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## Park tree removal raises questions

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

The disappearance of a stand of trees at Plymouth Township Park is raising questions among some fans of the park, but township officials say clearing the area had been planned for years.

Trees north of the park's north parking lot, near the baseball fields and the under-construction pavilion, were

taken down late last month to make way for an expansion of the lot. The township Board of Trustees approved April 30 a \$712,000 contract for enlarging the lot from about 100 spaces to 209 spaces and paving it in concrete; work on the lot is expected to start in July.

In late April, township public works employees had been cutting down trees and scrub brush with chainsaws. Wood debris was still at the site

Thursday and stumps had not been taken out.

Park user and township resident Helen Yancy said she was "appalled" to see the tree removal. Yancy is a photographer and often photographs at the park.

"I'm very sad about the trees," Yancy said Friday. "It takes forever for big, beautiful trees to grow."

But Treasurer Ron Edwards, who oversaw the work,

said plans to expand the parking lot in that direction have been public for two years. The planned lot expansion is part of a package of improvements to township parks and recreation facilities, some already completed, some underway and others not yet started.

"The park's moving ahead. We're doing good things," Edwards said. Edwards claims eight trees were cut down and the rest of the area was cov-

ered with scrub brush, which was also removed.

Some, like Yancy and Trustee Bob Doroszewitz, who raised the issue at the April 30 meeting, complained the trees were removed before the paving contract was approved. But Edwards pointed out the concept of expanding the lot had been approved two years ago.

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Keith, Dawn, Kaitlyn, Kirsten and Kara Christenson and Matt Mioduszewski vacationed recently in West Virginia. Canton resident Dawn noted many of their activities required helmets and harnesses. "It was fun," she said. "We're an adventurous lot."

## Proposal: Use Allen for early childhood program

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Michael Meissen calls early childhood learning a front-end investment in children that can reduce academic achievement gaps. Creating an early childhood learning center at the soon-to-be empty Allen Elementary also would fulfill a number of district goals.

Among those are goals fulfilling student (and parental) needs — with 62 children now on an early childhood waiting list — as well as increasing the district's market share, helping balance the district's budget (a projected \$5 millions to \$7 million deficit) and capitalizing on district assets, such as buildings.

"Kindergarten programming is not your grandfather's kindergarten," Meissen said as he presented a proposal to use Allen in the 2015-16 school year as an early childhood learning center.

Under the proposed plan, Meissen said, Allen could be re-purposed, maintain its identity as a neighborhood school and serve as an economic asset



Meissen

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## Happy Mother's Day!

Local moms agree role is 'the best,' despite challenges

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Debbie and Joe Borst of Plymouth Township are parents to five children, ages 11, 14, 18, 19 and 21.

"It's a great thing," Debbie Borst, a part-time biology

instructor at Schoolcraft College, said of motherhood. "It's the best. Of course, it helps to have the best dad around. Couldn't do it by myself. He's always been very involved."

The Borsts met as undergrads at Spring Hill Col-

lege in Mobile, Ala., then headed to the University of Wisconsin-Madison for graduate school. Joe is a chemist at BASF in Wyandotte.

She worked part time outside the home when their oldest two kids were small and went back to work when

the youngest started school. "So I had a nice 10-year span when I was home, which was nice," she said.

She holds a Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was doing post-doctoral work at the University of Michigan when starting their family. "I finished that up right about

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## Plymouth Township woman honored as top Angela Hospice volunteer

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Perhaps no one was more surprised that Georgia Scappaticci was named Angela Hospice's volunteer of the year than Scappaticci herself.

The Plymouth Township woman was listening to a description of the yet-unnamed volunteer's service during Angela's recent appreciation dinner and later said there

were no immediate clues that it was her, because so many volunteers there do so much valuable work.

"Everyone deserves one," she said of the award.

But when the presenter got to the part about the top volunteer making "the best lemon tarts" and notarizing patient documents, Scappaticci knew who they were talking about.

"I was crying. I didn't know," she said. "I can't be-

lieve this is happening to me," was her thought at the time.

Scappaticci, a 17-year volunteer, received the award last month to a standing ovation at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Angela Hospice is a Livonia-based not-for-profit that cares for terminally ill people in their last days and provides support for their families.

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Georgia Scappaticci of Plymouth Township is Angela Hospice's volunteer of the year.



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# New Saxton's site gets a boost downtown

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Tom Vanmoorleghe has a new landlord and a new location as he continues the legacy of a longtime Plymouth business.

Vanmoorleghe moved his Saxton's Power Equipment to the front of the building at 587 Ann Arbor Trail in March, giving it greater visibility and more square footage fronted by a large showroom window. The business, which sells and repairs mowers, trimmers, snow blowers and other outdoor power equipment, had been located in the back of the complex.

He said the increased visibility has helped business.

"We constantly write up new people (customers), because they know that we're here," he said. He has also added a limited



PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
Tom Vanmoorleghe, with scissors, wife Irina Kuzminskaya and their daughter Emma, along with his employees and representatives of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, during a ribbon-cutting for the new location of Saxton's Power Equipment on Ann Arbor Trail. Vanmoorleghe's business continues the equipment side — selling and repairing mowers, trimmers, snow blowers and other outdoor power equipment — of Saxton's Garden Center, which closed in late 2012.

selection of organic products like a special grass seed blend and high-end hand tools.

"I'm trying to stay away from the box-store stuff, because you can't

compete with it," he said.

Vanmoorleghe took over the equipment sales and servicing end of Saxton's Garden Center, a longtime seed, fertilizer and lawn and garden

care equipment store, when the Garden Center folded in late 2012. There had been a Saxton's in Plymouth since 1932; the business was founded in 1928 in Northville.

Vanmoorleghe was the parts manager when the Garden Center closed and so had a relationship with the Saxton family.

Now, his new landlord is the city of Plymouth, which bought the commercial property and two adjacent residential parcels from the Saxtons for \$2.25 million last month. The 40-some parking spaces there are already being used by downtown visitors and city officials' long-term plan is to develop more of the site into a larger, permanent public parking lot, likely mixed with some commercial development.

## Long term?

Vanmoorleghe knows his shop's new

location might be temporary, but wants to make the most of it and show it's a good fit for an evolving downtown.

"I'm happy that they allowed us to do it and I'm hoping we can stay for the near future," he said.

He likes the new space and says he wants to make it welcoming. "I want to show that we can have a neat, clean environment," he said.

Mayor Dan Dwyer said the space Saxton's now occupies could be torn down in the future — likely years away — but also could stay and that no decisions on it have been made. The two-story brick building to the east of the current Saxton's will likely remain, the mayor said.

Alan Saxton, who managed Saxton's Garden Center — his grandfather founded the business — said Vanmoorleghe's

move, plus the city's addition of downtown parking, was a win-win situation. He said he and family members are glad the Saxton's name, which they've given Vanmoorleghe the right to use, can continue in Plymouth.

"We were awfully glad that the business could remain in Plymouth and be viable in the same location. I think it really helps the continuity for the community and having that usage of the parking for public use, as well as for business use, made sense," Saxton said. "We really liked that concept."

Vanmoorleghe will be paying rent to the city for his business space, although lease details have not been settled.

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## Man faces trial on charges involving underage girl

By Darrell Clem  
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A Troy man has been ordered to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court amid allegations he had sex with an underage Canton girl he met through a social networking site.

Brett Christopher Lloyd, 42, could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison if he is convicted of five felony counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and one misdemeanor count of fourth-degree CSC.

Barring a plea deal, Lloyd is facing trial after he voluntarily waived his preliminary examination Friday in 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Canton police Lt. Craig Wilsher has said Lloyd was accused of befriending the girl through an undisclosed social media

site and arranging to meet her in Canton during the latter part of last year and early this year.

Wilsher said the alleged incidents occurred "over a period of time."

Police have declined to divulge certain information, such as where Lloyd and the girl met. Police have said the girl was 15 or younger.

Authorities began an investigation after the alleged victim reported the situation to police.

Wilsher has warned others to learn from the incident and to use caution when striking up a conversation with strangers online.

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Lloyd

## TREES

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### Blame the bats

Supervisor Shannon Price said concern about bats that are under threat from a fungal disease can be blamed for what seemed like the sudden disappearance of the trees.

Trees on public land in Michigan that provide habitat for bats can't be taken down after April, Price said. Edwards said bats have been seen at the park.

"If we were going to do the parking lot this year, we had to take the trees," Price said. The same issue led to the quick removal last month of trees along Beck Road,



MATT JACHMAN

Trees and scrub brush were removed last week at Plymouth Township Park to make way for the planned expansion of a parking lot there. Township officials say the trees had to be taken down by the end of April in keeping with environmental regulations.

which is to be rebuilt this year, Price said.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the bat population in the Northeast has declined by an estimated 80 per-

cent since the disease, called white nose syndrome, was found in bats. WNS was confirmed in Michigan in 2014, according to the USGS. The disease af-

fected several different kinds of bats.

Price said potentially dangerous items, including two telephone poles dumped there, were discovered in the underbrush once the trees were removed and taken away.

"We didn't go anywhere else in the park," to take down trees, Price said. "Just where we're putting the parking lot."

Yancy, who was at the April 30 meeting, wasn't satisfied with officials' answers.

"There should've been another way," Yancy said. "They can go into a subdivision and build houses and go around the trees."

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## VOLUNTEER

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### 'She has touched lives'

Scappaticci does a variety of work for the hospice, helping with fundraising events, reaching out to bereaved families to offer continuing support and, as a longtime notary public, helping dying patients get their important papers in order.

"Her gifts to the patients and families of Angela Hospice are so numerous and generous," said Syndie Best, volunteer coordinator at the hospice. "She has touched the lives of so many people through her volunteer work here."

But it's the weekly teas, which she and two other women founded a few years after she started volunteering, that Scappaticci finds the most rewarding. Each Thursday, she and other volunteers serve high tea, complete with sandwiches and treats, to hospice patients and the people visiting them. Often, there's even entertainment: a keyboard player, a singalong, a children's choir.

The high teas lighten what is often a heavy mood for people who are visiting terminally ill loved ones.

"It just gives people sort of a change," Scappaticci said. "It's just a nicer setting." If a patient cannot make it to the tea room, she said, they'll sometimes bring the tea to



ANGELA HOSPICE

Georgia Scappaticci prepares tea sandwiches for the weekly high tea she and other volunteers host for Angela Hospice patients and their guests. Scappaticci was named volunteer of the year at Angela Hospice's volunteer appreciation dinner last month.

the patient.

People who've attended teas sometimes run into Scappaticci later, she said, and tell her they won't forget them. Many families involved with the hospice are so

grateful for the teas, she added, they've donated equipment for them, like cups, cabinetry and accessories.

### 'Like family'

She's gotten close to some of the Angela patients, even attending their funerals, and their family members. "They get to be almost like family," she said.

Scappaticci also volunteers in the bereavement ministry at her church, Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Township.

She got involved with Angela Hospice in the 1990s, when a friend at the Italian American Club of Livonia asked her to co-chair a fundraiser for the hospice. She later took the hospice's volunteer course and began as a volunteer in 1998.

She has recorded 4,953 volunteer hours at Angela, with almost 300 of those hours worked during 2014. The average volunteer at Angela worked 91 hours in 2014, almost twice what the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization says is the national average for hospice volunteers.

The appreciation dinner saw more than 80 other volunteers recognized for reaching service milestones.

For more information becoming an Angela Hospice volunteer, go to www.AskforAngela.com or call toll-free at 866-464-7810.

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## Turning around their lives and fortunes

23 P-CCS students earn Turnaround Achievement Awards

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

Amy Gassman just wanted children to understand her son's behavior. That's why she sent him to kindergarten with a book she had written — *Friends Helping Friends* — just for kids.

"Kids can be afraid of things they don't understand," Roger Gassman Sr. said about his namesake.

The Gassmans' son, Roger, who will enter middle school next year, was among 23 Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students who were honored Thursday at the 19th annual Turnaround Achievement Awards, sponsored by Super Bowl on Ford Road in Canton.

The annual awards are handed out to students who have been recognized for their hard work and commitment to changing their lives and their educational opportunities.

For some of the students, ranging from elementary to high school, it was about changing their attitudes, behaviors, focus or commitment. But for all 23, the end result was an overall improvement in their academic prowess — and happiness.

"We are collectively proud of you," P-CCS Superintendent Michael Meissen told the students.

Parents, grandparents and teachers or other school staff, who nominated the students for



P-CCS Superintendent Michael Meissen introduces Roger Gassman, a Turnaround Achievement Award winner.

### TURNAROUND ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

#### ELEMENTARY

Ethan Curry (Bird); Gage Ellis (Farrand); Javion Daniels (Field); Roger Gassman (Hoben); Jackson Mell (Tonda).

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

JaQuan Baker (Central); Vancy Branson (Central); Haley Seluk (Discovery); Dylan DiStefano (East); Audrey Santos (East); Devin Lyons (Pioneer); Jordan Lemere (West); Sascha Tye-Birnbaum (West).

#### High school

Igli Domeniku (Canton); Austin Scheffer (Plymouth); Daniel Winn (Plymouth); Amanda Bates (Salem); Juan Beltran (Salem); Sarah Byars (Salem); Amanda Wade (Salem); Patricia Begoske (Starkweather); Candice Dempsey (Starkweather); Erik Hyde (Starkweather).

the annual awards, filled a Summit banquet hall. Meissen encouraged the students to thank their parents for support and encouragement.

"They see themselves in you. So your achievements really matter," Meissen said.

Referring to Hoben fifth-grader Roger Gassman, who is in the autism spectrum and was nominated by Sue Lanbernds, Meissen said "he is re-

flective of all the wonderful work that goes on in this wonderful school district." One by one, each of the 23 honored students had their own stories of hurdles to jump and improvements to be



Denise Lilly, Field Elementary principal, said about student Javion Daniels: "You will not find another young man who is sweet and kind."



Discovery Middle School student Haley Seluk thanks her teacher, Susan Young.

Amy Gassman said of her son, who told the *Observer* that from now on he wants to be known as R.J. — Roger Junior. "I really believe Plymouth-Canton is one of the best schools districts for special-needs kids."

Tonda teacher Valerie Mestrovich spoke of the journey Jackson Mell has made. Starting with loud, disruptive behavior, Jackson — with Mestrovich's and his parents' help — turned a corner in the past year. "Jackson began to understand how to learn," she said, adding his whole class is supportive. "They have become team players on Jackson's journey."

Vancey Branson of Central Middle School "was a live wire," her teacher and nominator Catherine Avis said.

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made. Each of their nominators told why they chose a particular student, a good many of them who were long known in their particular schools for an array of difficulties.

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# TURN

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Within one year, Vancey turned around her life, learned how to build relationships and embrace education. The turnaround was so significant that the one-time loner's birthday was celebrated with gifts from classmates. "It was my proudest day as an educator," Avis said.

Shy and quiet, Haley Seluk, a Discovery Middle School student, displayed body language that kept all at a distance, as well as masked a disinterest in school. "Her body language said, 'I don't exist,'" said teacher Susan Young, who confronted Haley and asked about her interests. Her student responded: "I don't think I'm good at anything."

Young soon discovered that Haley likes to read, write and draw. Beautifully written stories and drawings followed. "She started to unfold," Young said.

Before leaving the podium, Haley said, "I plan to continue to work hard and keep a positive attitude."

Igli Domeniku, a Canton High School student, did not attend the ceremony to receive his award. His turnaround has been so big that he



Kelly Giromini can't help but laugh between comments made by Allie Suffety, Salem assistant principal, and senior Amanda Bates. Giromini nominated Bates for a Turnaround Achievement Award.

chose to stay at school and take a test instead.

Salem teacher Kathy Mihelick recalls seeing Daniel Winn for the first time. "He came in literally bouncing, hopping, jumping and skipping." In fact, she admitted that when she saw the bursts of energy from Daniel, she thought: "What a handful that student will be to some teacher. Little did I know, it would be me."

Today, Daniel has a 4.0 grade-point average and plans to complete an

internship this summer in a local hospital.

Juan Beltran admittedly had a rude awakening when he was asked to leave school for 90 days. He took classes in Garden City and, with the help of his parents, grandparents and teachers, fulfilled his responsibilities for a return to P-CEP.

"This humbled him,"

said Allie Suffety, Salem assistant principal. "He came back better."

A tearful Juan thanked Suffety, saying he "believed in me. He saw something in me when other people didn't. He saw the good side of myself. It's nice to say, 'I made it.'"

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Gage Ellis, a student at Farrand Elementary, listens while his nominator talks him up.

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Jackson Mell, a Tonda student, reads his acceptance speech at the Turnaround Achievement Awards ceremony.



Central Middle School teacher Catherine Avis congratulates student Vancey Branson on her accomplishments.

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# Canton honors its top community volunteers

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

They help their neighbors. They support their schools. They provide food for the hungry. They knit hats and scarves for children in need.

Canton cherishes and, indeed, depends on its volunteers to make the community a better place to live.

Once a year, Canton honors its best. And this year's recipients of the Community Achiever and Community Supporter awards are no different.

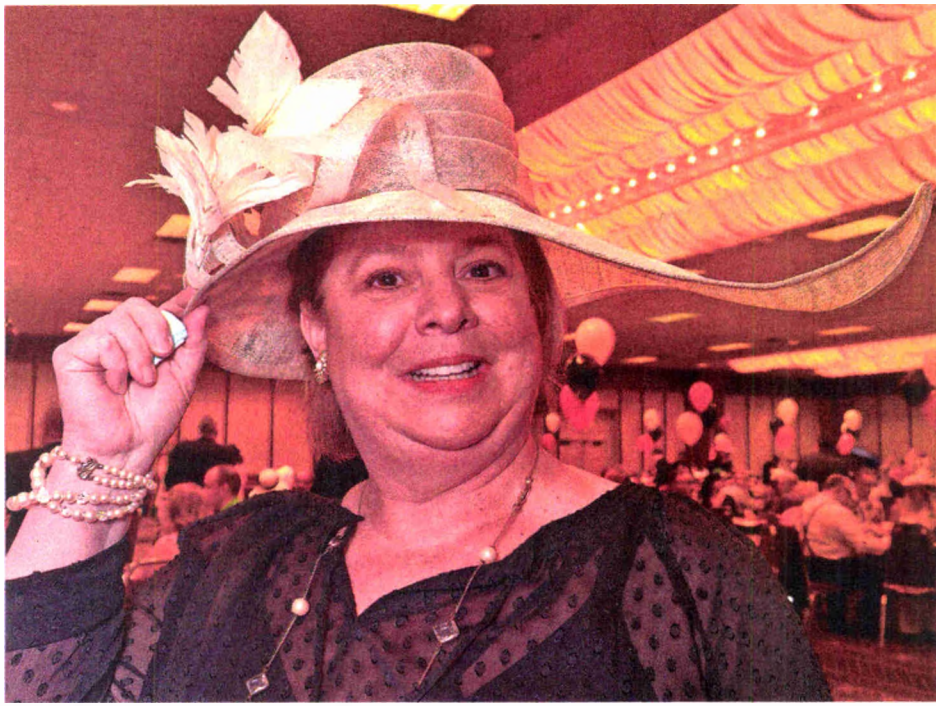
"All of these people are sort of working away in their own corner to help with the overall benefit of the community," Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said. "It's sort of like bricks in a house. One brick by itself is not significant, but when you add that one brick to all the bricks of the house, it's integral to the structure."

"They give their time so selflessly," she added. "These people are just doing fantastic things. I'm so grateful for all of them. A community that doesn't have that kind of investment really is an impoverished community - and we're rich."

Amy Hughesdon, township operations coordinator, spearheaded a recent ceremony at Summit on the Park to honor this year's recipients. Township officials handed out the following awards:

## Community achievers

» A nonpartisan group of volunteers oversees a Plymouth-Canton school district issues page on Facebook, spreading information ranging from educational and cultural events to amber alerts to new school attendance boundaries. It



Linda Obrec, shown here during a Canton Chamber of Commerce fundraiser with a Kentucky Derby theme, is one of the winners of Canton's community achiever and supporter awards.

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offers a virtual town hall for parents, educators, Canton residents and school board members.

The group started with about 500 members in 2011 and has grown to more than 2,200, with 1,500 new participants in just the last six months.

» James Fausone was honored for the grueling work he has done as he chairs the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's Board of Commissioners. His supporters say his leadership has helped to reorganize DWSD and reduce costs. Fausone also has worked on other projects to help war veterans and he serves as a Canton Public Library trustee.

## Community supporters

» Linda Obrec helped start Canton's Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage and served on the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, helping it become a non-profit organization. She

convinced a private donor to buy the Joyful Dancer sculpture and locate it outside The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. She also helped start what is now the Village Faire.

She has been a volunteer reader at Gallimore Elementary and an avid schools fundraiser, creating one campaign that raised more than \$20,000 in its first year. She has coordinated efforts such as a blue jean drive to help the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools clothing bank, among other efforts.

Obrec is active in the Canton Lions Club, Canton Newcomers & Neighbors and the Women's Giving Circle through the Canton Community Foundation. She supports the Canton Goodfellows, Educational Excellence Foundation, Michigan Philharmonic, Little Dresses for Africa, Chicks for Charity and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

which helps the homeless find housing and jobs. She is involved with the Canton and Plymouth chambers of commerce.

