covenant College to major in community development.

Academic honors: High honors.

Extracurricular activities: Executive Council, president; volunteer at Central Detroit Christian; National Honor Society.

Career goals: "I am planning on working in the field of community development to empower low-income areas."

Influential teachers: Nancy Horlings, English, "cares about me as a person, has a bold and independent personality, is a woman of character."

Mezmar of Lathrup Village is the daughter of Anita and Marc Mezmar and the sister to Claire, 20.



IAN MILLER

Berkley High School

College: Drake University to study actuarial science.

Academic honors: Advanced Placement scholar with distinction; salutatorian.

Extracurricular activities: Varsity cross country, captain; all-academic OAA; organization supervisor for the Huntington Woods Teen Council; SAFARI rescue volunteer; math committee leader for National Honor Society; student body treasurer; lifeguard and swim instructor for the city of Troy; private tutor.

Career goals: "I would like to become an actuary. I hope to graduate college as an associate of the Society of Actuaries and become a fellow before the age of 30. After some time in the field, I would potentially like to become a professor at a university. In the ideal situation, I would use this alternative way of thinking and skill set to allow me the opportunity to work in the front office of a professional sports team."

Influential teachers: Todd Fadoir, math: "He was the first one to advise me to become an actuary. ... I can also always rely on Mr. Fadoir for conversation or assistance with anything. Finally, he is the staff adviser for our Math Honor Society and urged us to become a chapter of the national math honor society, Mu Alpha Theta, which we have since accomplished."

Miller of Huntington Woods is the son of Sheri-Aaron and Keith Miller and brother to Shelby, 18.



NIKITA MUNGARWADI

Livonia Clarenceville High School

College: Either the University of Michigan or USC for film directing.

Academic honors: Diplomat, statesman and Ambassador, BPA Torch Awards; Final Cut Pro X certification.

Extracurricular activities: Business Professionals of America, state executive vice president; co-founder and director of Middle School Initiative bullying program; varsity track and field; treasurer of Farmington Mayor's Youth Council; student teacher of Chinmaya Mission Bala Vihar for fifth- and sixth-graders; wrote and directed *Bad Luck Bella*, a short film that premiered at the Michigan Theatre; played flute in symphony and marching bands; dance at Dancing Feats Dance Centre.

Career goals: "Direct and produce major motion pictures in the Hollywood system."

Influential teachers: Computer teacher Judy Bargerstock and AP literature teacher Megan Kutz: "They both worked with me individually and with complete devotion, whether it was to place in BPA or improve my essays."

Mungarwadi is the daughter of Sanjeev and Sunita Mungarwadi and sister to Monica, 18.