» Canton's volunteer master gardener group has become a staple at the Canton Farmers Market, helping others learn the tools of gardening and planting gardens that produce food for organizations such as domestic violence shelters.

The group also spearheaded a local "sensory garden" for Camp A.B.L.E., which serves children with disabilities, and a butterfly garden for adults with disabilities.

The group oversees 40 community garden plots and offers educational efforts at the Canton Farmers Market. More than 1,000 visitors were helped by the gardener's group in 2014.

» Lori Morrison started a monthly business networking program after the economy took a downturn and affected her floral business and other local shops. She brought people together to help grow their businesses and launched the monthly Business to Business mixers, helping the local economy to grow and bringing in new customers.

Morrison graduated from the Leadership Canton program and has helped generate funding to help the Canton Police Department. She recruited volunteers for the Canton library's Friends of the Library and is part of the current Canton Citizens Police Academy, intended to strengthen relations with the community.

She has helped Angela Hospice, Devoted Barn (an animal rescue group), Chicks for Charity, Canton Goodfellows and the Detroit-based Cass Community Social Services,

Relay for Life, the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy and at their church. They are involved in the Target Retiree Volunteer Program, which includes work with The Salvation Army, Detroit History Center and Junior Achievement.

» Kathy Muir and the Canton Handcrafters group have led efforts to crochet and knit items for recipients of all ages, including more than 350 hats and blankets for preemies and chemo hats for Oakwood Healthcare System.

The group also makes items for more than 40 seniors in the Canton Meals on Wheels program and has made blankets for the Plymouth Community United Way. The women also have helped the Canton Goodfellows with its No Child Without a Christmas campaign and donated items to Mott Children's Hospital for a baby shower.

» John Staub has dedicated 20 years to the Canton Soccer Club, starting as a recreation coach when his daughter started playing the sport and continuing in roles, including club president, even after she left.

During his tenure, his supporters say he helped streamline the board and increase its accountability. He rallied for projects such as field improvements and improved relations with Canton Township and the school system.

The Canton Soccer Club has more than 3,000 participating members and hosts the Memorial Day weekend Canton Cup, one of the region's biggest soccer tournaments. Each year it draws more than 500 teams.

» Tom and Judy Smyczynski, Canton residents for more than 40 years, have volunteered for Canton Leisure Services for its Meals on Wheels program, Canton's senior program and as ushers at the Village Theater.

Tom Smyczynski is vice president of his homeowners association. The Symczynskis also have been involved in

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# ALLEN

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as early childhood programs are in demand and tuition-based. Allen also would be used for the Infant Preschool Special Education program.

The proposal also calls for using Gallimore for the TAG program, to accommodate 49 students on a waiting list. It would also be used as a satellite location for early childhood programming.

When presented to the P-CSS Board of Education this week, the proposal, which has come following redistricting and the announced closing of Allen, drew plenty of questions and some criticism.

Since the redistricting, however, new information has emerged, namely facts such as 35 students are returning to P-CSS from charter schools and the waiting list for early childhood classes and the TAG — Talented and Gifted — program, said Erin MacGregor, assistant superintendent for teaching and learning.

"This is unprecedented. We have not had waiting lists in the past,"

## WHAT'S THE PROPOSED PLAN?

For the 2015-2016 school year, the P-CSS administrative team has recommended the following proposal:

- » Use Allen Elementary for Early Childhood Programming expansion (to accommodate 62 students on wait list, as well as the anticipated summer registration); Infant Preschool Special Education Program.
  - » Utilize Gallimore for Talented and Gifted Program expansion (to accommodate 49 students on wait list); maintaining a satellite location for Early Childhood Programming (two general education classrooms and two Early Childhood Developmentally Delayed classrooms).
- The preliminary cost analysis associated with the proposed plans includes:
- » Cost to operate Allen without programming, approximately \$48,900.
  - » Cost to operate Allen with contracted custodial (excluding educational staff and administration), approximately \$122,000.
  - » Preschool revenue is estimated at \$5,000 net revenue per classroom.
  - » At Gallimore, with two additional third-grade sections possibly involving two additional full-time equivalents, about \$150,000.

Board goals achieved with the proposed plan include: Increased academic achievement and eliminate achievement gaps; increased market share; balanced budget.

MacGregor said. Meanwhile, criteria to identify children for the TAG program has been changed, allowing more children. As of April, 49 students are on the TAG waiting list.

To mothball Allen, according to Patrick Briggs, assistant superintendent for business services, would cost approximately \$48,900 with custodians to maintain the building. But a one-half day of programming at the school could bring in some \$5,000 per classroom. Additional classrooms at Gallimore would bring in more revenue.

To further accommodate family lifestyles in

which both parents work, Meissen said the district would partner with other early childhood businesses to provide the early morning and after-work hours programs. When asked for more information, Meissen said he could not yet announce details.

"I know there is a lot of emotionality with this," Meissen said as board members took turns questioning and commenting on the proposed plan.

Trustee Michael Siegrist, who was figuring out the math to the program, said it looks like the plan could generate a couple of hundred thousand dollars. "That's

money we're not getting right now."

While Trustee Sheila Paton said she has to "look at this from a budget standpoint," Trustees Mike Maloney and Mark Horvath questioned the data and the finances. Keeping Allen open with fixed costs would preclude a sale of the property and revenues. "If it takes 10 years to grow the market share, we

could be out of business in three," Maloney said.

Horvath questioned why the plan — including changed criteria for TAG — was proposed now rather than during previous facility and boundary discussions. MacGregor responded that the timing was premature during previous discussions.

While Horvath asked for additional information, he said that nothing indicates the plan will bring in revenue. "What is the true profit picture?" he asked, also questioning a previous discussion that redistricting would save the district \$800,000.

John Barrett, board president, said that information has changed and the plan requires a quick decision as parents are registering students now. Additionally, Barrett said the plan meets the district's goals of reducing the achievement gap, balancing the budget and increasing the district's market

share.

"I completely disagree with that," Horvath said.

Meanwhile, Maloney questioned why administrators had not developed a business plan for the proposed changes. "The numbers keep changing," he added.

Trustee Kim Crouch suggested that additional entry points (locations) is a way to grow early childhood programming. Improving the district's competitiveness is something to consider, particularly providing for before and after school programming. "Parents do look for that," she said. "If my kids are on break, I still have to go to work."

Children who qualify for the TAG program should get in, Trustee Kate Borninski said: "That's what I feel is best for students and families."

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## Jazz it up at the Elks Lodge each Tuesday

Blues @ The Elks will feature Zydeco Hepcats on May 12 and Detroit legends Ursula Walker and the Buddy Budson Trio on May 26 at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in Plymouth.

The jazz concerts are 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month. Donations can be made at the door. Elks members suggest bringing your dancing shoes. Blues @ The Elks is a partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluessociety.org).

On Tuesday, May 12, guests will feel they are

in New Orleans with the Zydeco Hepcats. Zydeco music was originally created at house dances where people gathered for socializing in Louisiana swamp country. It is a synthesis of creole and cajun music. Monsieur Guillame will be on the accordion, Perez Morris on the rub board, Wailin' Dale on harmonica, Erich Goebel on guitar, Frankie Lee on bass, Ziggy on drums and Dr. Dave Watson on percussion.

For the first time Tuesday, May 26, Ursula Walker and the Buddy Budson Trio will perform at the Lodge. Walker will pro-

vide vocals, while Budson will be on the keyboard, Rich Michaels on drums and Kurt Krahnke on bass. Walker has been on the Detroit jazz scene for more than 60 years and she still brings a fresh approach to jazz and the old favorites. Walker and Budson are recipients of numerous music awards and have played with nationally known big band and jazz artists.

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# MOMS

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the time the first one was born," Borst said. "I'd always thought I wanted to teach. That seemed like the best option.

"You always feel like somehow you're neglecting the other part," she said of those early years of juggling. "I felt a little divided. It's hard, but it's good at the same time. I think it should be up to the person," when it comes to career and motherhood.

Borst found day care options were good when the kids were smaller. "I just missed out on seeing some of the things," she said, adding it was good for their kids to interact with other children.

"I was 30 when the first one came along," said Borst, who liked having her 20s to be newly married and establish a career. This August, the Borsts will mark their 28th wedding anniversary.

She doesn't pay much attention to celebrity motherhood. "I think that's where the extremes fall in," said Borst, whose three daughters will at some point get mom advice from her.

"I'd tell them it's a wonderful thing," she said. "It's the best blessing there is. Don't rush into it, though."

Debbie Borst's mom is



Debbie and Joe Borst of Plymouth Township have five kids (from left): Grace, Thomas, Jacob, Julia and Kay. Debbie doesn't pay much attention to celebrity mothers. "I think that's where the extremes fall in," she said.

78 and living in Alabama; she'll get a phone call from Borst on Mother's Day. Debbie's and Joe's oldest daughter is graduating from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids close to Mother's Day, so the family will have a nice breakfast.

"We always had family dinner together," she said of growing up. "Most of the time, we do have a meal together." That's good for sharing stories, she's found. "Sometimes they're pretty simple," she added of the meals at their Plymouth Township home.

### 'Liked being with them'

Dawn and Keith Christenson of Canton have three daughters, ages 31,

29 and 26. He's an electrical engineer. "And I am an eternal volunteer," she said. "I was a metallurgical engineer a long time ago."

The Christensons opted for her to be home when their daughters were small. "I liked being with them," she said. "We made some sacrifices as far as money for me to be with them." For medical emergencies, she could be there and wondered about couples who were employed in such cases.

This Mother's Day, "I am going to be camping in a field with my Girl Scouts and a whole lot of Boy Scouts in Canada. When I get home, my husband will take me out to dinner."

Her mom, 80, lives locally, and Dawn got from her the basics of sewing, cooking and bigger lessons. "Just loving your kids, being there with them, how important that is," she said.

Christenson feels "in some ways, yes, and in some ways, no," that motherhood gets its due. She recalled when the kids were young being at parties and being asked what she did.

"They'd kind of turn their back and walk away," although she has two degrees. She's found volunteering now makes a big difference: "Nobody thinks I'm dumb anymore." She had a career, "which I kind of walked away from and I don't regret. There are a lot of engineers in the world."

She and Keith, married 36 years, met at Pennsylvania State University by an oscilloscope in a lab. "My kids refer to that as 'nerd love.' They think it's hilarious," she said. She was studying physics, Keith electrical engineering.

"There's three amazing daughters off in the world doing their own thing. That was my goal in life," Christenson said. One daughter works for a children's charity in Portland, Ore., while another is teaching English in Japan. The third is a counselor for kids in a residential facility in

Asheville, N.C.

"My goal was to raise independent children and, boy, did I," she said of their distances from Michigan. Their oldest is married and kept her name upon marriage, which is no problem with her parents.

"If they want to work, that's fine," she said of her daughters down the road. "They need to make their own way. I hope I've set a good example of being a loving mother."

Keith has been a big help, too. "He's always been really supportive. He was always willing to jump in," she said, noting their three are close in age.

### 'Love being a mom'

Parents of three kids ages 15, 18 and almost 20, Angie and Tim Stark of Canton have been married 24 years, having met at Renaissance High in Detroit and dated for seven years. She's an Eastern Michigan University graduate with a bachelor's degree in mathematics.

"I love being a mom," Stark said. "It's a lot of work when they're little and then all of a sudden it's not. We'll only have one at home in the fall."

She's a bill of material analyst for Ford Motor Co., Tim a handyman. "Tim was a stay-at-home dad. He was Mr. Mom," she said. "We in general didn't want them in day care." The oldest two

Stark children were in a good home-based day care before their dad stayed home full time.

"I am very much enjoying seeing them become adults and take responsibility for themselves," Stark said. "I think right now people are respecting motherhood quite a bit. It's a hard job, especially when they're younger. You're tired a lot. You have different kinds of worries when they're teenagers."

This will be Stark's first Mother's Day away from extended family. She anticipates a nice breakfast that Sunday and then a soccer game. "That's what you do when you're a mother," she said of their youngest having a soccer game on Mother's Day.

Stark's mom, 73, lives in Madison Heights. "She is an amazing woman," her daughter said. She learned a lot from her mom.

"You need to let them do stuff and sometimes fall down. If you don't, they'll never learn. And give them responsibility." That means chores, along with the freedom to walk to Target or to visit friends.

"My husband is a huge help," Stark said. "In our family, he provides the comic relief. We're a good team."

"To coin a phrase, it's the hardest job you'll ever love," Stark added.

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## Annual Bark in the Park event arrives May 17 at Canton Dog Park

The Canton Dog Park will host its annual free Bark in the Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 17. Attendees and their dogs can enjoy live entertainment, shopping and prize pack giveaways while learning about and trying Canton's off-leash Dog Park, on Denton Road, north of Cherry Hill.

"If you've ever been

interested in trying out the Canton Dog Park for free, Bark in the Park is the perfect opportunity," Recreation Specialist Laura Mortier said. "This is a great chance to meet other local dog owners and your pup can make some friends, too!"

No Dog Park membership is required to take part in this free event, but non-members must

show proof of their dog's up-to-date distemper and rabies vaccinations, signed by an accredited veterinarian, before their dog can enter the Dog Park. No pre-registration is required for the event.

The opening day of the Canton Farmers Market, located a short trail walk away in adjacent Preservation

Park, will take place with Bark in the Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 17.

"Market shoppers and dog owners are welcome and encouraged to visit both free community events," Mortier said.

Among the vendors in attendance at Bark in the Park will be: Pet Supplies Plus, All American Pet Resorts, Paws Grooming Studio and more. The Michigan Animal Rescue League will also be at the

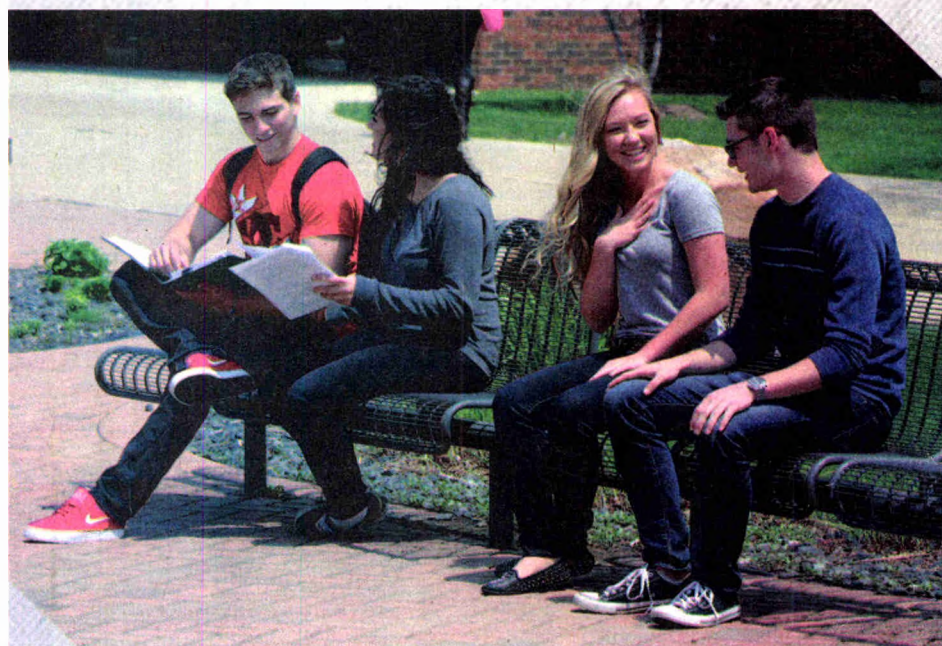
event with adoptable pets and a police dog show will provide entertainment. Cruisin' Custom Coneys hot dog cart will be offering lunch for guests to purchase and enjoy at the event.

The Canton Dog Park has six acres of fenced outdoor space for dogs to run and play off-leash, with specific rules to help ensure a safe and positive experience for everyone. The park is

divided into a large dog section for animals heavier than 20 pounds and small dog section for animals lighter than 20 pounds. Annual memberships for the Dog Park are \$25 for Canton residents and \$50 for non-residents.

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# Rite Aid seeks Trott's support during visit

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

A U.S. congressman visited a Rite Aid in Plymouth on Thursday morning as the drug store chain sought his backing for a measure designed to increase support for pharmacy services for people who are medically underserved.

Freshman Rep. David Trott, R-Birmingham, got a quick tour behind the counter in the store at Main Street and Ann Arbor Road, where pharmacy manager Sojan Thomas told him how the pharmacy goes beyond filling prescriptions and follows up with drug customers and works to make sure they're getting the most from their prescriptions.

"Since we know the patient, they're personal to us," Thomas said.

"We make sure the patient gets the maximum benefit from their medication therapy," said Rhonda Morris, a Rite Aid pharmacy district manager.

That, Morris said, is



U.S. Rep. David Trott (right) toured the pharmacy at the Rite Aid in Plymouth on Thursday morning. With Trott are Rhonda Morris, a Rite Aid pharmacy district manager, and Chris Dolfi, a regional vice president in Rite Aid's pharmacy division.

important in increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the health care system and in keeping costs in check.

Trott seemed to agree, saying the Affordable Care Act, which aims to provide insurance to millions of people who didn't have it, is relying on savings over the long term. There are concerns that it won't be affordable and that there won't be enough medical pro-

fessionals to treat them.

"Pharmacists are going to be part of some of the cost-savings," said Trott, whose district includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township.

"If we're going to add 50 million people (to the insurance rolls)," he added, "there's a capacity issue."

Morris, whose district includes 26 Rite Aids,

said pharmacies are in a position to have a larger role in health care in the communities in which they're located. According to the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, 92 percent of the

U.S. population lives within five miles of a retail pharmacy.

Morris told Trott that 80 percent of customers who get prescriptions for maintenance drugs don't get the refill, raising questions about whether they're following through with treatment and might end up later needing more expensive medical care. Insurance companies, she said, offer incentives for pharmacies to intervene where they can to prevent those larger issues.

"The insurance company will gladly pay us \$50 to sit down and have this consultation" in order to prevent a \$5,000 hospital bill in the future, she said later.

"It's all about engagement and education," Morris said.

Rite Aid was seeking Trott's support for H.R. 592, also called the Phar-

macy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act. The bill would expand the medical services provided by pharmacies that can be reimbursed through Medicare, the health care plan for senior citizens.

The bill is sponsored by Rep. Brett Guthrie, a Republican from Kentucky, and has 113 co-sponsors, both Republicans and Democrats. There is a similar measure in the Senate.

Trott spokesman Kyle Bonini said Friday that the congressman is still weighing H.R. 592.

"Rep. Trott is still reviewing the legislation and values the input he has received on it from constituents in southeast Michigan," he said.

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## Heise offers coffee hours Monday

State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspectives and ask questions, Monday, May 11, in Canton, Plymouth and Northville.

The hours and locations include

» 10-11 a.m., Parthenon Coney Island, 39910 Ford Road (east of I-275), Canton

» Noon to 1 p.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville

» 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth

On Friday, May 15, Heise will host coffee hours 7:30-9 a.m. at Panera Bread, 400 S. Main St., Plymouth.

Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents are invited to call toll free 855-REPKURT or email KurtHeise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.



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# Giving Hope raises \$13K for First Step programs

More than 180 community women attended Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle's annual fundraiser, April 1, raising more than \$13,000 to benefit First Step. Proceeds from the "Give the Kids a Bed" event will enable First Step to purchase furniture, specifically beds, for children residing in its Temporary Emergency Housing.

First Step provides emergency, short-term housing for victims of domestic and/or sexual violence and their children. The organization also offers residents vital services, such as individual and group counseling, safety planning, medical attention, housing referrals and educational and recreational activities for children.

"It was inspiring to see so many women gath-



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ered together in support of a great cause and having a good time doing it," Giving Hope advisory board chair Cynthia Kabza Vercruysse said.

The event, held at the Summit on the Park in Canton, included shopping and a fashion show from local shops and boutiques, a variety of silent auction items and great food by Katherine's

Catering. Giving Hope members also donated more than 300 sample-size toiletries, which are frequently needed by First Step residents.

"The members of the planning committee are thrilled with the results of the 'Give the Kids a Bed' event," event chair Betty Bloch said. "The collective efforts of many resulted in an exciting, productive and fun event. We're already looking forward to planning for next year."

The event was put on with the help of the following sponsors: Michigan State Youth Soccer Organization, Oakwood Health Care System, Pearl Vision, Community Financial, IHA Canton Family Medicine, Karen Wilson-Smithbauer, Canton Dermatology and Kohl's.

# Plymouth author, therapist captures publisher's award

*Self-Regulation Interventions and Strategies: Keeping the Body, Mind and Emotions on Task in Children with Autism, ADHD or Sensory Disorders*, written by Plymouth resident Teresa Garland, MOT, OTR, was recognized with a silver award in the psychology category at the Independent Book Publishers Association 27th annual Benjamin Franklin Awards, presented in

Austin, Texas.

Garland, a first-time author, is an occupational therapist and a national speaker with a passion for sharing methods that help children with special needs. She has worked in schools, sensory clinics and medical



Garland

settings with children and adults, treating sensory disorders, ADHD and autism in Detroit, Plymouth and Ann Arbor.

More than 1,400 entries in 55 categories were judged. The Benjamin Franklin Awards are regarded as one of the highest national honors for independent book publishers. More about the awards can be found at [ibpa-online.org](http://ibpa-online.org).

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CARS & CAFFEINE

**Time/Date:** 8-10 a.m. every Sunday  
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**Details:** Car buffs and enthusiasts are invited to bring themselves, their families and their classic or hot-rod vehicles for a weekly gathering for talk and coffee  
**Cost:** Free

FIRST STEP NEEDS

**Time/Date:** Through May 16  
**Location:** Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center  
**Details:** The Canton Public Library will accept donated items for First Step, an

organization dedicated to reducing domestic and sexual violence and providing service to individuals affected by these crimes. Items include: scented body wash, lotion, hand sanitizer, gift cards for stores, such as Meijer, Kroger, Walmart or Target

JOINT REPLACEMENT SEMINARS

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, and Thursday, June 25  
**Location:** Classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy-Livonia, 36154 Five Mile  
**Details:** The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Livonia offers free monthly educational seminars. Expert staff will answer questions,

discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures and available implant options.

WIDOWED FRIENDS

**Time/Date:** Various dates in May  
**Location:** Various  
**Details:** Widowed Friends, a peer support group offers the following activities to widowed men and women in all areas:  
 » 2:30 p.m. May 17: Mass/Fellowship/Luncheon at St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth. Light luncheon. Helpers needed to assist with the liturgy or the lunch. Contact Pat at 734-895-6246 or Liz at 734-452-9149.

» 5:30-9 p.m. May 20: Dinner/Support/Games at G. Subu's, 20300 Farmington Road (one block south of Eight Mile). Family-style meal is \$20, includes tax and tip. Must RSVP by May 14 to Carol at 313-562-3080 or Mary Ann at 313-565-5749.

GOLF OUTING

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 16  
**Location:** St. John's Golf Course, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth  
**Details:** Join 100 golfers competing for terrific prizes. Golfers will challenge each other for the prizes that are awarded for Longest Drive, Longest Putt and other games of skill and

chance. The event supports the Ruth Ellis Center and Equality Michigan.  
**Cost:** \$99 for standard registration; \$85 for students; \$50 dinner only  
**Contact:** www.equalitymi.org  
**MCVICKER CONCERT**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m., May 16  
**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** St. Michael will host a Mitch McVicker concert to support Kids Against Hunger.  
**Cost:** Free, but offerings accepted  
**Contact:** connectingwithGod.org or 734-459-3333

DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH EVENTS

For more information, contact the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority at www.downtownplymouth.org.

Monday, May 11

» Spring Papercrafts @ Plymouth Library, 6 p.m.  
 » Open Mic Night @ Plymouth Coffee Bean, 7:30 p.m.  
 » Live Trivia @ Penn Grill, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 12

» Spring Papercrafts @ Plymouth Library, 9:30 a.m.  
 » DTP Walk-Run @ Kellogg Park, 6 p.m.  
 » Live Trivia @ Stella's Black Dog Tavern, 8 p.m.  
 » My Trivia Live @ E.G. Nick's, 8 p.m.  
 » Karaoke @ Penn Grill, 9 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13

» Cooking Demonstrations @ Old World Olive Co., 7 p.m.  
 » Live Acoustic Music @ The Post, 8 p.m.  
 » My Questionairey @ E.G. Nick's, 8 p.m.  
 » Live Trivia @ Ironwood Grill, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 14

» DTP Walk-Run @ Kellogg Park, 6 p.m.  
 » Cooking Demonstrations @ Old World Olive Co., 7 p.m.  
 » Ted Roberts Trio @ Fiamma Grille, 6:30 p.m.  
 » DJ Mike @ Ironwood Grill, 9:30 p.m.  
 » McFarland, USA @ Penn Theatre, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 15

» One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest @ Barefoot Productions, 8 p.m.  
 » Bobby & Vince @ Fiamma Grille, 6:30 p.m.  
 » My Trivia Live @ E.G. Nick's, 9 p.m.  
 » DJ Diamond @ The Post, 9 p.m.  
 » Jeremy Sprague @ Sean O'Callaghan's, 9:30 p.m.  
 » Live Music @ 336 Main, 9:30 p.m.  
 » Live Music @ Ironwood Grill, 10:30 p.m.  
 » Insurgent @ Penn Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.

Saturday, May 16

» Plymouth Farmers Market @ The Gathering, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
 » DTP Walk-Run @ Kellogg Park, 8 a.m.  
 » One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest @ Barefoot Productions, 8 p.m.  
 » Bobby & Johnny @ Fiamma Grille, 6:30 p.m.  
 » Bryan Schaffer @ Plymouth Coffee Bean, 8 p.m.  
 » DJ Diamond @ The Post, 9 p.m.  
 » A.J. Kish @ Sean O'Callaghan's, 9:30 p.m.  
 » Live Music @ 336 Main, 9:30 p.m.  
 » DJ Mike @ Ironwood Grill, 10:30 p.m.  
 » Insurgent @ Penn Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.

Plymouth Library Friends welcome Detroit Free Press writer, author

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library will welcome Detroit Free Press writer and author John Gallagher and his program "How to Fix a Broken City" at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14.

Gallagher will share his view of post-bankruptcy Detroit and what

lies ahead for the city.

The veteran journalist and author's book, *Reimagining Detroit: Opportunities for Redefining an American City*, was named by the *Huffington Post* as among the best social and political books of 2010. His most recent book is *Revolution Detroit: Strate-*

*gies for Urban Reinvention.*

Gallagher was born in New York City and joined the *Detroit Free Press* in 1987 to cover urban and economic redevelopment efforts in Detroit and Michigan, a post which he still holds. His other books include *Great Architecture of*

Michigan and, as co-author, *ALA Detroit: The American Institute of Architects Guide to Detroit Architecture.*

Gallagher and his wife Sheu-Jane live along Detroit's east riverfront.

The Friends annual meeting is open to the public. Light refresh-



Gallagher

ments will be served. Attendees may sign up at [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org) or by calling 734-453-0750, ext 4.

Plymouth Christian student heads to Germany for study program

Plymouth Christian Academy junior Paul Chamberlain will head to Germany on an all-expenses paid summer study trip.

Chamberlain was selected as a national winner after scoring in the 90th percentile or above on the Level 3 2015 National German Exam for High School Students, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German.

Chamberlain is one of fewer than 50 outstand-

ing German students selected from across the U.S. to receive the award.

The study trip includes round-trip air transportation from New York to Germany, a home stay with a host family and excursions to places of cultural and historical significance. The study trip award is made possible through a grant from the Federal Republic of Germany.

"This program gives students the chance to experience Germany

firsthand by living with a German family and attending school," said Keith Cothrun, executive director of the AATG. "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity."

About 21,000 students participated in the program this year. After qualifying with a high score on the National German Exam, Chamberlain submitted responses to several short essay questions in German and in English and was then interviewed by a committee composed



PLYMOUTH-CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Paul Chamberlain, with teacher Emily Carlson, has been awarded a trip to German for a study program this summer.

of high school teachers and college professors of German.

Chamberlain is a

student of Emily Carlson, German teacher at Plymouth Christian Academy.

Canton chamber announces second Girls Night Out

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's second annual Girls Night Out is set for Thursday, June 4, and officials say it's a good chance for women to check out local businesses.

The event will start at the chamber office, where participants will receive their shopping bag of goodies, as well as a list of the participating businesses. The women can go to any of the participating businesses for discounts, special gifts and refreshments.

Everyone will head to Buffalo Wild Wings near Ford and Lilley to close the evening with more socializing, drink specials, light refreshments and door prizes.

Registration is \$20 per person. A limited number of spaces is available. Call the chamber office at 734-

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Livonia Public Schools Opens Renowned Academically Talented Program To Out-Of-District Students

Twenty seats are open to students entering 1st or 2nd grade, and twelve seats are open to students entering 3rd or 4th grade for the 2015-16 school year.

Limited Registration window: May 5-May 22, 2015.

Livonia Public Schools is opening its Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2015 - 2016 school year.

This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience.

Registration will be open from May 5 - 22, 2015 at Webster Elementary School, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia, MI 48152 from 8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. Monday - Friday.

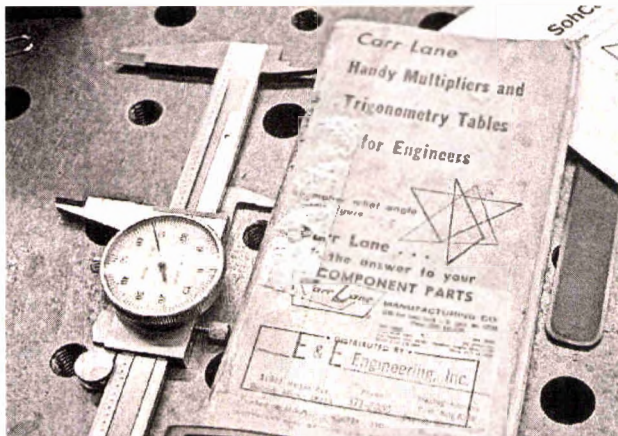
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For complete information on the application process, visit [www.livoniapublicschools.org](http://www.livoniapublicschools.org) or contact Webster School at 734-744-2795.



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Engineering blueprints with detailed specifications help students find defective parts.



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Students learn to use dial calipers and trigonometry.



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Woolf Aircraft Products lead welder Chris Rocheleau speaks with students James Bedzyk and Brenden Przeklasa.



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Woolf Aircraft Products lead fabricator Bill Edwards watches Derek Middaugh and J.C. Swezene identify defective, out of spec parts.



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Tyler Riblett, Anthony Kenney, Nicole Owens and Rya Bark use trigonometry to identify triangles on machines parts.

# Woolf Aircraft competition lets students try out welding skills

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Once a year, Woolf Aircraft Products shuts down production and turns its facility over to students who show off the skills they've acquired in Nick Regets' welding classes at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

They fabricate, inspect parts, weld parts and solve math in hopes of winning prizes like an arc welder with tools and a cart, helmets, bags, gloves, T-shirts and skull caps. The event is set up by Joe Pavilanis, process/quality engineer at Woolf Aircraft Products.

"I try to find partners that are interested in helping the children," Regets said. "How many companies shut down production and bring kids in for a real-world

experience? This is one of our best relationships with business."

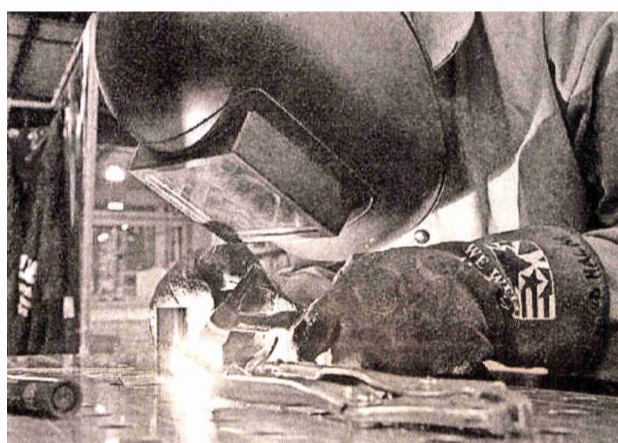
"The most important thing we do, even above a college education, is connecting these kids to real life. We have to show them how money is made; how business succeeds and fails. It's a connection kids make that lets them have hope for themselves," Regets said.

He credits Pavilanis in setting up the annual competition, getting donations of welding equipment for the prizes and lining up employees to work with the students. It's career technical education at its best, but gets little hype at a time when the buzzword is STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics). It's something Pavilanis would like to see other companies do.

"Politicians don't realize the connection that can be made," Pavilanis said.

### Hands-on experience

Fifty students participated in this year's day-long program at Woolf, which provides custom precision-tube fabricating and bending services for commercial, military and aerospace applications. The students were divided into three groups and rotated through five



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David Halm works on welding stainless steel to a metal plate.

different 15-minute welding stations, where Woolf employees like Ryan Martin worked with them and assessed their finished work.

At the fabrication station, teams worked to assemble and weld a product based on a blueprint. At the inspection area, they were given 10 samples and had to identify seven defects based on blueprints. At the math station, the students' ability to measure was put to the test.

Martin is a William D. Ford success story. He graduated from the center and was hired by Woolf. According to Pavilanis, he worked in the tool room and learned to be a tool and die maker. He now is the first person in Woolf's 73-year history who can fabricate and weld.

"He's a huge, huge

success story," Pavilanis said. "He does everything. He can fabricate and produce, show how to put the model together and help explain the process. This is more like being a mentor and being able to share what he's learned with the kids."

Welding is the most in-demand occupation in the country and, for Rya Bark, the opportunity to visit Woolf was a chance to see what's going on in the industry.

"You get exposure to what they're doing," she said. "It's really important to get out and see what's going on. It's also good to know what you're going into."

Bark didn't know anything about welding until she attended an open house at the Career Technical Center two years ago. She realized she needed to do something



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Crystal Tillman welds stainless steel in competition.

and decided that it would be welding. Now she wants to go to Schoolcraft College and get a degree in welding.

"This is my life; this is what I want to do," she said. "It's so exciting."

### Give it a try

Rick Laurence points to his uncle, a CSX welder, for his interest in welding.

"He talked me into it, so I thought I'd give it a try," he said. "I did and I love it. It's exciting to see a lot of different aspects of the industry."

His goal is to get certified for underwater welding. Those workers make a lot of money and "it seems to be an awesome job to do," he said. Students started the

day with doughnuts, juice and milk and finished it with a pizza lunch. That's when Pavilanis handed out the prizes. First place went to Richard Spicer, followed by Charles Elam, Danny Thacker, Cruz Alvarez, Ignacio Alvarez and Michael Alderman.

"What makes our weld competition the best is that we really engage the student with several events," Pavilanis said. "We've extended this offer to other vo-tech schools; William D. Ford was the only one to take us up on the offer. This is a model of what can be done to help students."

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In such instances, the physician must be straight forward with the patient, explaining that the prescription, injection or therapy proposed may not work. What becomes most important is follow up. The doctor should be prepared to call the patient the next day. At the same time, the patient should make himself or herself available or if faced with an uncertain schedule, make the follow up call when able to do so.  
When either diagnosis and/or treatment are not evident, but the need to act is paramount, the requirement of cooperation between physician and patient is an absolute necessity. I have seen patients with intense pain in a foot, that in certain features looked like gout, but not completely, whose pain did not abate when receiving treatment for gout, and who by x-ray and examination were clear of fracture or other injury, infection or cancer.  
Then the treatment of choice is contact and observation. The physician must keep seeing the patient, daily in some cases. The patient must remain patient: keeping each appointment, refraining from going doctor to doctor, or demanding a new treatment each day. The combination of patience and persistence is difficult for patient and physician but necessary for both.

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The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:  
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# Donation supports Detroit rape kit backlog testing

MOKO Social Media, a global social media firm based in Virginia, is launching a new effort to end the backlog of untested rape kits in cities like Detroit and bring justice to the victims. MOKO, the parent company of BlueNationReview.com, is launching the MOKO Door Foundation with a \$100,000 donation.

The \$100,000 will go to support the work of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy to bring hundreds of investigations and prosecutions in cases resulting from more than 11,000 previously untested rape kits discovered in a Detroit Police Department storage locker.

MOKO's donation is the largest single donation since a private fundraising drive called Enough Sexual Assaults in Detroit was launched in January and will be enough to investigate and prosecute roughly a dozen serial rapists, bringing long-overdue justice to their victims. "Our partnership with Kym Worthy to help end the shameful backlog of rape kits and bring justice to the victims is only the beginning of what will be a larger effort by Blue Nation Review and the MOKO Door Foundation to shine a bright light on injustices - and deliver tangible results," said Ian Rodwell, CEO of MOKO Social Media.

"We intend to work with organizations such as the Joyful Heart Foundation's Endthebacklog.org and many other worthy charities, agencies and government officials to bring even more atten-

tion and resources together to create meaningful change and get things done."

"I am so thrilled that MOKO Social Media has contributed generously to Enough Said today," Worthy said. "Words cannot adequately express how huge this is. We currently have over 600 cases where there have been DNA hits waiting to be investigated. This donation will help us get many of these cases moving."

Testing on the vast majority (more than 9,000) of the 11,000 rape kits is now either completed or in progress - and the DNA samples are being matched against the FBI's Combined DNA Index System. As of April 2015, Detroit's kit testing initiative has identified 1,133 suspects, including 255 serial rapists, because their DNA was already on record from a previous violent crime. DNA from the kits tested has been linked to other crimes committed in 30 states and the District of Columbia.

But the big challenge now is a lack of resources to investigate and prosecute the offenders. So far, 15 convictions have been secured, but Worthy already has 630 cases on her desk that could proceed to investigations and prosecutions, if sufficient resources can be identified.

Supporting another 12 prosecutions can help bring justice to a much larger number of victims and prevent many future tragedies. Studies have found that the vast ma-

majority of sexual assaults are committed by repeat offenders; an average rapist has committed at least 10 acts of rape, battery and child physical and sexual abuse.

According to the Joyful Heart Foundation, which tracks the rape kit backlog nationally, the best available estimate is that there are hundreds of thousands of untested rape kits languishing across the country. But the troubling reality is that no one knows for sure how many kits are untested, where they all are or how old they are. That's because only a handful of states have adopted reform laws requiring an inventory of untested kits and creating an accountable system to track and test those kits.

In the coming weeks and months, MOKO and Blue Nation Review will work to jump-start action on this issue around the country. This will include holding elected officials accountable who have not taken action to address - or even acknowledge - a potential backlog in their states.

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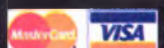
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**PREP BOYS LACROSSE**



Salem sophomore Marty Mills had a standout game Wednesday on the night he also was honored at halftime as part of the school's boys hockey team. MICHAEL VASILNEK

**CONFERENCE TRACK MEET**

## Strong efforts not enough for Park teams

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Three days after Salem captured the KLAAs Central Division boys track and field title, the Rocks had hopes of adding a Kensington Conference trophy to the school showcase.

Instead, host Livonia Churchill will take the prize after topping the highly competitive 12-team field with 99.5 points. Westland John Glenn (84) and Northville (76) took the next two spots, while Canton finished fourth with 75 points — three points ahead of fifth-place Salem.

Plymouth came in seventh with a total of 45 points.

On the girls side, Northville, as expected, cruised to victory with 141 points, well ahead of the runner-up Rocks (99). In fourth with 75 points was Plymouth.

"I'm ecstatic with that," Salem boys head coach Steve Aspinall said. "Coming in, the goal was to finish in the top half and to get somewhere in the ballpark of 50 points. I think we're walking out of here with about somewhere in the mid-70s. That was pretty good."

Canton head coach Jess Shough, whose team was without top point-getters Alan Jones Jr. and Brent Pelland due to injuries, credited his team for overcoming those losses and scoring points when it mattered most.

"We're missing our top two kids right now," Shough said. "They were injured, but the kids really stepped up, those who took their places."

"Our relays did well, our field events performed really well. We had a consistent day all the way through."

Shough cited the "unbelievable" efforts of sprinters Darren Davis and Jake Mallad to help stem the tide of missing Jones and Pelland.

Aspinall said highlights included a "phenomenal" first-place performance by the 400 relay team of Andrew Davis, Freddie McGee, Jacob Miller and VerShawn Patrick (43.28).

"They ran a great time and that's the first time we put that group together and it was great," Aspinall said. "Chaz Jeffress had a nice day, he finished second in the 1,600 (4:33.31) and he anchored the (3,200 relay), which was fourth and our fastest time in a while."

Although Plymouth finished in the middle of the pack, Wildcats head coach Jon Mikosz said there were plenty of reasons to feel good about how the day went.

Senior Jonny Dalton won the 800 run (1:55.14). Other conference champions were Nate Harris in the high jump

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# TURNAROUND

Five-goal game by Salem's Willer helps Rocks stick it to Canton, 14-9

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

For at least one night, the recent success Salem's Noah Willer and Marty Mills had with their high school hockey team spilled over to the lacrosse field.

Both players were honored along with the rest of the 2014-15 Rocks hockey team — which won the first Division 1 state regional in school history — at halftime of Wednesday's boys lacrosse rematch between Salem and Canton.

The adrenaline from being recognized (also honored was Salem's district-winning wrestling team), sparked Willer to a five-goal night as the Rocks overcame an early deficit to pound the Chiefs, 14-9.

"Absolutely, our hockey coach (Ryan Ossenmacher) texted us before and was like, 'We guarantee a win' just for honoring the team and everything," Willer said following the Kensington Conference match-up at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's junior varsity football field. "Having all my best friends watching me was a big deal."

Willer stopped the bleeding early when he scored with just 1:11 to play in the first quarter to put the Rocks on the board

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Trying to stymie an offensive chance by Salem's Matthew Cameron (middle) are Canton's Aditya Joshi (left) and Ryan Schlieger. MICHAEL VASILNEK

## Club-bing is OK with Heinze

Plymouth graduate wins national club golf tourney

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

When Josh Heinze graduated from Plymouth in 2012, the stalwart prep golfer's vision for his college career was right in front of him like a short straightaway to the pin.

Instead, after two seasons playing

varsity Division I golf on Eastern Michigan University's team, Heinze's path has been long and winding — a 500-yarder with a dogleg right to negotiate.

That's because Heinze transferred to Michigan State University before his junior year, solely for academic reasons. When it was too late to walk on to the Spartans' varsity team last fall, he joined the MSU club team instead.

"I talked to the coach (Casey Lu-

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Plymouth alum Josh Heinze is all smiles after winning the "red jacket" that goes with finishing first at the NCCGA club golf national tournament. Celebrating the victory with him are Matt Weinberger (left) and Kris Hart of the NCCGA.

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PREP SPORTS

# Salem hockey, wrestling teams share spotlight

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Both Salem's hockey and wrestling teams enjoyed seasons to remember during 2014-15.

Wednesday, both squads had a chance to enjoy a celebrative post-script on that chapter. The teams were honored at halftime of the Salem-Canton boys lacrosse match at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The hockey and wrestling squads were introduced separately, walking out onto the Park's JV grass field. Before the ceremony concluded, the skaters and body slammers mingled for a mammoth,



Sharing Wednesday's halftime ceremony are Salem's varsity boys hockey and wrestling teams, which won state regional and district titles, respectively.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

combined team photo.

Both winter teams were honored for enjoying major success. The hockey team won a Division 1 regional for the

first time in school history, coming up short at the subsequent quarterfinal at Yost Arena in Ann Arbor against U-D Jesuit. Two players on that

squad, Noah Willer and Marty Mills, also are key components of Salem's boys lacrosse team, which defeated the Chiefs, 14-9.

"It's a unique opportunity," Rocks hockey coach Ryan Ossenmacher said following the ceremony. "For us to be able to come out here and for the Salem lacrosse team to allow us to come out here is a good opportunity for our guys."

"Again, it's all about school spirit and that's what high school sports is about. To have three different Rock programs represented out here is a neat opportunity."

### School unity

Salem's wrestling team captured a D1 district for the first time since 2002 and had five individuals advance to the regional and two

(Mitchell Gross, Roy Foster) qualify for the state finals at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

"It was awesome, hopefully this is the first of a couple more honorings that will happen in the future," Rocks wrestling co-coach Jeremy Henderson said. "We put a lot of work in and we're finally seeing some results."

"It was awesome to be honored and it's awesome that another team, the hockey team, had a great year. Hopefully we can kind of come together, a lot of athletic programs, and start putting together some championships. It was a lot of fun; it feels good."

PREP GIRLS LACROSSE

# Complete effort sparks Salem

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The Salem varsity girls lacrosse team routed Ann Arbor Skyline 14-4 on Monday, making it three wins in a row for the Rocks.

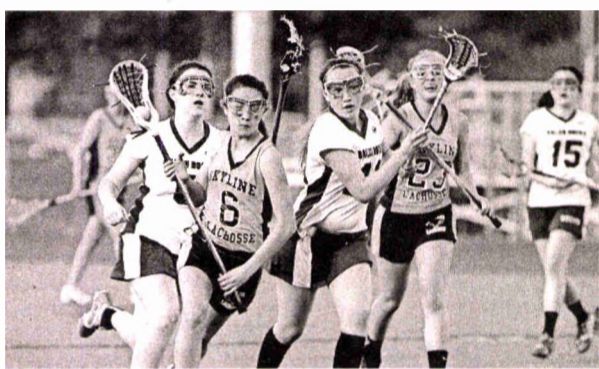
Sparking the victory with four goals each were sophomore Leah Tardiff and senior captain Andi Marthaler, while senior captain Joslyn Longe registered a hat trick.

"I like the way the players are coming together as the season winds down," Salem coach Dave Medley said. "We are one win away from reaching the .500 mark — and that was a shot in the dark when the season began."

Salem outshot Skyline by a 25-14 margin.

Sophomore netminder Maddie Johnson turned away 10 Skyline attempts.

The Rocks helped



KAREN HANSEN

Salem players Colleen Shortal (No. 5), Kayla Goleniak (No. 21) and Madelyn Gunn (No. 15) pursue Ann Arbor Skyline freshman Emma Cooper (No. 6) during Monday's game.

their young goalie by getting out to a quick lead as Tardiff scored in the first minute for a 1-0 lead.

Longe scored her first two tallies of the night before the game was 10 minutes old to help Salem retain a 3-1 advantage.

Tardiff gave the Rocks a 4-2 lead with 14 minutes to play in the

first half and Marthaler then poured in three goals over a minute-plus span to pad the edge to 7-2 midway through the second quarter.

Salem scored four more times before halftime to go up 11-2.

Scoring during that productive stretch were senior Amanda Merkel, sophomore Kayla Goleniak and Tardiff (twice).

## LACROSSE

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after Canton raced out to an early 4-0 advantage.

Then midway through the second quarter, the lanky, senior attackman netted the tying and lead goals to cap a six-goal surge to put Salem up 7-5 at the break.

"I would say we got one goal and keep rolling," Willer said. "It was one and then we went with the momentum, just never let it stop."

"It was a snowball effect, I guess."

### Tables turned

According to Salem boys lacrosse coach Corey Mattingly, the night's hockey-lacrosse connection perhaps helped Willer and Mills, a sophomore, take their already strong skills up a notch.

"Noah and Marty having that extra edge of playing a similar sport (to) lacrosse before this season really helped us here," Mattingly said. "We've seen it all year. Marty attracting someone, getting it to Noah or just Noah (with a) head full of steam getting open."

Mattingly added that another key to the victory was how the Rocks were able to take advantage of penalties against Canton and "turn the table" on the Chiefs.

"That's what happens when you start pressuring the ball, pressuring the defense," Mattingly said.

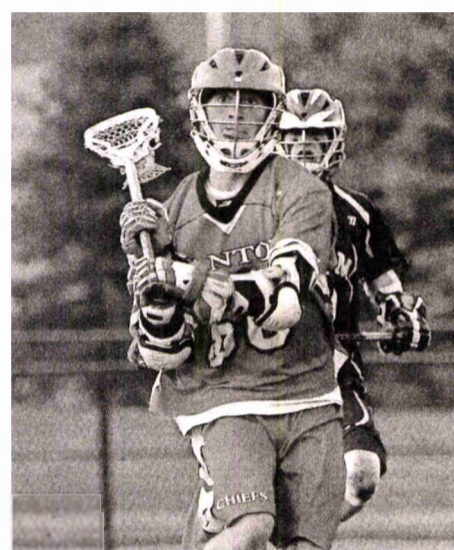
Also coming up huge for the Rocks (8-7 overall, 2-4 in the conference) were Matthew Cameron (four goals), Lucas Martin (two goals, assist), goalie Mack Baker and midfielder Adam Cousineau, who collected numerous ground balls to swing momentum Salem's way.

"He had 15-plus (saves)," Mattingly said about Baker. "Any goalie who can make that many saves keeps a team in a game and that's exactly what you saw here."

"What was it, a six-goal game? A five-goal game? Five of those saves could have been goals. If it wasn't for him or even the other senior captains (Willer, Cousineau, Joey Krause, Andy Gregor) I don't think we would have had this game."

### Transition game

Mattingly noted Cousineau's contributions could not be ignored.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Canton's Lukas Pashigian gets ready to launch a pass during Wednesday's varsity boys lacrosse match.

"Adam got so many ground balls," Mattingly said. "He really, really kept us in that game by keeping those possessions," stopping Canton's offense and making the transition to the other side.

Canton (7-6, 2-4) got off to a 4-0 start, picking up where the team left off the last time it played Salem (a 12-5 victory April 25).

Senior attackman Brocton Baechler and junior attackman Carson Pakula combined for two goals in the first 7:25, with each scoring once and setting up the other.

Senior midfielder Jonathon Krebs also bounced a shot past Baker from about 15 yards out and Pakula buried his second goal of the quarter with about two minutes to go in the first to give the Chiefs a 4-0 lead.

But soon thereafter, Willer started the Salem comeback with his goal from in close against Canton junior goalie Trevor Stahl.

The Chiefs got it back in the final minute of the quarter, when senior midfielder Gerald Belanger rifled a shot into the top corner.

Perhaps the turning point came in the closing seconds of the first, when Baker sprawled and scrambled to deny Canton a chance at a sixth goal.

### Second helping

Then just 46 seconds into the second quarter, with Salem enjoying a man advantage, Martin scored to make it a 5-2 game.

Salem's comeback continued when Cameron circled the goal and stuffed the ball in from the left post and Martin converted a pass from Krause, slicing the deficit to 5-4 with 10:11 left in the second.

Mills garnered the

equalizer 21 seconds later, cutting in from behind the Chiefs' cage and hitting the target.

Baker's clutch stop against Krebs kept the game deadlocked and Willer gave Salem its first lead of the night with 6:27 remaining, when he launched a rocket from about 10 yards in front of Stahl.

After another Willer goal made it 7-5 at halftime, he registered his fourth of the night at 4:18 of the third quarter to give Salem a three-goal lead.

The Rocks kept piling it on, with David Lee and Cameron scoring to open up a 10-5 edge with less than five minutes to play in the third.

Baechler got one back for the Chiefs in the final two minutes of the quarter, but they still trailed 10-6 entering the fourth.

The Chiefs kept charging in hopes of regaining control of the game. Krebs and junior attackman Austin Bauer beat Baker early in the final quarter to trim Salem's lead to just 10-8.

Yet once again, the Rocks had a quick response.

Cameron received Willer's pass and flung the shot past sophomore goalie Nathan Janice (who took over in the second half).

And during the game's final six minutes, Salem's Willer, Mills (from Martin) and Cameron scored to offset Canton's lone goal (by senior midfielder Nolan Gilo).

**PLYMOUTH 16, HARRISON 3:** The host Wildcats were able to get a big win Wednesday over the North Harrison Flyers on Senior Night.

Scoring for Plymouth were Nolan Ouellette (five goals), Kyle Robertson (four goals), Zach Gallaher (three) and Justin Brodzik, Jack Balch, Jacob Miller and Ben Stover (one goal each), while Mitch Gonzales got in the scorebook with a nice assist.

Trevor McManus stopped eight of 11 shots, while Plymouth's defense was led by seniors Andrew Withers, Ben Riley, Grant Koppelberger, Harlow, sophomores Tyler Ramer, Brady Terechenok and freshmen Chazz Shaver.

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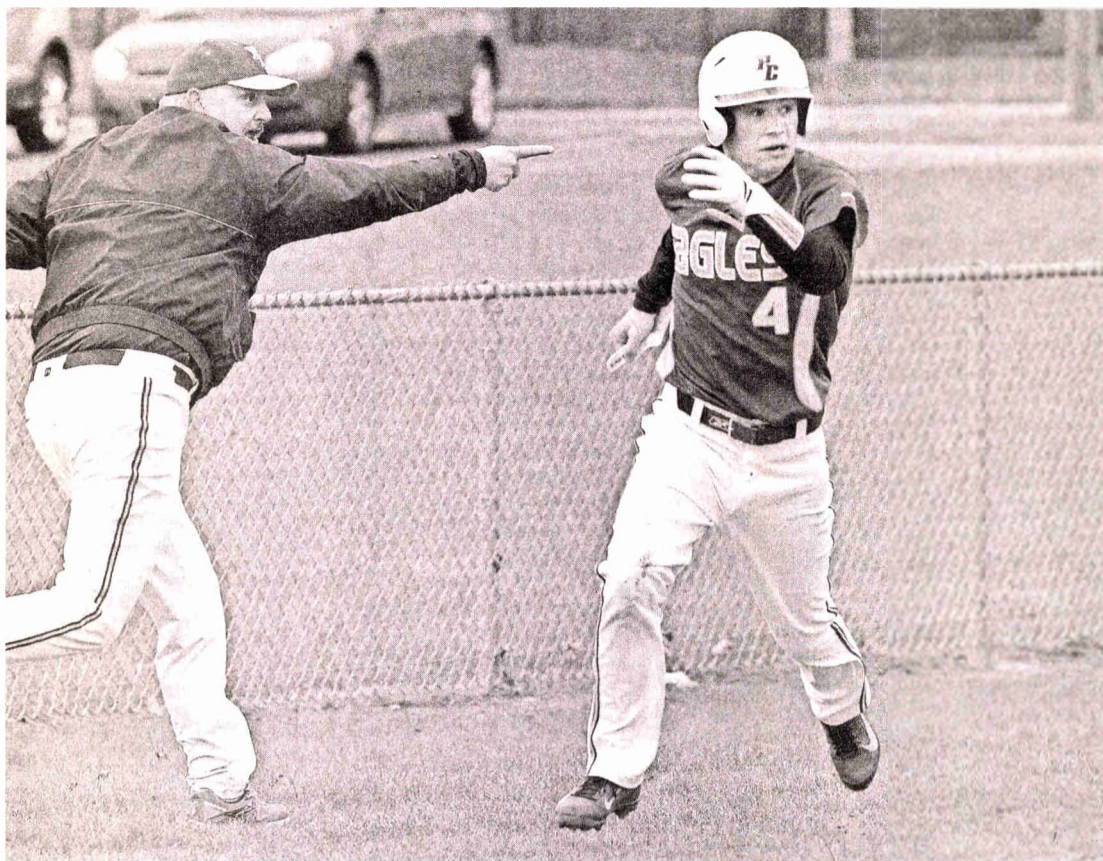
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## PREP BASEBALL



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Plymouth Christian's Will Crecelius scores during a recent game. He and his Eagles teammates swept a doubleheader Thursday.

## Eagles, Wildcats both sweep doubleheaders

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

A rare precipitation-free afternoon buoyed Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity baseball team Thursday as the Eagles swept a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference doubleheader from Bloomfield Hills Roeper.

PCA roughed up the Roughriders 12-0 in Game 1, which ended after five innings due to the mercy rule. The Eagles followed that up with a 8-5 victory.

In the nightcap, the host Eagles spotted Roeper an early 3-0 lead, but bounced back with five runs in the fifth. PCA never again trailed, despite giving up two runs in the seventh to close the gap.

"I like how the team is responding to being behind," PCA coach Joe Bottorff said. "They don't panic and keep following the game plan and take advantage of opportunities."

Getting the fifth-inning surge started was Adam Albert, with a bunt single and stolen base. He scored on a hit

by Josh Mason.

Following that were hits by Will Crecelius, Austin Andres (double) and — with a couple of errors sandwiched in between — Nathan Bishop, one of the three singles he collected in the contest.

Going the distance on the mound was Tanner Hay, who struck out 11.

Also throwing a complete game for PCA was Mike Slater in Game 1, allowing just one hit and one walk while fanning nine in five innings.

A six-run first launched the Eagles' attack. Key contributors were Josh Slater (three hits, three RBIs), Jordan Talbott (two doubles off the fence) and Jake Shook (single, double).

Other PCA hits were registered by Evan Wright, Mike Slater, Andres, Hay, Albert and Nick Andres.

### Wildcats win two

Host Plymouth swept Wayne Memorial 5-0 and 7-0 Wednesday to improve to 16-7-1 overall and 9-3-1 in the KLAA South Division.

In the opener, Cameron

Stella struck out 12 over 5½ scoreless innings, while Owen Spryszak came in to strike out all five Zebras he faced to close out the win.

Patrick Downing homered among two hits, while Kyle Wolter and Ryan Elliott also collected a pair of safeties.

Game 2 went just as well for the Wildcats. Downing and Andrew Jossey went 2-for-3, while Stella had a 2-for-4 outing.

Combining to fan 13 Wayne batters were Josh Sulak, Regan Fleisher, Taylor Burke, Seth Hubbard and John Kocchan.

Plymouth now is on a collision course with Livonia Franklin for the KLAA South championship. The Wildcats visit the Patriots (8-5-0 in the division) for a Wednesday twinbill that could decide matters.

**SALEM 5-2, NOVI 1-1:** On Wednesday, the visiting Rocks (11-8, 7-5) took both ends of the KLAA Central Division doubleheader against the Wildcats (8-13-1, 3-9-1).

Salem starter Tyler Brooks went all seven innings for the Rocks in the opener. The senior right-hander scattered nine hits (without a walk) to go along with seven strikeouts.

Losing pitcher Jack Colliu allowed five runs (three earned) on five hits and three strikeouts in five innings before Brett Geiger finished up.

## PREP SOFTBALL

## Park teams keep swinging it

Doubleheaders no problem for Plymouth, Salem

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

With the stakes rising in the KLAA Kensington Conference, both Plymouth's and Salem's varsity girls softball teams are making noise.

On Wednesday, the host Wildcats blasted Wayne Memorial 13-0 and 20-0 to improve to 16-1 overall and 13-0 in the KLAA South Division.

Meanwhile, the Rocks swept a makeup twinbill Thursday against KLAA Central Division rival Livonia Stevenson, 7-6 and 5-3. Salem takes a 16-5 record into Monday's 6 p.m. game at Canton.

"Once again, the big Park rivalry," Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland said. "The girls should be well rested and ready to show their stuff."

As of Friday, Canton's record was 8-5 in the KLAA South, according to the KLAA website.

Plymouth is cruising toward a division championship, having all but clinched it with the sweep of the Zebras — both were mercy-rule victories.

In Game 1, Plymouth scored multiple runs in all but one inning and senior pitcher Mikayela Marciniak threw a no-hitter while striking out eight to win her eighth game in nine decisions.

Leadoff batter Rachel Zerrona went 3-for-4 with three runs while Brittney Miller and Jessica Tucci each went 2-for-2 and Alex Rakovitis racked up two hits in three at-bats.



One of Plymouth's key youngsters this season, freshman shortstop Whitney Holden, takes a big cut.

Marciniak helped her own cause going 2-for-4 with a homer and four RBIs. Other Plymouth contributors included freshman Jenny Bressler (1-for-2, run), Mikayla Rose (1-for-3) and Cali Jones (1-for-2, RBI).

The nightcap was more of the same as the Wildcats plated five runs in the first and second, pouring it on with a 23-hit effort.

Throwing a complete-game three-hitter was Bressler, who struck out nine and now holds a 7-0 record. She also had two hits.

Rakovitis (4-for-4), Rachael Ring (4-for-4, three RBIs), Caylin Waters (3-for-4, three RBIs), Jones (3-for-3, four runs) and Miller (homer, five RBIs) paced a non-stop Plymouth attack.

Freshman Whitney Holden also had two hits. Sarah Bondy chipping in a hit and run.

### Salem hangs on

The Rocks didn't have it quite as easy against Stevenson on Thursday but got it done when needed.

Pitching a complete game in the opener was freshman

Maddy Rosiewicz, who struck out seven.

Salem broke a 5-5 tie in the bottom of the seventh for the 6-5 victory. Makayleigh Silverman and Maranda Armstead (2-for-4) singled with one out, and one out later, Abbie Riedel walked to load the bases.

The next batter, Mel Anderson (2-for-4), roped a hit to score Silverman for the deciding run.

Other key hits included a solo home run by Jamie Squires in the third and an RBI double by freshman Morgan Overaitis.

Game 2 featured a nice comeback by the Rocks, who backed the pitching of Overaitis (complete game, five strikeouts) with an eight-hit attack.

Both Anderson and Armstead delivered a double and single while Kristin Mihalic stroked a two-base hit.

The Rocks dropped a Wednesday twinbill 9-6 and 4-0 to division-leading Novi (10-3). Salem is 9-4 in the KLAA Central and trail Novi and South Lyon (8-3) as the regular season winds down.

## COLLEGE BASEBALL

## Madonna ousted in WHAC playoffs, at-large bid awaits

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Madonna University's 2015 baseball season is now in the hands of the NAIA National Tournament selection committee.

The Crusaders were eliminated Wednesday from the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Playoffs following a 6-3 loss to University of Northwestern Ohio in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs held at the Siena Heights Baseball Diamond.

Third-seeded MU, which slipped to 37-15 overall, could still earn an at-large spot in one of the nine NAIA opening round sites which feature five teams each in a double-elimination format. A total of 45 teams qualify for the postseason; the brackets were to be announced Friday.

Top-seeded and WHAC regular season champion Northwestern Ohio (42-12), ranked No. 15 in the latest NAIA coaches poll, out-hit the Crusaders, 15-4, while scoring three runs in the fourth, one in the sixth and one in the sev-

enth.

Brandon Collins led the Racers offensively going 3-for-6 with three RBI, while Kyle Fisher was 3-for-4 with an RBI.

MU starter Alex DeYonker (Livonia Franklin) was charged with the loss and fell to 5-4. The left-hander gave up four earned runs on eight hits and two walks over the first 3.1 innings before giving way to Dylan Cooper, Patrick Wierimaa (Redford Union) and Bobby St. Pierre.

The Racers used three pitchers with Patricio Pena going 2.2 innings of scoreless middle relief to earn his first win of the season. Brodie Mitchell then closed the door on MU over the final three innings without yielding a hit to go along with four strikeouts.

The Crusaders, who scored two in the third and one in the fourth, got two hits from Taylor Grzelakowski. Shane Doker and Cole Rize each had an RBI.

Each team committed two errors.

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NCCGA  
Sending a shot on its way during the recent NCCGA championships is Josh Heinze, whose first-place finish helped him earn a chance to make Michigan State's varsity team next season.

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bahn) a little bit, but their roster was full when I came in this past fall," Heinze said. "So I had been in continual contact with their coach and I've just been kind of waiting for a spot to open up on their team."

"I decided to join the club team as a way to stay competitive."

It's all turned out as sweet as the bottom of the cup for Heinze.

### Color him thrilled

On April 26, he won the coveted red jacket that goes to the individual medalist at the National Collegiate Club Golf Association National Championship tournament at Bryan Park Golf Course in North Carolina.

"It's their impression of the (Masters) green jacket," he said, chuckling. "That was pretty cool. But the whole club experience has been something I've really enjoyed."

"If (college golfers) want to keep working toward playing for the varsity team, that's a great way to do it. I've really enjoyed this past year playing club golf."

At the NCCGA championships, Heinze tallied a two-day score of 143 on the rolling, sloping 7,072-yard course.

And this week, he received word from Lubahn that he was invited to walk on to the 2015 fall team.

"I'm thrilled to have the chance to compete again at the highest level in college golf and it is nice to have all of my hard work pay off," Heinze wrote Friday in an email to the *Observer*. "Ever since I stopped playing at Eastern, making the team at Michigan State has been my number one goal."

"All the hours of practice and tournaments that I played in this past summer, fall and spring finally paid off and I couldn't be more excited about playing for MSU next fall."

Earlier in the week, Heinze talked about his club golf experience and what it might mean to finding a spot on the MSU roster. Two days after the interview, Lubahn sent a text message Wednesday confirming the invitation.

"He's always been really cool about being active with the club team and seeing how the guys are doing," Heinze said about Lubahn. "I'm not sure how it is at other universities, but I know here, the

varsity coach, he's a big part of the club team and everything."

Club golf also turned out to be serious stuff. Heinze had heard that it might be a laid-back circuit where college kids just cart around the golf course not necessarily trying to hone their skills.

"But in the past couple semesters, they changed the (tourney) format," Heinze said. "(NCCGA officials) made every tournament so it's walking; it feels like a normal (varsity) tournament."

"You don't have guys mess around anymore."

### In focus

Still, knowing he couldn't golf for the Spartans in the 2014 season didn't change Heinze's approach to every shot, every hole, every chance to get out on a course and compete.

Like he always had, Heinze continued to focus on the prize. Only in this case, it was opting to transfer to MSU in order to change to the major he wanted (civil engineering).

His decision to leave the Ypsilanti university had nothing to do about whether he enjoyed studying and golfing there. He obviously did.

"Eastern was a great transition from high school to college, because I was pretty close to home," Heinze said. "Eastern was only like 10-15 minutes down the road."

"It was a great experience, traveling with the guys and playing in tournaments. I've really missed playing at the Division I level and I'm hoping that things will change and I'll be able to play for Michigan State next fall."

Heinze was OK with transferring, even if that meant giving up varsity golf.

Nearly 12 months later, however, not only is he cruising toward a degree with a 3.9 grade-point average, he has the NCCGA red jacket and a chance to resume his college golf career for the 2015 and 2016 seasons.

"I have to go one more year (he'll graduate in 2017), because when I transferred some of the credits got thrown off," Heinze said. "I'll have to go another year and, hopefully, if things work out with the varsity team, I'll have two years of golf left."

"Two years of golf, two years of school, it ends up working out perfectly."

Just like one of Heinze's approach shots.

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GIRLS SOCCER

# Canton offense comes alive in big wins



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Going after a 50/50 ball during a recent game are Canton's Madison Archibald (No. 11) and Plymouth's Cassidy Lewis (No. 20).

**By Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Canton is trying to keep pace with KLAAs South Division leader Plymouth, thanks to Tuesday's 5-1 girls soccer victory over host Westland John Glenn.

Finding the back of the net twice for the Chiefs was Hannah Lapko, with single tallies recorded by Kelsey Cheaney, Emily Raymo and Madison Archibald.

Holding down the fort in goal for Canton (7-5-2 overall, third in the KLAAs South with a 4-3-1 mark) was freshman Sarah Hammond.

"We're trying to move

the ball quicker," Canton head coach Jeannine Reddy said. "That has been our main goal, with help on and off the ball at all times."

With division matchups Thursday against Livonia Franklin and Tuesday against Livonia Churchill, the Chiefs will need help to catch Plymouth -- in first with a 6-1-1 record following Tuesday's 5-0 rout over visiting Wayne Memorial.

The Chiefs also are coming off Saturday's 2-1 victory over Salem in a matchup of Park rivals.

"We scored in the first six minutes," Reddy noted. "Maddie Archi-

bald scored off a free kick from 25 yards out. We played aggressive and started to move the ball better offensively."

Canton's second goal, midway through the second half, was netted by Lapko.

The Rocks finally got on the scoreboard in the final minute, spoiling a shutout bid by Jordan Anheuser, who Reddy said played an outstanding game.

"I feel we played hard, had better shooting opportunity and worked hard," Reddy added. "Our defense played great, had a few great stops."

Reddy added that

timing couldn't be better for escaping a recent "scoring rut. We are getting better every day and preparing for districts."

**NORTHVILLE 1, SALEM 0:** The visiting Rocks gave the Mustangs all they could handle in Thursday's KLAAs Central Division varsity girls soccer tilt.

Northville (10-3-4, 7-0-2 in the division) broke a scoreless tie with about five minutes left in regulation when Kendall Dillon put a shot past Salem sophomore goalkeeper Skylar Brant. Setting up the marker was Alissa Moore.

The Rocks (3-6-2, 3-4-2) had several quality chances to net the equalizer, but could not capitalize.

"My team played outstanding," Salem head coach George Tomasso said. "We had three dangerous opportunities that could have swung the game either way."

"My goalkeeper, Skylar Brant, had an outstanding game, making nine saves."

Tomasso cited excellent performances from seniors Rachel Light, Hayley Rogers; juniors Hailey Katulski, Marisa Martin, Caroline Simko; sophomore Gabby Teodorrescu and freshman Ari Finn.

PREP BOYS GOLF

## Lloyd's big day lifts Plymouth

Wildcats nip Canton for KLAAs South championship

**By Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

It took a long time for the spotlight to shine on Plymouth golfer Andrew Lloyd, whose path to the varsity lineup was blocked until this year.

Lloyd basically had to wait for the Wildcats' stellar graduating class of 2014 to leave, the group that included John Tatti, Chris Kozler, Evan Chipman, Kyle Melnick and Alex Decker.

His big moment came Friday at the Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center's par-35 Woods course.

The senior captain, fourth in Plymouth's pecking order all season, was match medalist with an even-par 35 as the Wildcats nipped Canton, 150-152, to win

the KLAAs South Division championship.

"Our (fourth golfer) shooting a 35 was the difference," Plymouth head coach Dan Young said. "That's huge and it's great for that kid. He deserves it; he's a hard worker. He's a great kid. He's captain for a reason."

Young added that there "were some putts here and there. I know Jack Boczar made a big birdie on hole nine and some of the other guys didn't make theirs."

Plymouth finished with a 5-0 record in the division, while Canton placed second with a 4-1 mark.

"The two teams are evenly matched and played well," Canton head coach Tom Alles said.

Young said Lloyd "really put in his time" over the past four years. "He would have been a varsity guy a year ago, but ... the run that group

had it was tough for him to crack the lineup. I'm very happy for him."

Finishing right behind Lloyd was Canton senior Donnie Trosper, who tallied 36.

Other Plymouth finishers were Boczar (37), James Baldwin and Kyle Kozler (39 each), Connor Zydeck (40) and Justin Kapke (42).

Trosper wasn't the only Chief to crack the 40 mark for the day. Seniors Chris Dooley and Noah Lindbauer tallied scores of 38 and 39, respectively. Junior Brian Oldani also finished the round with 39.

Sophomore Suhas Potluri and senior Hunter Schlampp rounded out Canton's card with respective scores of 41 and 42.

"The individual scoring on the day was outstanding," Alles said. "Neither team used a score higher than 39 toward their total score."

COLLEGE SIGNINGS



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Recently signing college letters of intent were Salem student-athletes, front row, from left, Megan Finkbeiner, Jamyra Wilson, Shara Long and, back row, from left, Joey Krause, Adam Cousineau and Devin Cameron.

## Spring signings for Salem sextet

**By Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Just two months after National Signing Day, another group of Salem High School student-athletes celebrated college commitments.

During after-school festivities on April 16, it was unveiled that Devin Cameron will play football at the University of Toledo.

Meanwhile, Shara Long and Jamyra Wilson

— key contributors to Salem's Class A regional champions in girls basketball — committed to Madonna University and Schoolcraft University, respectively.

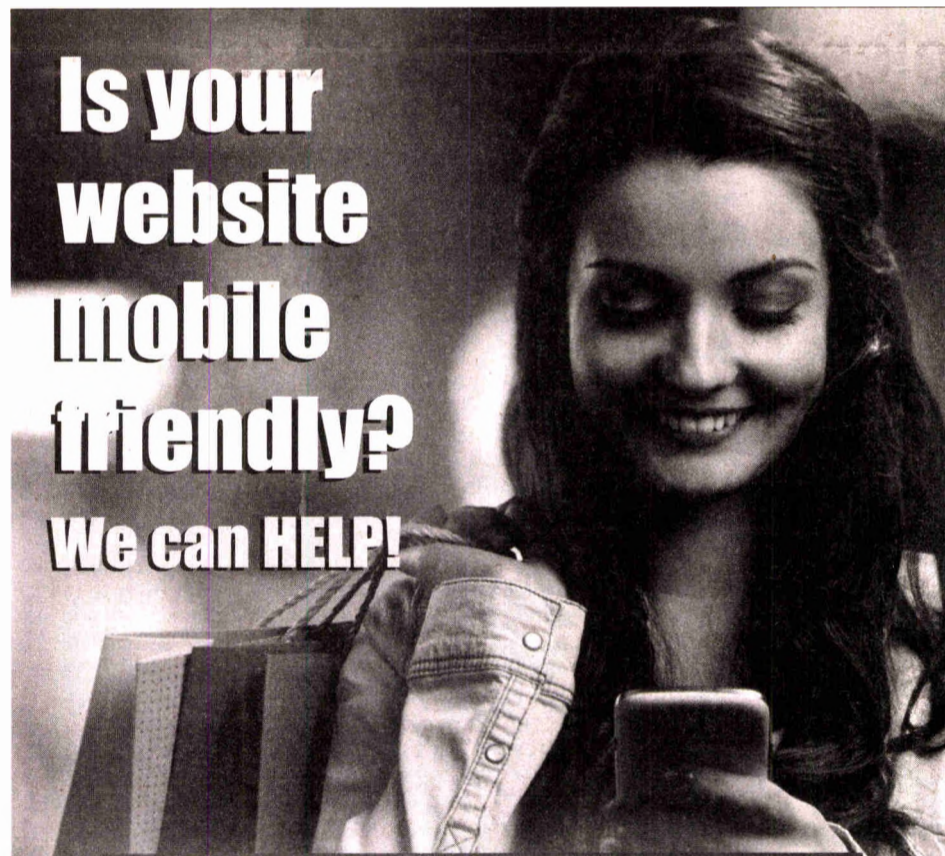
Two players from Salem's boys lacrosse team are moving on to the next level. Announcing their commitments were Joey Krause (Aquinas College) and Adam Cousineau (Alma College).

Rounding out the college-bound sextet was

Megan Finkbeiner, also going to Alma to join the women's lacrosse program.

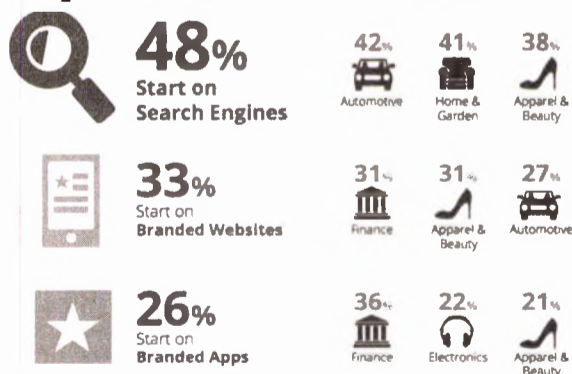
Salem athletic director Brian Samulski, via the high school website, offered thanks to "all of the family members, coaches and teammates that came out to support them. Good luck to all of these student-athletes in their collegiate careers."

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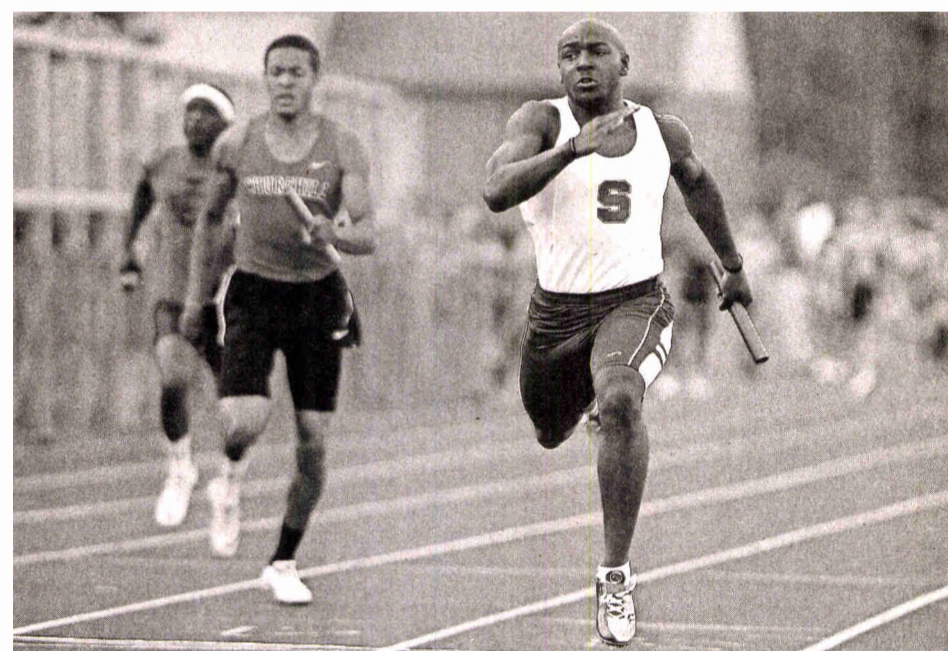
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Salem's Bishon Patrick (right) races against Kensington Conference opponents during a relay Friday night.

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(re-setting his school record with a 6-6 mark) and Michael Jordan (discus, 154-3).

### Rocks rally

In the girls tourney, Salem bypassed Livonia Churchill for second place in the final event.

"We were down four going in to the (1,600 relay) and we took second and that vaulted us over Churchill for second place, which for us is a great showing." Salem girls head coach Pat Ignagni said. "Northville has a tremendous team. We knew they were going to be tough to catch today.

"But we got some great performances out of our relay teams."

The Rocks' 400 relay also prevailed (51.20), with individual championships recorded by Kaya Knake (800, 2:16.58) and Shekinah Johnson (400, 58.11).

"It was a fun race to watch," Ignagni added. "I'm really proud of the girls, everybody chipped in and contributed and that's what we talked about."

Plymouth also had a number of strong showings, with a 1-2 finish in the high jump by Katherine Harris (5-1) and Bailey Brown (5-0).

"We knew Northville was going to run away with it," Plymouth head girls coach Ricky Styes said. "All of us coaches joked around that we

were all fighting for second place.

"We were hoping to be in the top half and (we) finished fourth, which we were super-excited about."

Styes said another Plymouth highlight was turned in by the 800 relay of Anna Lukens, Faith Washington, Jewel Davis and Ryen Draper — teaming to break the school and Park record with 1:43.37.

Victorious for Canton's girls squad was Emily Meier, winning both the shot put (42-2½) and discus (134-2).

**CANTON GIRLS PREVAIL:** Canton's varsity girls track and field team routed Westland John Glenn 83-40 in a KLAAs South Division dual meet, despite wet weather.

On May 2, the Chiefs finished fifth out of 11 teams with 52 points, spearheaded by strong efforts from junior thrower Emily Meier (second in shot put, third in discus) and sophomore Ryan Sparks (fourth in 300 hurdles).

# Mother's Day takes on new meaning for first-time mom



The moment my daughter was born, I became a member of an exclusive group of women who are mothers. Unless you are a mother yourself, you cannot understand the feeling of being part of this group. Moms help other moms out, and regardless of what a mom is going through, it's very reassuring to know there are other people going through the same thing.

Some people think I have it tough. I am a single mom who works full time. I don't think I have it easy, but I don't think I have it any worse than any other mom. I have a mom friend whose 3-year-old child has cancer. I'm thinking she might have it a little tougher than I do. I have another mom friend who has three kids under age 6 at home, is pregnant with her fourth, and is having a pregnancy so rough she can't pick up any of them. I know moms of twins, and a mom whose husband became an amputee after an accident. Some of my friends have to work from home while taking care of their kids, and some moms I know have to travel for work and have to be away from their kids for days at a time.

None of us has it easy, but none of us has it so hard that we can't handle it. Because you know what moms do? They PUSH THROUGH. They take the challenges, even the worst, awful challenges, and they just fight through them. No mom wants to go back to work after maternity leave, but we do it.



Sarah Marie Davis and her daughter, Grace.

And we stand in the stalls at work and cry and then push through, and every day gets a little easier. Because a mom, she won't back down. She is tough, and strong, and much more confident than she ever

imagined she would be.

#### Kids are priority

The moms I know aren't going to let anything stand in their way of raising a wonderful kid. Every one of them

would take the life obstacles that come their way and crush them. They would stand up to whatever challenges they encounter and do things they never imagined they would do in order to better the lives of

their children. This Mother's Day, I think of all those moms I know. I am almost certain they all agree with me when I say the moment our children came into the world, everything as we knew it changed. But nothing, not one terrible, awful situation or moment will ever make our children become anything less than what's most important in our lives. This is what motherhood is about — LOVE. About rearranging everything you had thought your life might be, and making your child come first. The golf clubs will collect dust, the bartender will forget your name, and you will be the happiest you ever imagined as you watch your child grow.

This Mother's Day is my first Mother's Day. It's like I've crossed the bridge like I did when I was a Girl Scout, graduating from Brownie to Junior, or in this case from daughter to mother. I feel so lucky to be a mom and so grateful for my little girl.

I wish the happiest of all Mother's Days to all the moms I know, especially my own, who has taught me so much about motherhood and continues to help me along the way. And an extra special wish to my incredible sister Meaghan, and my other "new mom" friends, who share this year as their first Mother's Days too. And to all the other moms, remember that we all are facing some sort of challenge. Keep being extra nice to all the other moms, and help out when you're needed. We are moms. Strong, brave and confident, but still in need of each other.

Sarah Davies of Livonia writes about the ups and downs of being a new mother. Contact her at sarahmariedavies@gmail.com.

## Ricki Lake relishes her roles as mom, filmmaker

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Ricki Lake says her performance as Tracy Turnblad in John Waters' 1988 film, *Hairspray*, changed the "entire trajectory" of her life, taking her from obscurity to film and television stardom.

Her resume includes 40 acting credits, appearances on numerous television shows, including *Dancing with the Stars*, two talk shows — one netted an Emmy Award for Outstanding Talk Show Host — and three documentary films.

But her most prized role has been as a mom to her sons, ages 17 and 13.

"Two boys," Lake said, when asked about her greatest achievement last week at a fundraiser for Congregation Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood. "They are turning out to be remarkable people."

Lake, 46, was the keynote speaker at the Lois Linden Nelson Woman's World, an annual benefit luncheon and boutique at the Southfield synagogue. Robin Beth Lash of Farmington Hills, Sisterhood president, said proceeds will help pay for the organization's projects.

"You enjoyed the sound system today? We helped fund that sound system," she said. "Every Saturday after services we have a lunch program. We do things like Leader Dogs for the Blind, Heart to Heart in Detroit. We do educational things. The list is varied."

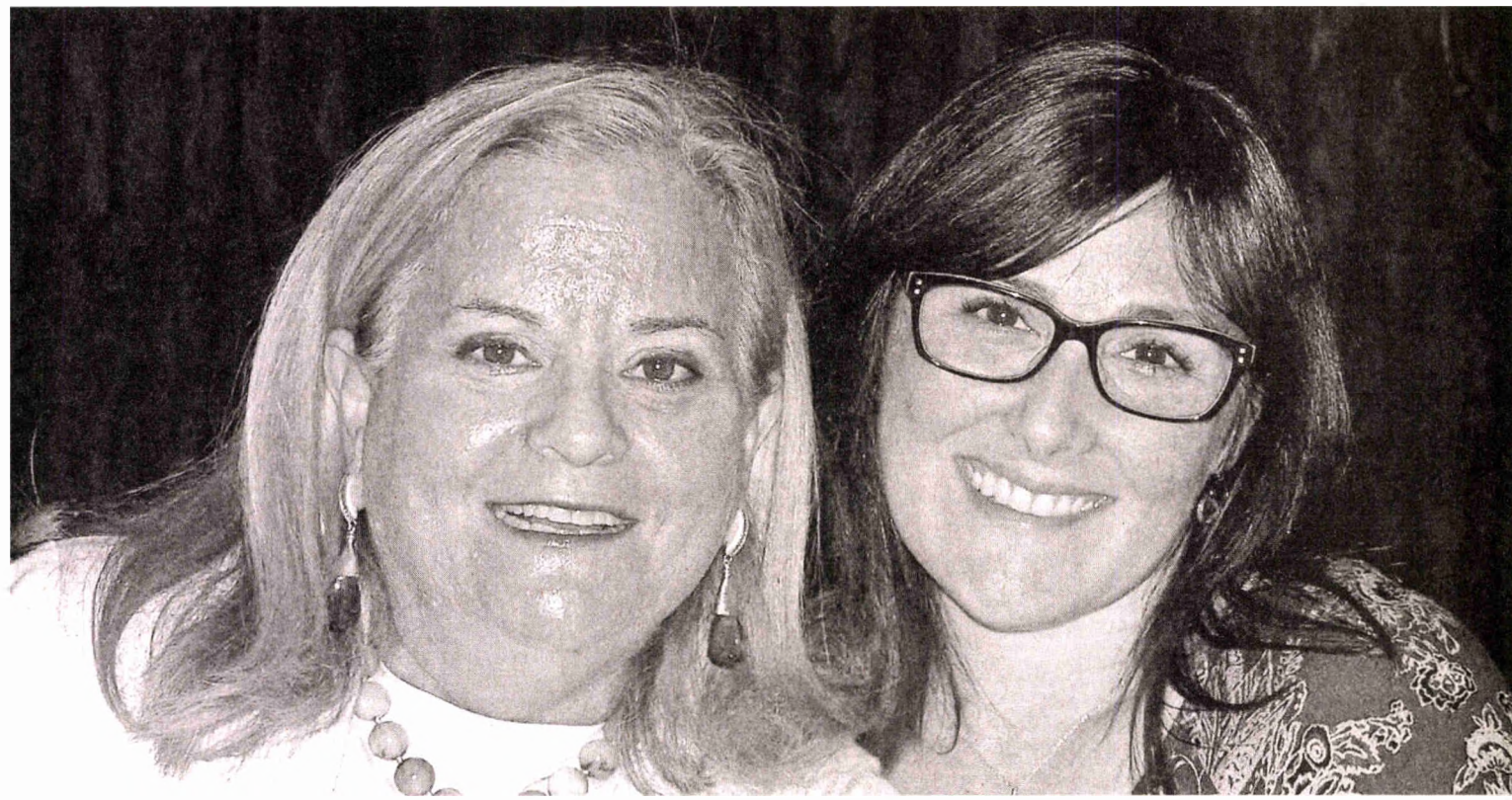
The organization supports Yad Ezra, a kosher food pantry, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, and scholarships for Jewish camps, among other charities.

"We try to be a diverse helping organization."

#### Jewish identity

Lash said the Sisterhood generally picks a Jewish speaker for its annual Woman's World benefit and has welcomed author Jean Chatzky, sex expert Ruth Westheimer and matchmaker Patti Stanger, to the event in the past.

Although Lake told the Woman's World audience she wasn't raised "particularly religious," she identifies with being Jewish and credits her



Julie Nelson-Klein, left, moderated a Q&A with Ricki Lake, actress and documentary film producer, during Lois Linden Nelson Woman's World, a benefit for the Sisterhood at Shaarey Zedek in Southfield.

grandmother for maintaining tradition and ritual in her family.

"I am who I am today a lot because of how she raised me," Lake said. "I feel like she is here today watching over me."

Lake took questions from moderator, Julie Nelson-Klein, about her movie career, talk show and family. She was a freshman in the musical theater program at Ithaca College when she heard about the *Hairspray* audition.

"I had never heard of John Waters. I didn't know who Devine was," she said, referring to her co-star in the film. "I hated college and I hated the musical theater department, so I drove five hours down to meet this John Waters."

"I remember him looking over the table to see if I really was big. I was 200 pounds at the time. I was like, yeah, this is all me."

She nabbed the role and spent eight days shooting in Baltimore, Md. Making her first movie was "like summer camp." When she wasn't on camera, she learned and re-

hearsed the mashed potato and other dances, which made her shed pounds. She ate Dove bars to maintain her weight for the role.

"It was a lot of fun but it was Devine's last film. He died eight days after *Hairspray* opened," Lake said. "So here I was, this 18-year-old. I was becoming a star, all my dreams are coming true and my co-star dies in his sleep. He was 42 years of age."

Lake credits Devine for teaching her how to walk in high heels, which she wore on her talk show for 11 seasons, starting in 1993, and Waters for advising her to "be humble, be authentic, and don't believe all the things people say about you."

"I'm so grateful and everything I've gotten in my career since, I've got John Waters to thank for it."

#### Director's muse

Waters directed Lake in five films, including *Cry-Baby* with Johnny Depp and *Serial Mom* with Kathleen Turner. Lake said Turner wanted a younger

actress to play the role of her teen daughter. Lake was 24 at the time.

"I was John's muse. The role was written for me. And John said if anyone is going to be replaced, it's not going to be Ricki."

Lake said she enjoyed her long-running talk show because it focused on "real people talking about real issues." She had completed a documentary, *The Business of Being Born*, just a few years before launching her second talk show in 2012, hoping it would be a platform for discussing thought-provoking issues.

"The company I was doing business with didn't really want to do that. The show lasted one season. It was really disappointing," she said.

She returned to documentary filmmaking and completed *Breast Milk* in 2013. *Sweetening the Pill*, which looks at the long-term effects of hormonal birth control, is set for release this year.

Lake described herself as the "most unHollywood Hollywood person you'll ever meet."

She left New York for California with her sons after watching the second airplane slam into the World Trade Center from her Manhattan apartment during 9/11.

"That was a real turning point for me. I had an epiphany. I thought, if I live through this day, I'm leaving New York, leaving my job and leaving my husband. It was clear as day."

Lake said she has raised her children with a "sense of normalcy," sometimes forgetting that she is famous. She is among a handful of women who will receive a "Mother of the Year" award Monday from Helping Hand of Los Angeles, a support group at Cedars-Sinai Hospital.

"I think the harder thing is dealing with a broken family. I'm a divorcee. I've been a single mom for a number of years. So that's a lot more challenging than living in Hollywood and dealing with privilege," she said.

"My children are grounded and have a sense of the big picture."

# 'Chicken Soup for the Soul' co-author speaks to Kadima



**Julie Yolles**  
SOCIAL SCENE

**K**adima is a Southfield-based non-profit organization that has provided support services to adults and children with mental illness for the past 30 years. Their tag line is "healthy body, healthy mind." In that spirit, Kadima hosted a luncheon at the Townsend Hotel recently to help women find balance in their lives.

"You never know somebody's story," said Barbi Bell, a senior teacher at Yoga Shelter, which has eight locations in metro Detroit. "Yoga creates a sense of balance in my life."

Bell introduced University of Michigan graduate Marci Shimoff, who is the New York Times #1 best-selling author and co-author of *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series.

"Are you a victim or a victor?" Shimoff asked the sold-out crowd. "The victim mentality is to blame, shame and complain and not take re-



Robin Tobin-Murav of Farmington Hills, event chair, with keynote speaker Marci Shimoff, who spoke about balance and finding the power of inner strength at a Kadima benefit.

sponsibility for your own happiness."

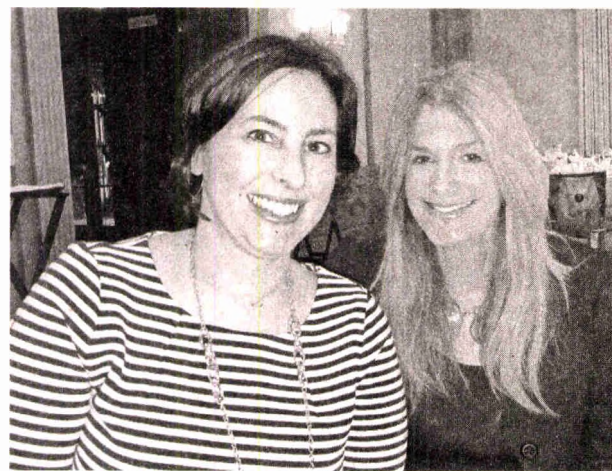
Instead, Shimoff recommends "living your life with all your heart and all your soul."

"Have a kind mind. Give love, service and appreciation" and, she added, "live your passion and dreams."

### A really big night out

While cancer is certainly no laughing matter, the late comedian Gilda Radner tried to find the funny in life while living with the disease. So, Gilda's Club Metro Detroit Chapter is holding its annual funny

fundraiser with stand-up comic Johnny Beehner as the headliner of the evening, 6 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit. Patrons will enjoy a strolling dinner with some of the area's top restaurants, silent auction and the performance. Tickets are \$75-



Franklin resident and event sponsor Kari Alterman and Farmington Hills resident Patty Haron enjoy the luncheon to support Kadima's mental health programs and services for adults and children.

\$500 and can be reserved by calling 248-577-0800 or email [mccrosslin@gildasclubdetroit.org](mailto:mccrosslin@gildasclubdetroit.org)

### Dueling Davidsons

It will be a busy weekend for Ethan and Gretchen Davidson. The artistic couple are the Entertainment Sponsors for the College for Creative Studies (CCS) Student Exhibition Opening Collectors' Preview on Friday, May 15, from 5:30-10 p.m. Besides getting the opportunity to

purchase graduating students' artwork, guests are likely to hear a set or two from the Davidsons during the strolling party and exhibition at the A. Alfred Taubman Center for Design Education in Detroit. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [www.collegeforcreative-studies.edu/seo](http://www.collegeforcreative-studies.edu/seo) or calling 313-664-7464.

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## Michigan Philharmonic concert set for broadcast Sunday

Missed the Michigan Philharmonic concert with Marcia Van Oyen, on March 1? You can listen to a broadcast of the performance, noon Sunday, May 10, on WRCJ 90.9 FM.

Van Oyen, minister of music, worship and fine arts at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, where the concert was recorded, performed

Camille Saint-Saens' Symphony #3, the Organ Symphony, with the Michigan Philharmonic, directed by Nan Washburn.

Chris Felcyn hosts the broadcast.

The Michigan Philharmonic plays music from video games, sci-fi and adventure films, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at Steppingstone School,

30250 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills.

The concert will include music from *Jurassic Park*, *Lord of the Rings*, *Star Trek* and more.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

MAY ASCENSION SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14  
**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford  
**Details:** The service will be followed by a free ice cream social at 8 p.m.  
**Contact:** 734-968-3523, 313-532-8655

BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 17  
**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** Pancakes, French toast, ham, applesauce, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, milk, juice; \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10  
**Contact:** 734-425-4421

CARD PARTY

**Time/Date:** 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, May 15  
**Location:** 55 Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland  
**Details:** Play cards and games of your choice. Includes door and table prizes, along with 50/50 drawing, light meal and snacks. Admission is \$8  
**Contact:** 734-722-1343

CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, May 15  
**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Mitch McVicker Concert will support Kids Against Hunger. Free will offering. A food packaging event will be held 9:30 p.m. May 16 for Kids Against Hunger  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333; connectingwithgod.org

DEMENTIA SERIES

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 27  
**Location:** St. Colette Parish, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** "Aging in Place Successfully" looks at the cognitive symptoms of dementia-related diseases, treatment options and staying in one's home. The program is part of an ongoing series, featuring a team of dementia care specialists and ministry facilitators. Each session is held at a different church in the Northwest Wayne Vicariate  
**Contact:** Nancy at 734-464-4436

FILM SERIES

**Time/Date:** 11:45 a.m. May 20  
**Location:** Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield  
**Details:** The film, *China Blue*, takes a look inside a blue jean factory in China, where teenage employees work around the clock.  
**Contact:** 248-354-4488; northwestuu.org

LIVING ROSARY

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** In this candlelit service, a person or small group represents a bead of the rosary and leads the prayer that bead represents  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455

POMEGRANATE GUILD

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday, May 17  
**Location:** Prentis Apartment Community Room, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield in Oak Park  
**Details:** Nadine Eder will lead a workshop in making a quilted

challah cover  
**Contact:** Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337  
**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 15, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16  
**Location:** Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, one block south of Warren, east of Greenfield, Dearborn  
**Details:** Clothes, shoes, linens, toys, household items. \$2 bag sale on Saturday  
**Contact:** 734-855-4477

RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 16  
**Location:** School gym at St. Valentine, 25875 Hope, west of Beech -Daly, south of Five Mile, Redford  
**Details:** Drop off items from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 15. Bag sale runs 1-2 p.m. on Saturday  
**Contact:** Cecilia Gallagher, 313-531-3220

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 4:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel, 11311 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Tour the school, meet with staff, other parents and students. St. Michael's serves students from young 4's through eighth grade. It offers full-day kindergarten, latch-key programming, and an extended curriculum which includes computer science, art, music, and Spanish  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 226; livoniastmichael.org

WIDOWED

**Time/Date:** 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17  
**Location:** St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth Township  
**Details:** Mass, fellowship, light lunch. Helpers needed to assist with the Mass and lunch.  
**Contact:** Pat at 734-895-6246 or Liz at 734-452-9149

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

**Men's Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.  
**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Details:** Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows  
**Contact:** Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday  
**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304  
**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.  
**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

**FAMILY MEAL**  
**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Free meal  
**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

**Time/Date:** Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month  
**Location:** The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.  
**Contact:** Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners  
**Contact:** Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.  
**Contact:** Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.  
**Contact:** 313-563-0162

PRAYER

**St. Edith Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows  
**Contact:** Parish office at 734-464-1223

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**Time/Date:** 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.  
**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5  
**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group.  
**Contact:** 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

**Congregation Beth Ahm**  
**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat  
**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.  
**Contact:** 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net

SUPPORT

**Apostolic Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily  
**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia  
**Details:** Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.  
**Contact:** 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday  
**Location:** 3855 Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free  
**Contact:** Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202  
**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems  
**Contact:** 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August  
**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group  
**Contact:** 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations  
**Contact:** www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday  
**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a

drop-in center  
**Contact:** 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidehog.org; or email to adm@firesidehog.org  
**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday  
**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available  
**Contact:** 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

**Time/Date:** Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton  
**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly  
**Contact:** Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia  
**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous  
**Contact:** 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/ desserts)  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township  
**Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.  
**Contact:** Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

**St. James Presbyterian**  
**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
**Contact:** 313-534-7730 for

additional information  
**Way of Life Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May  
**Location:** 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth  
**Details:** Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.  
**Contact:** 734-637-7618

TOUR

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month  
**Location:** The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit  
**Details:** Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.  
**Contact:** 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

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**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays  
**Location:** 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** 248-851-5100

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**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday service  
**Location:** 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** pastor Terry Miller at tshelton@mi.rr.com; 248-478-6520

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia  
**Contact:** 734-522-6830

BIRTH



Asher Reed Travers

**ASHER REED TRAVERS**  
 Asher Reed Travers was born April 27, 2015. He weighed 8 pounds and measured 21 inches.

He joins his parents, Aaron and Rachel Travers, and brothers, Alex and Aaron, at home in Farmington.

ENGAGEMENT

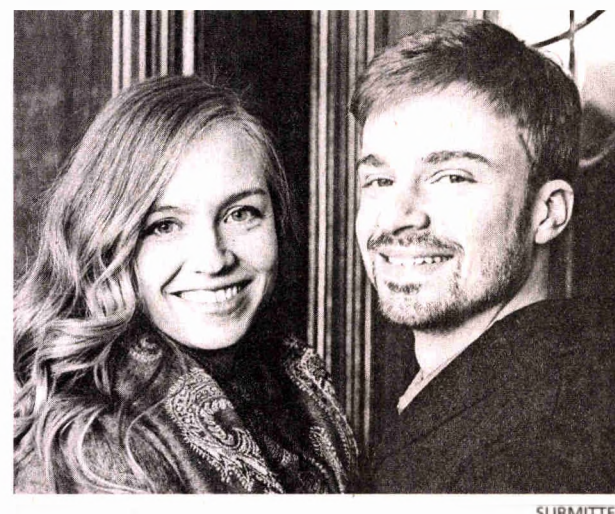


Elisabeth Mueller and Brian Reed

MUELLER-REED

Elisabeth H. Mueller and Brian G. Reed announce their engagement.  
 The bride-to-be, daughter of John and Claire Mueller of Westland, graduated in 2001 from Ladywood High School and earned a bachelor's degree in material science engineering at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She received a master's degree in education from the College of Notre Dame in Maryland. She works as a campus minis-

ter at Calvert Hall College High School in Baltimore, Md.  
 Her fiancé, son of Charles and Barbara Reed of Rockford, graduated in 2001 from Rockford High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan Ann Arbor and is employed by Connections Education in Columbia, Md., as a computer programmer.  
 An August 2015 wedding is planned at St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church in Baltimore, Md.



Margaret L. Mueller and Keven W. McKinney

MUELLER-MCKINNEY

Margaret L. Mueller of Westland and Keven W. McKinney of Ann Arbor announce their engagement.  
 The bride-to-be, daughter of John and Claire Mueller of Westland, graduated in 2007 from Ladywood High School.  
 She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in biomedical engineering from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Margaret is employed by Torrent Consulting in Ann Arbor as a solutions analyst.

Her fiancé, son of Dennis and Cheryl McKinney of Mentor, Ohio, graduated from Mentor High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in music/saxophone performance from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in jazz performance from the University of Nevada, Reno. Kevin performs and teaches music locally and is proficient in saxophone, piano, clarinet and guitar.  
 A June 2015 wedding is planned at St. Mary Student Parish in Ann Arbor.

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ABLESON, ELAINE JOY

Died on April 30, 2015 at the age of 89. Her love, warmth, and compassion for others reflected back on her by family and care-givers at the end. Elaine is survived by her husband of 69 years, Hugh; children Hugh, Joy, and Sharon; grandchildren Orpheo, Bea, Ian, Zora, Meggen, Jazcinda, and Toshi; great-grandchildren Kylee Joy, Zivah Sophia, Dresden, Hugh Patrick, and Natalia Joy. She is predeceased by her brother, Ron, and parents Freda and Frank Werda. Elaine was born on February 6, 1926 in Alpena, Michigan. She became a grade school teacher and with husband Hugh, raised three children in Plymouth, Michigan. The couple moved to Mexico City for 5 years then retired up-north to Boyne City. Elaine's descendants are all gifted by her legacy: she believed in loving family; raising kids to be independent and responsible; having a strong, clear sense of right and wrong; and accepting others as they are. A memorial service will be held on May 13 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Boyne City (1303 Boyne Ave/M75.) Please join us for a 10:00 a.m. visitation and a Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon in the church hall. You may go to stonfuneralhomeinc.com for more information and a more detailed description of her life.

JOHNSON, DONNA

Age 96, May 8, 2015, of Redford. Beloved wife of the late James B. Johnson. Beloved mother of Connie (Rick) Brown, Jan (Jerry) Ingram, Lori D'Cruz, and Debi (Mark) Cutshall. Loving grandmother of Stephanie Christesen; Brian Franks; Laycee, Cody, Callie and Levi Ingram; Olivia Borja; Erin Jarvis; and Andrew Cutshall. Dear great grandmother of McKenna, Dylan, Ashley, Kayla, Matthew and Jenalyn. She was preceded in death by her mother, Maude Lee. Visitation Tuesday from 1pm until 8pm, with a funeral service at 7pm, at the R.G. & GR Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Her family suggests donations to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society. Please share a memory of Donna at www.rggharris.com.

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## New midwife offers birthing option at St. Mary Mercy

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

When Susan Greenlee was pregnant with her first child, she met a midwife who dared her to join the profession.

Greenlee had been studying public health at the time, with no plans to become a midwife. But the experience of giving birth to her son with the midwife's help, changed both her career and her outlook on birthing.

The Northville resident finished her public health degree at the University of Michigan, earned a nursing degree, and finished the master's degree midwifery program at U-M's School of Nursing in 2002. After 13 years practicing midwifery at health centers and hospitals in Southfield, Ypsilanti and Detroit, Greenlee is developing a midwife program at St. Mary Mercy Livonia. She's the only midwife currently in the program, but plans to hire another certified nurse midwife this year.

"I love midwifery. I'm always pushing midwifery because I believe in the midwife



Susan Greenlee of Northville is developing a midwife program at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. She's a certified nurse midwife.

model," said Greenlee, who pitched the idea to St. Mary Mercy. "I have this map. You see you have this big area that doesn't have the option of midwifery care within a half-hour drive. I saw St. Mary as being in a good location."

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Ann Arbor, U-M Health System, Beaumont Hospital, and Oakwood Hospital are some of the Detroit-area hospitals that offer certified nurse mid-

wives.

"I became a midwife because as a mom, I recognized the tremendous power of that moment when you're becoming a parent for the first time." The experience can empower the mother and make her feel strong enough to advocate and provide for her children, Greenlee said.

"Being a mom is the hardest job on earth."

In addition to assisting at births, Greenlee also sees patients, age 12 to adult for women's health exams and treatment. It makes up about 30 percent of her practice. Prenatal, delivery and postdelivery care make up the other 60 percent.

### Team member

Greenlee gave birth to her first and second sons with midwife assistance in the hospital. Because she had a lung infection during her third delivery, she gave birth with a physician in attendance.

"When you are healthy and strong, you should be with a midwife. When you're sick and weak, it's better to be with a

physician," she said. "The midwifery candidate is low risk generally. But we work as a member of the team with physicians, which is the beauty of it. Lots of people think midwives and doctors are at odds, but we're not. Patients benefit when we work together."

The American College of Nurse-Midwives and American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists issued a joint statement in 2011 to promote collaboration between doctors and midwives.

Greenlee said an obstetrics research group in England also issued a report in 2009 saying midwife-led teams had fewer C-sections and other interventions.

"If we're serious about improving outcomes and reducing costs, why not look at midwifery?"

### Patient care

Touch and the time spent with a patient during delivery sets midwives apart from most physicians, according to Greenlee. She also offers care options.

"For example, if a woman

doesn't want to have her water broken, I can say, here are the pros and cons and you decide. I generally don't make the decision," Greenlee said. "This is her baby, her birth and I'm there to be a servant to serve her."

When attending to a woman in labor, Greenlee is likely to sit with her, sometimes holding her hand, touching her hip, chatting or just sitting quietly.

"It's a high touch, low intervention approach. I spend more time with patients."

A common misconception about certified nurse midwife-assisted births is that they occur in the home. Greenlee said about 96 percent of certified nurse-midwife-assisted births happen in the hospital.

She stressed that certified nurse midwives are trained registered nurses who have completed graduate studies in midwifery, passed a state board exam and are licensed by the state.

For more about the program, visit [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org).

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### Aging parents

When Aging Parents Need Your Help, a panel discussion, will run 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, in the South Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Attendees will get a chance to ask questions and get advice from Audra Frye, community placement specialist, Alisa Kwang, attorney, Paula Swain, financial consultant, Jessica Weathers of the Senior Wellness Center at St. Mary Mercy, and Bruce Webb, senior real estate specialist. Free, but registration is required at 734-738-6300.

### Blood drive

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold a blood drive 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, May 18, in the North Auditorium at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Walk-ins also are accepted.

### Breastfeeding class

Botsford Hospital's Breastfeeding Clinic offers a three-hour course to help expectant parents get breastfeeding off to a good start, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, at the hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Cost is \$35. Register by calling 248-888-2500 or visit [botsford.org](http://botsford.org).

### Celiac support

The Tri-County Celiac Support Group sponsors a 5K Walk/Run Sunday, May 17, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe. Registration at 8 a.m. Runners start at 9 a.m. and walkers at 9:30 a.m. Gluten free food samples, raffle prizes, trophies for top runners and more. Proceeds go to the Center for Celiac Research. For more information, contact April Kretchman at [kretchmanaj@gmail.com](mailto:kretchmanaj@gmail.com) or call 586-202-5586.

### Hearing loss

The Hearing Loss Association of America will present information on the care and

cleaning of ears and hearing aids, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at Garden City Hospital, 5245 Inkster, Garden City. For more information, call Tony at 734-664-3297; [afearack@comcast.net](mailto:afearack@comcast.net).

The Hearing Loss Association of America sponsors the Southeast Michigan Walk4Hearing, Saturday, May 16, at Kensington Metropark in Milford. Registration will start at 9 a.m., followed by the 5K walk at 10 a.m. The event is for all ages. For more information, visit [walk4hearing.org](http://walk4hearing.org). Email Barb at [bquart@hearinglossmi.org](mailto:bquart@hearinglossmi.org) or Tony at [afearack@comcast.net](mailto:afearack@comcast.net). Or call Audrey at 313-562-5937.

### Heart symposium

Hadassah Greater Detroit presents Heart Throbbing Woman's Heart Health Symposium, 10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Thursday, May 28, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Attendees will learn about the warning signs of heart disease for women, new CPR techniques, defibrillator use and mindful thinking. Keynote speakers will be Pam Marcovitz, M.D., director of the Ministrelli Women's Heart Center at Beaumont, and Shalini Modi, M.D., service chief of cardiology at Henry Ford West Bloomfield. Cost is \$45. Register at [Hadassah.org/events/whh](http://Hadassah.org/events/whh). 248-683-5030

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## When colleagues become friends

### BEFORE YOU GET TOO FRIENDLY, CONSIDER OUR TIPS BELOW ON NAVIGATING THE INITIAL EVOLUTION OF A RELATIONSHIP FROM "COLLEAGUE" TO "FRIEND:"

For many seasons, on the hit ABC drama "Grey's Anatomy," Drs. Meredith Grey and Cristina Yang referred to each other as their "person." Meaning that each one could go to the other, about anything, and have a completely understanding ear.

Maybe you can relate. Does your significant other refer to one of your co-workers as your "work husband" or "work wife?" Do you have that one person at work that you can talk to about anything and everything?

So, how did Meredith and Cristina become each other's go-to-gal? After all, their relationship didn't start out that way. They started out as interns, rookie colleagues, in an extremely competitive teaching program at the fictional Seattle Grace Hospital. And, how do you find a work friend of your own?

If you are new to a position or company, or working with a new group of people, you may want to keep your relationships with colleagues on a superficial level for a bit. Not because you are trying to avoid making friends at work, but more because you are treading lightly to separate those that just want to obtain information from you, from the people that would actually like to connect with you on a friendly level.

Before you get too friendly, consider our tips below on navigating the initial evolution of a relationship from "colleague" to "friend:"

**Proceed with caution:** Unfortunately, not everyone wants to be friends with their co-workers, especially in super-competitive work environments. There are people who will use even the slightest tidbit of information to get ahead, so before you begin to share important or personal details with someone, make sure you trust them implicitly.

**Avoid social media relationships:** Similarly, social media is not an aspect of your life that you should share with everyone. While in the beginning stages of any work

relationship or collaboration, you may not want to give a persona access to your Facebook or Twitter pages. You can connect with colleagues on LinkedIn, however, since the site was built for professional affiliations. But I would hold off on giving colleagues access to any site that may house personal or social information.

**Keep happy hour happy:** After-work socializing builds relationships, especially if you are a member of a team or group that spends a lot of company time together. It's OK to socialize, have a couple of drinks and relax. But, you should definitely know your limit. You want your department or team to talk about how much you are killing it at work, not about how drunk you were at the bar the night before.

**Forging friendships:** Once you've become comfortable at the office and you're looking to forge relationships that go deeper than status meetings and CCed emails, we can help.

Once you've established a friendly relationship with a co-worker, and have decided they are someone that you would like to welcome fully into your life, go for it. Friend them on Facebook, follow them on Twitter, and have conversations about your lives.

Some of my closest friends invite their close work friends to their parties and events, and a few have even been in their weddings. The trick? Making sure that you are both on the same page, have the same expectations, and are not being used to gain the upper hand or any kind of advantage.

Now, that being said, there is also a flip side: what happens if a close friendship with a colleague disintegrates, and you still have to face them at work every day? Try to be the bigger person, and take the high road. The falling out of a friendship – especially one in a work environment – can be painful and awkward. There is no easy way to navigate it. Just remember to always do your job.

If, after the souring of a personal, friendly relationship, you are able to complete your tasks, fulfill your duties and continuously interact with a colleague that you no longer consider a friend, the fortitude of your character will shine.

It took Meredith and Cristina five seasons to become comfortable enough to call each other their "person." It's not going to happen overnight. You'll need to work for it, and on it, throughout the relationship, as you would with any other friend.

So, my advice to is to be cautious and selective about those you choose to become friends with at work, but at the same time, try not to cut yourself off from the valuable relationships you might form with your co-workers.

You'll be glad you did.

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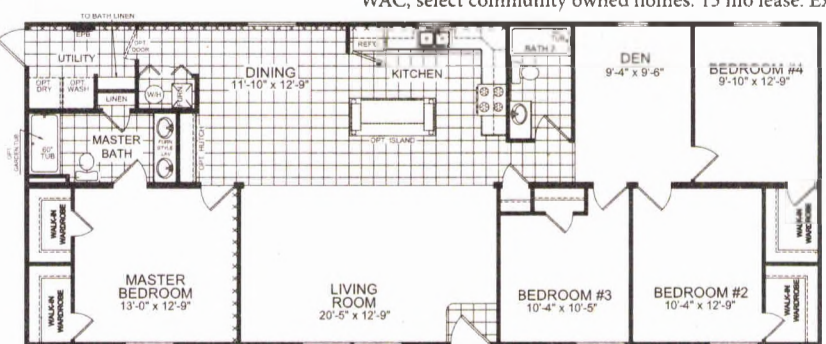


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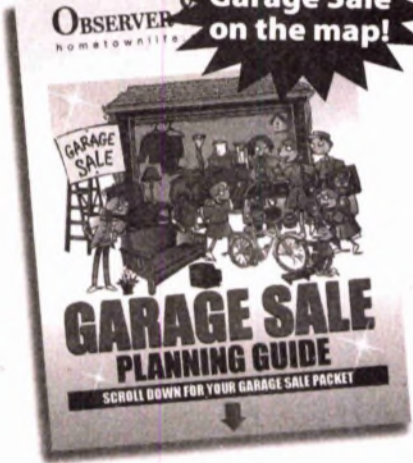
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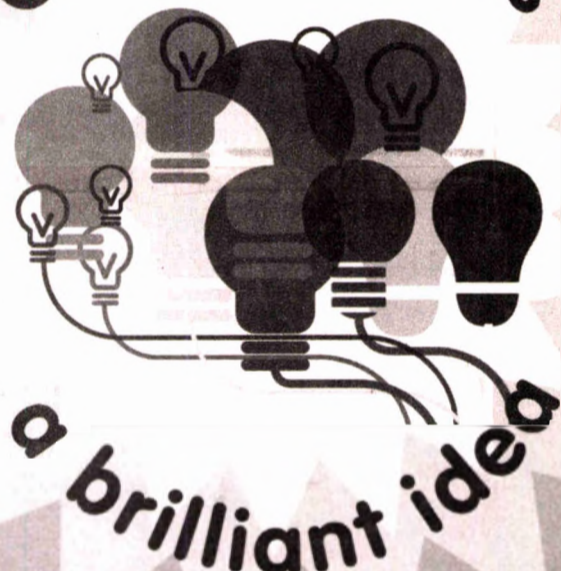
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- Dentist's photo (hyph.)
- Ruth and Zaharias

### DOWN

- Where the lion roars
- Nope (hyph.)
- Nerve network
- Tips over
- Geometric pattern
- Luxury transport, for short
- Split to join
- "— Rides Again" (1939 oater)
- Active sort
- Egret cousin
- rummy
- Latin trio
- French waters
- Derrick arm
- Oklahoma town
- San Francisco hill
- Carpet pile
- Dernier —
- Mav's foe
- Skipper's OK
- Pince-nez part
- Really likes (2 wds.)
- Dipped in gravy
- Freud topic
- Curtain material
- Power systems
- Sheepfold
- Gets in debt
- Designate
- Proofread
- 1920s look
- Very, in Veracruz
- Bounding main

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SENTINEL	MGMT	
HYDRA	ASHE	
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VEND	ATOM	OVA
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LASER	RYE	
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## SUDOKU

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### WORDS

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- ADARE
- ARMAGH
- BELFAST
- BLARNEY
- BOYNE VALLEY
- BUNDRAN
- CLARE
- CLIFDEN
- CONNEMARA
- CORK
- DERRY
- DINGLE
- DONEGAL
- DUBLIN
- DONPATRICK
- DUBLIN
- GALWAY
- IRELAND
- KENMARE
- KERRY
- KILDARE
- KILKENNY
- KILLARNEY
- KINSALE
- LIMERICK
- LISTOWEL
- ROUNDSTONE
- SAINT ANDREWS
- SHANNON
- SLIGO
- TIPPERARY
- WATERFORD
- WESTMEATH
- WESTPORT
- WICKLOW

### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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# PROGRAM HONORS TOP SCHOLARS

The 2015 Academic All-Star Team represents the most accomplished students from public, private and parochial schools in Oakland and western Wayne counties.

This year's team has 30 students to mark the 30th year of the All-Star program. Seventeen team members posted 4.0 grade-point averages in high school and perfect ACT and/or SAT scores.

Another 46 students are honorable mention and their scores are separated in most cases by a mere fraction of a point. All of the students profiled here are examples of academic excellence. This year's team represents the top 1 percent of students who take the ACT and SAT tests.

The students nominated represent the top high school scholars in southeast Michigan, according to the judging panel.

This year's section is made possible by the *Observer & Eccentric* in cooperation with our major partner—Madonna University. Based in Livonia, Madonna is committed to teaching, scholarship and service.

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Judging the team were Carolyn Witte, principal of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills; Dan Willenborg, principal of Livonia Franklin High School; and Charlie Hollerith, principal of Bloomfield Hills High School.

All three have been part of the program for more than a decade. The principals met in March to review the applications. The All-Star team is selected solely on academic achievement in academic subjects and SAT or ACT test scores.

## THE JUDGES



Witte



Willenborg



Hollerith

"The *Observer & Eccentric* is pleased to have the cooperation of the education community, the time that our judges take to review applications and the time spent by principals and counselors who nominated students," said Susan Rosiek, publisher of the *O&E*.

For the fourth consecutive year, one all-star will receive a \$500 scholarship awarded by Parkside Credit Union for an essay on financial responsibility.

The scholarship winner will be announced Friday, May 15, at the awards breakfast at Madonna University.

The 2015 All-Star Team (in order of ranking)  
The 17 students tied for the No. 1 ranking (in

alphabetical order) are: **Jacqueline Bredenberg** of Detroit County Day, **Andrew Demko** of Bloomfield Hills High School, **Kristen Gallett** of Farmington High School, **Andrew Gobis** of Detroit Catholic Central, **Charlie Hou** of Plymouth High School, **Iris Huang** of Cranbrook Kingswood, **Vineet Jammalamadaka** of Novi High School, **Anselm Jia** of the International Academy, **Grace Milton** of Marian High School, **Mansoor Mubeen** of the International Academy, **Rachel Ockner** of Bloomfield Hills High School, **Shantam Ravan** of Churchill High School, **Arthur Shi** of Novi High School, **Kathryn Wallace** of Seaholm High School, **Shunhe Wang** of Northville High School, **Victoria Whydell** of Farmington High School and **Kevin Xu** of Churchill High School.

Second through fourth are **Michael Shi** of Wylie E. Groves High School, **Rohan Angle** of North Farmington High School and **Naveen Jasti** of Detroit County Day, respectively.

Tied for fifth (in alphabetical order) are: **Sean Carey** of Canton High School, **Benjamin George** of Detroit Catholic Central, **Maxwell Hermelin** of Cranbrook Kingswood, **Perry Jiang** of Northville High School, **Aniruddha Kappagantu** of Plymouth High School, **Aviral Pandey** of North Farmington High School, **Caleb Richter** of Lutheran High School Westland, **Christopher Szymczak** of Southfield Christian School and **Natalie Utley** of Seaholm High School.

Rounding out this outstanding team is **Safia Sayed** of Wylie E. Groves High School.

Read more about the team and other outstanding nominees, their college choices and career dreams and the teachers who influenced them below and throughout today's section.

## JACQUELINE BREDEBERG

Detroit County Day School



Jacqueline Bredenberg of Royal Oak will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology next fall. She plans to major in math and computer science. Later, she aims to obtain a doctorate in computer science and work as a theoretical computer scientist.

Her academic honors include first place in the Michigan Math Prize Competition 2013 and 2014. Bredenberg is one of only two females to take first place in the competition's prestigious 58-year history—and the only female student to ever repeat the accomplishment.

Her other academic honors include qualifying for the USA Math Olympiad 2012, 2013 and 2014 (one of 500 qualifiers in the U.S.), earning a team gold medal at the 2014 International Linguistics Olympiad in Beijing, China, becoming a gold medalist in the Math Prize for Girls Olympiad 2013, winning a gold medal in the 2014 National Spanish Exam, receiving the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award in 2014 and becoming a Rensselaer Medalist, National Merit Semifinalist, Presidential Scholar nominee and Cum Laude Society member.

Her extracurricular activities include math club, computer club, word games club, track and field and cross country. As an athlete, Bredenberg received all-state honors in cross country 2011, 2013 and 2014 and in track (1,600 meters and 3,200 meters) in 2014. She also volunteers at the Bat Zone at Cranbrook Science Institute.

Bredenberg appreciates the support of her parents, David Bredenberg and Katie DeMeulemeester, her track coaches and "every single teacher" she's ever had at Country Day. When asked which teacher influenced her most, Bredenberg cited Ross Arseneau, her AP calculus teacher.

"Mr. Arseneau doesn't just teach math, he loves it," Bredenberg wrote in her all-star application. "He has truly brought together the math community at DCDS and given us all these opportunities to grow and enjoy mathematics."

## ANDREW DEMKO

Bloomfield Hills High School



Andrew Demko of Bloomfield Township plans on attending the Honors College at the University of Michigan. He plans to study biology or neuroscience and hopes to attend medical school after doing his undergrad work. He wants to be a physician, but is not sure of what specialization.

"I want to fix problems, see things through and always be meeting new people," he said.

His academic honors include AP Scholar with Distinction, National Merit Semifinalist and a Presidential Scholar Award candidate.

His extracurricular activities include captain of the Model United Nations Team, Quiz Bowl, tutoring and volunteering for Gilda's Club.

He said his most influential teacher is Margie Vasile (anatomy).

"She's shown me the best way to work in groups, to succeed because of those around me and not in spite of them. Since freshman biology, she's helped me improve my focus as well. I tended to get a bit engrossed in games on my phone, but I always had to be actively listening in her classes. I never regretted the games I missed out on, however," Demko wrote in his all-star application.

He is the son of Anne and Jim Demko. He is a brother to Ian and Maggie.

## KRISTEN GALLETT

Farmington High School



Kristen Gallett of Farmington Hills will attend Purdue University's College of Engineering to major in mechanical engineering.

She wants to "become an engineer that works on projects that will change lives."

"I want to do something that matters and will improve the world," Gallett wrote in her all-star application.

Her academic honors include AP Scholar, National Merit Finalist, Purdue Honors College and Presidential Scholar candidate.

At Farmington, her extracurricular activities included co-captain of the Hackbots FIRST Robotics Team, National Honor Society, founding board member of TechGirls and president of Interact Impact, a Rotary-sponsored club which plans and completes community service projects each month. These service projects included sorting and handing out food at Open Door Food Ministries, trick or treating for UNICEF and ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

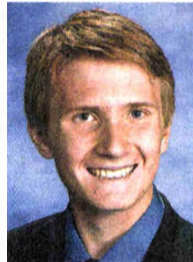
She said her most influential teacher is Heidi Skodack (engineering/architecture).

"Mrs. Skodack's classes have let me experience engineering before leaving high school," Gallett wrote. "She is the person who convinced me to join robotics. ... She always teaches that if you aren't making mistakes, you are not learning. Her supportive environment has helped me to become more confident."

She is the daughter of Scott and Barbara Gallett and sister to Kelsey.

## ANDREW GOBIS

Detroit Catholic Central



Andrew Gobis of South Lyon will attend the Honors Program at the University of Michigan to study cell and molecular biology and biomedical engineering.

His academic honors include National Merit Scholarship Winner, Scholastic All-Catholic gold medal, National Honor Society, U.S. Presidential Scholar nominee, AP Scholar with Distinction and highest student GPA at Catholic Central.

His extracurricular activities include varsity tennis (No. 2 doubles), academic team captain and volunteer math and science tutor at CC and Detroit Cristo Rey High School. He earned the Rover Scout rank last summer in the Lithuanian Scouts Association.

He named Steve Lemieux (honors and AP chemistry) and Jeff Baker (AP biology) as the teachers who influenced him most in high school.

"Mr. Lemieux was very passionate about science and created a fun classroom environment. Mr. Baker was very knowledgeable about biology and paid great attention to detail when running labs.

"Both teachers instilled a passion for science in me," Gobis wrote in his all-star application. "They inspired me to do a science fair project on microbial fuel cells for which I won first place at the Catholic Central science fair, second at the Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit and third at the Michigan Science and Engineering Fair."

He is the son of Linas and Lydia Gobis and brother to Kristina.

## CHARLIE HOU

Plymouth High School



Charlie Hou of Canton Township will attend Princeton University to major in computer science.

"My probable profession is software engineer," Hou wrote in his all-star application. "In the future, I would like to work at a top tech company like Google or start my own tech start-up."

His academic honors include National AP Scholar, National Merit Finalist, Presidential Scholar nominee, Michigan Economics Competition state qualifier and honorable mention in Chemistry Olympiad Regional Exam.

His extracurricular activities include captain of the varsity tennis team, captain of Science Olympiad, counseling at Association of Chinese Americans summer camp and member of the National Honor Society. Hou also was co-director and co-founder of TargetTesting, an organization that provides free ACT classes; his classes have taught more than 120 students.

Hou named Nicole Willett (AP English), Scott Milam (AP chemistry) and Richard Mui (AP U.S. history) as teachers who had the greatest influence on him.

Hou wrote because of Willett "I am able to express myself in writing and speech much better than I used to."

Milam "made me understand what it means to actually know a subject."

Mui "taught me that all ideas have to be challenged, even my own."

He is the son of Yu-ching Hou and Shu-ching Peng. He is brother to Kevin.

## IRIS HUANG

Cranbrook Kingswood



Iris Huang of Troy plans to study biology and anthropology in the fall, at the University of Chicago. She plans a career in medicine.

"I want to become a doctor in private practice," Huang wrote in her all-star application.

Her academic honors include National Merit Finalist, Cum Laude Society inductee, Catholic League All-Scholastic Honor Team recipient and U.S. Presidential Scholar nominee.

Huang was co-president of the Animal Welfare Club, a member of Gold Key, an SAT/ACT tutor and a violin and viola teacher.

She cited Richard Bowdy (Spanish), who "helped fuel my interest in the Spanish language," and Miranda Crowl (English) who "successfully encouraged me to speak more in class," as teachers who influenced her academic career.

She is the daughter of Liang Huang and Ming-hun Qiu of Troy.

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## ★ 2015 ACADEMIC ALL-STARS ★

VINEET  
JAMMALAMADAKA

Novi High School

Vineet Jammalamadaka plans to study medicine and health care management. He has applied to the University of Michigan, the University of Pennsylvania, Duke University and Columbia University.

"I am interested in combating health care costs by analyzing relevant legislative barriers and supply chain inefficiencies," Jammalamadaka wrote in his all-star application.

His academic honors include Presidential Scholar nominee, National Merit Finalist and summa cum laude.

His extracurricular activities include president of the Interact Club, secretary of Novi Youth Council, historian of the robotics club and co-founder of Economic Challenge Group. He served as a volunteer for Relay for Life, Botsford Hospital, Red Cross and Health First Medical Clinic.

He named Brian Langley (physics and chemistry), Jodi Forester (business) and Donald Crockett (AP biology) as the teachers who influenced him the most.

He is the son of Saiprasad and Sridevi Jammalamadaka and brother of Anagha.



## RACHEL OCKNER

Bloomfield Hills High School

Rachel Ockner of Bloomfield Hills has been accepted at the University of Michigan Honors College, Northwestern University, and Washington University in St. Louis. She is still deciding between these three schools and plans to study education "at whichever college I attend."

"I have always wanted to be a teacher," Ockner wrote in her all-star application. "I plan to either teach math, Spanish or history at the high school level."

Her academic honors include being an AP Scholar with Distinction, National Merit Finalist and candidate for the Presidential Scholars Program.

Her extracurricular activities include captain of the varsity pom team (senior year), captain of the forensics team (senior year), treasurer of the history club, National Honor Society, Link Crew (she is a link leader who mentors freshmen) and member of BBYO, a worldwide Jewish youth group.

She also did volunteer work in Tanzania (100 hours over five weeks), where she lived with a native family and built a bathroom, painted murals and taught classes at a secondary school.

Ken Cameron is the teacher who influenced her most. "Mr. Cameron taught me history all four years of high school and has shown me the value of hard work and the interesting nature of history," Ockner wrote.

She is the daughter of Dan and Karen Ockner and sister to Jamie.



## SHUNHE WANG

Northville High School

Shunhe Wang of Northville is undecided about a major, but is considering economics. He has been accepted to the University of Michigan, Yale, Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania's Huntsman Program.

He plans to pursue a career in law.

"I will experiment with different branches of law and possibly go into business. In the end, I aspire to be a U.S. Supreme Court justice," Wang wrote in his all-star nomination.

His academic honors include National AP Scholar, National Merit Finalist, Nordstrom Scholarship winner and National Security Language Initiative for Youth Scholar.

His extracurricular activities include captain of the wrestling team, marching band (snare drum on drum line), Boy Scouts (Eagle Scout), senior class president, debate team captain, National Honor Society and Model United Nations (secretary of communications).

Wang named Karen Motz (French) as the teacher who influenced him the most because "she was always willing to help whenever I needed it and she instilled in me a love learning languages."

Wang is the son of Yuqing Wang and Lixia Ju and the brother of Eleanor.



## ANSELM JIA

International Academy

Anselm Jia of Bloomfield Township plans to study economics and finance. He has been accepted to the University of Chicago, the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, but has not made a final decision about where he will go to school in the fall.

"I hope to work at an NGO that helps developing countries," Jia wrote in his all-star application.

His academic honors include National Merit Finalist and Presidential Scholar candidate.

His extracurricular activities include co-captain of Science Olympiad, member of Economics Club and volunteer at the Bloomfield Township Library. He also played clarinet in the symphonic band.

He named Steven Eschrich (economics) as the teacher who influenced him most because he helped develop Jia's interest in economics.

He is the son of Sharon Li and Xiaolin Jia and brother of Cynthia and Delace.



## SHANTAM RAVAN

Churchill High School

Shantam Ravan of Westland is deciding among the University of Michigan, Ohio State University, Michigan State University or the University of Illinois. He plans to major in electrical engineering or physics and plans a career as an engineer or researcher.

"I want to go to grad school and get a Ph.D. Then I want to do research in industry or academia," Ravan wrote in his all-star application.

His academic honors include Presidential Scholar nominee and National Merit Finalist.

Ravan played varsity tennis and was captain of the Varsity Quiz Bowl Team, captain of the Livonia Warriors Robotics Team, vice president of Success Strategies and a member of the National Honor Society.

He selected Carim Calkins, his eighth-grade science teacher, as the teacher who had the greatest influence on his academic career. "He sparked my curiosity in science," Ravan wrote.

Ravan is the son of Milind and Alpana Ravan. He has one sibling, Yajvan.



## GRACE MILTON

Marian High School

Grace Milton of Farmington Hills plans to major in chemical or biomedical engineering with a double major or minor in theology. She hasn't selected a college yet, but she has been accepted to Michigan State University, Villanova University, the University of Notre Dame and the University of Michigan.

She plans a career in engineering in the medical field. Her academic honors include being awarded a National Merit Scholarship and being a member of the National Honor Society.

Her extracurricular activities include FIRST Robotics FRC 573 Mech Warriors (Marian and Brother Rice team), mentor for FIRST Lego League (robotics team of fifth- and sixth-graders), Catholic Youth Organization softball coach, Ambassador Club member, Life Club member and MSU High School Engineering Institute (week-long engineering camp).

The following teachers influenced her academic career: "Christopher Dewitt sparked my interest in the Catholic faith, Barb Webb challenged me academically and to be an individual, Molly Varbedian ... is the kindest teacher and Liz Peters for her great, enjoyable discussions."

She is the daughter of Charles and Deborah Milton.



## ARTHUR SHI

Novi High School

Arthur Shi of Novi plans to attend the University of Michigan to study cellular/molecular biology or biomedical engineering. He will pursue a career in research or engineering.

"I want to develop treatment or preventative measures for diseases such as cancer, AIDs or others," Shi wrote in his all-star application.

His academic honors include National AP Scholar and National Merit Finalist.

His extracurricular activities include captain of the varsity swim and dive teams, volunteering at the Michigan New Century Chinese School and member of the Spartan Aquatic Club swim team.

He named Don Crockett (AP biology) as the teacher who influenced him most.

"He is an enormously passionate and caring teacher; he helped me get interested in biology," Shi wrote.

He is the son of Yibing Shi and Jin Yuan and brother of Alastair.



## MANSOOR MUBEEN

International Academy

Mansoor Mubeen of Bloomfield Hills plans to study pre-med. He has applied to the University of Michigan, Wayne State University and the University of Pennsylvania. He plans to be a physician.

"I want to be a leading member of my community in improving and promoting good public health," Mubeen wrote.

His academic honors include summa cum laude, National Merit Finalist, Oakland Scholar Athlete, Michigan Math Prize competition - Part III qualifier, American Invitational Math Examination qualifier (top five percent in the American Math Competition), AMC Certificate of Distinction and chemistry department award.

His extracurricular activities include being a class officer, volunteering at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital, community theater, varsity wrestling, captaining the forensics team at his school and participating in debate at HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America), where he earned second place in biomedical debate.

In summer 2014, Mubeen was a biomedical research intern at St. John Providence Hospital, where he attended lectures, practiced taking medical histories, completed medical skills labs and researched the effects of cleaning agents on bacteria.

Mansoor named Brad Davies (chemistry), Kristy Hessler (mathematics), Derek Imboden (mathematics) and Robert Uhleski (history) as teachers who influenced him the most.

Davies "exemplified a moral character I hope to embody myself," Uhleski "pushed me to think deeply," Imboden "taught me the importance of striving for excellence" while Hessler "showed me benefits of positivity."

He is the son of Mohammad Mubeen and Shabana Rasheed and the brother of Majid and Momin.



## KATIE WALLACE

Seaholm High School

Katie Wallace of Bloomfield plans to major in engineering. She is considering the University of Michigan, Rice University and Vanderbilt University. She is unsure of her career plans.

Her academic honors include National Merit Semifinalist, Michigan Math Competition finalist, U.S. Presidential Scholar nominee, Oakland Athletic Association Scholar Athlete, Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar Athlete nominee and AP Scholar with Distinction.

Her extracurricular activities include National Honor Society, Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center Teen Arts Board member, faith formation instructor at Holy Name Catholic Church, varsity cross country (2014 state finalist) and Cool to Care Club.

She said teacher Thad Wilhelm (math) had the greatest influence on her.

"He taught me how to challenge myself and think about things in new ways and made me passionate about math," Wallace wrote.

She is the daughter of Rick and Judy Wallace and sister to Rachel, Selena and Luke.



## VICTORIA WHYDELL

Farmington High School

Victoria Whydell of Farmington Hills plans to study computer science and French at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor's College of Engineering. She wants to pursue a career as a computer software engineer.

"I would like find stable and well-paying employment in the field of computer software engineering, working with up-to-date technology to make the modern world more accessible to all," Whydell wrote in her all-star application.

Her academic honors include National Merit Scholarship Commended Student, Academic Letters (awarded for GPA of 4.0), and All-State Academic Team from the Michigan High School Interscholastic Bowling Coaches Association.

She is a member of National Honor Society and the Farmington-Harrison varsity girls bowling team, which won the championship for the Cougar Classic and Mercy Invitational tournaments. Whydell served as assistant coach for the junior varsity team at state championships.

In addition, she served as co-president of the Interact Earth Club, Farmington's recycling and community service club, member of and head of social media and web design for FIRST Robotics Competition Team 3414 - The Hackbots.

Linda Valice (computer science) and James Anteau (French) are the teachers who influenced her.

"Mrs. Valice's classes were fun explorations of mathematical problem solving and computer applications," Whydell wrote. "Mr. Anteau helped me build on my passion for the French language and culture, inspiring me to continue my studies beyond high school."

She is the daughter of Andrew and Caroline Whydell and sister of Alexander.



## KEVIN XU

Churchill High School

Kevin Xu of Westland is undecided on where he will attend college, but he knows he will study economics and finance.

As to his career plans, Xu wrote: "As long as I am doing something I enjoy, everything else is secondary."

His academic honors include AP Scholar with Distinction and National Merit Finalist.

Xu played violin in the orchestra, volunteered at Four Seasons Nursing Home, played varsity tennis and was a member of the Quiz Bowl Team. He also co-founded the Churchill chess club and serves as a mentor for Churchill High School Success Strategies.

He named Ron Zapalski - "he got me interested in economics" - and Douglas Coates, who "made even complex mathematical topics seem extraordinarily simple," as teachers who had the greatest influence on his academic career.

He is the son of Xiaoping Xu and Fend Yu.



## MICHAEL Z. SHI

Groves High School

Michael Z. Shi of West Bloomfield will likely attend the University of Michigan this fall. He is unsure of his college major and career, but he "hopes to become an entrepreneur and bring about positive social change."

His academic honors include National Merit Finalist, Groves Scholar, Phi Beta Kappa, National Honor Society, National AP Scholar, Scholar Athlete and Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition Top 200 Score.

His extracurricular activities include captain of varsity tennis team, tutor at Berkshire Middle School, Red Cross volunteer and competitive chess (he is ranked among the top 200 chess players in Michigan).

He named Christina Marentette (honors and AP physics) as the teacher who influenced him most "because she changed the way I thought about education and learning and inspired me to pursue my curiosities for the sake of learning."

He is the son of Haoming Li and Mingfeng Shi and brother to Lucy and Jennifer.



## ★ 2015 ACADEMIC ALL-STARS ★

## ROHAN ANGLE

North Farmington High School

Rohan Angle of Farmington Hills is deciding between the University of Michigan College of Literature, Science and Arts Honors Program and Cornell University to attend this coming fall. He will study biology and economics.

"I have always been interested in science and management," Angle wrote in his all-star application. "I want to pursue a career that brings the two fields together and use skills in business to bring the benefits of science from the laboratory to market."

His academic honors include AP Scholar with Honor, National Merit Finalist, University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholarship, Oakland Athletic Association Scholar Athlete, Academic All-American and Academic All-State.

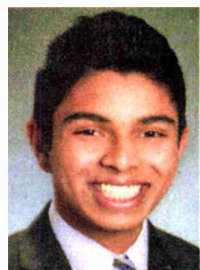
His extracurricular activities include captain of the varsity swim and dive teams, president of Microfinancing Club, board member of North's HOSA (Future Health Professionals, formerly known as Health Occupations Students of America) chapter, member of Link Crew and National Honor Society. He also volunteered at Courtyard Manor, an assisted living facility in Farmington Hills, and tutored students in core subjects for standardized tests.

Peggy Najarian (AP biology) and Ericka Rust (AP language) are the teachers who influenced him most.

"Mrs. Najarian kept students engaged, created a light-hearted and collaborative atmosphere. ... Because of her, I expanded my knowledge of the subject, increased the connections I could draw and was convinced that science was the field I was meant to pursue," Angle wrote.

"Ms. Rust always encouraged me to be creative and the way she fostered discussions in her classroom allowed me to get a better grasp of the fundamental of debate."

He is the son of Nilesh and Prasanna Angle.



mention in Chemistry Olympiad.

Jasti ran varsity track, played JV soccer and participated in Science Olympiad and peer tutoring. During summer 2013 and 2014, he did scientific research at Wayne State University. He worked on an experiment he designed under the guidance of a WSU professor.

He cited Brad McNellen (Latin) and Patricia Hanlan (physics) as the teachers who influenced him the most.

"Dr. McNellen sparked my passion for the subject," Jasti wrote. "Dr. Hanlan used labs as a tool to teach the concepts of physics. I learned how to effectively conduct an experiment and communicate my results during her class. These skills were critical when I conducted research at Wayne State."

He is the son of Nagabhusanam Jasti and Anitha Chalasani.

## SEAN CAREY

Canton High School

Sean Carey of Canton Township plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh to study chemical engineering. He wants to pursue a career in the biomedical field.

"I want to work in biomedical engineering and either do research or get involved in a start-up," Carey wrote in his all-star application.

His academic honors include National Merit Finalist.

Carey was a chemistry tutor, captain of a club soccer team and ran varsity cross country. He also played violin in the school orchestra and was an intern at Rubicon Genomics in 2014.

Carey named Cathy Depentu (orchestra and guitar) as the teacher who influenced him the most.

"She helped me be interested in music since seventh grade," Carey wrote.

He is the son of Maureen and Robert Carey and brother to Zach and Charlie.



## BENJAMIN GEORGE

Detroit Catholic Central

Benjamin George of Wixom will attend the U.S. Naval Academy. He will major in aerospace or mechanical engineering.

"Upon graduation from the Naval Academy, I will be commissioned into the United States Navy," George wrote in his all-star application. "I will try to pursue naval aviation in the military service. Afterward, I would like to be an engineer for an aerospace company such as Lockheed Martin or NASA. I might try to become a commercial airline pilot or test pilot."



His academic honors include National Merit Finalist and Scholastic All-Catholic Award.

His extracurricular activities included varsity tennis and track. He also played viola for three years in the CC Orchestra and served as associate editor of the school newspaper. He is currently pursuing a private pilot's license.

He named Carl Weiss (U.S. history and government) and William Petrovich (English) as the teachers who influenced him most.

"Mr. Weiss is someone I look up to and respect for his experience and knowledge," George wrote. "He serves as a model of the person I hope to become: patriotic, hardworking and intelligent."

"Mr. Petrovich helped me see the value of knowledge and work ethic in the world today."

He is the son of Vijay and Julie George and brother of Joshua.

## MAXWELL HERMELIN

Cranbrook Kingswood

Maxwell Hermelin of Bingham Farms will attend the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania to study entrepreneurship, strategy and finance. He is undecided about a career, but is considering finance and entrepreneurship.

"Hopefully, I will end up in business and at some point come back to Detroit to work, probably after spending time in New York," Hermelin wrote in his all-star nomination.

His academic honors include Cum Laude Society, National Merit Scholarship winner, AP Scholar with Distinction, Bausch & Lomb Medal for Science, National Latin Exam Summa Cum Laude Gold Level, History Book Award and David Mullin Latin Award.

At Cranbrook, Hermelin played varsity lacrosse and was captain of the varsity basketball team in the 2014-15 season, when he was second team all-league. He was co-president of the Latin Club, co-president of the Young Entrepreneurs Club and a Gold Key member.

He was also a peer leader in Bridge the Divide, member of the Student Conduct Review Board and worked as a research lab intern in the summer at Henry Ford Hospital.

He named Sanford Hertz (geometry and AB calculus) as the teacher who influenced him the most.

"Mr. Hertz taught me that I would need hard work to succeed," Hermelin wrote. "I appreciated the hard work and passion he put into every class junior year to prepare his students."

He is the son of Jennifer and Brian Hermelin and brother to Isabel and David.



## NAVEEN JASTI

Detroit Country Day School

Naveen Jasti of Troy plans to attend the University of Michigan or Johns Hopkins University to study biology.

"I want to use scientific knowledge to help people throughout the world," Jasti wrote in his all-star application.

He is considering a career as a biological researcher or a doctor.

"I believe that as a doctor I would be able to impact the lives of more people," Jasti wrote.

His academic honors include Intel Science Talent Search semifinalist, National Merit Finalist, summa cum laude, AP Scholar with Distinction, Presidential Scholar nominee, top five percent in the American Math Competition 12 and honorable



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## INTO THE LION'S DEN

It's 7:30 a.m. and Armando Martin is ready to start his workday. He makes his usual rounds, greets the residents and prepares their meals for the day. After the morning meeting, he checks the residents' gates to make sure nothing drastic has happened overnight. They can get a little rowdy when no one is watching.

After all, the residents Martin looks after are wild animals.

Currently residing in Keenesburg, Colo., Martin is a full-time graduate student at Madonna University, working toward an online master's degree in humane studies. "I chose the humane studies education route because I wanted to become a better person," he said.

Martin knew his life would change drastically from the moment he began the master's program. His love for animals, and a suggestion from his professor, led Martin to secure work as an animal caregiver at The Wild Animal Sanctuary (TWAS) in Colorado.

A non-profit, TWAS provides a safe haven to hundreds of rescued exotic animals, giving them a second chance at a normal life. On more than 720 acres, the animals roam free in large habitats unique to their species; including tigers, wolves, grizzly bears, and lions.

The sanctuary has rescued more than 350 wild animals with life-threatening conditions due to abuse, torture or abandonment. TWAS recently completed one of the largest rescue missions in history, saving 33 circus lions from Peru. Martin and other staffers spent months preparing the habitat for the lions' arrival in April.

"The experience has been unreal so far," said Martin. "I am constantly telling myself throughout the day that I can't believe I am getting paid to do this." His dream after graduation is to teach a humane studies education course with an emphasis on animal welfare.

## STUDENT VIDEOS TAKE TOP AWARDS

The work of talented Broadcast and Cinema Arts students was honored recently by the Michigan chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Junior Miranda Ferguson, of Ortonville, and graduating senior Darryn Montgomery, of Westland, received Michigan Regional Student Production Awards. Of the 40 nominations this year, 10 Madonna students received 12.

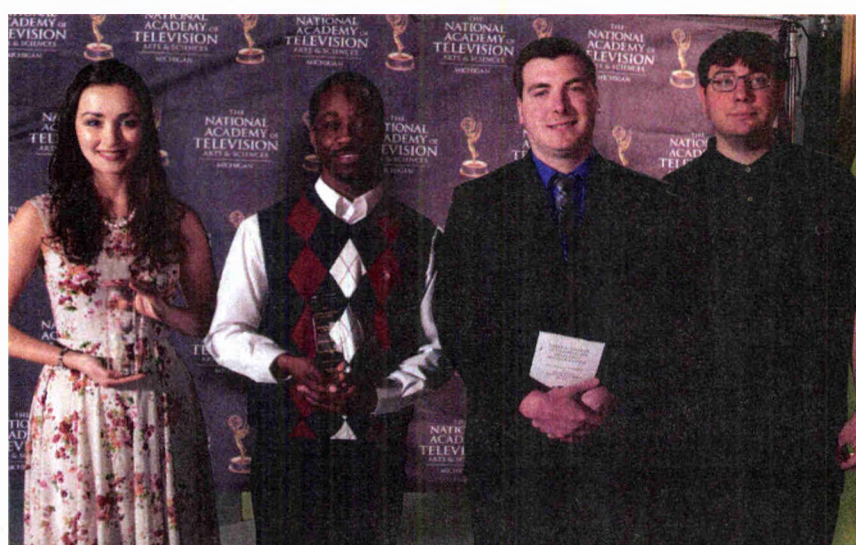
Ferguson garnered three awards: for a public service announcement *Good Girl Come Back*, for a sign language music video *Wings*, and a video editing award for *Wings*.

In the writing category, Montgomery took home the award for his movie script *Gangster Report*, the 2014 student capstone full-length feature film.

"It isn't just me that deserves the awards," said Ferguson. "Without God I wouldn't even be at college, let alone almost finishing. I certainly would have given up long ago without His grace guiding me. My family, friends and coworkers have assisted me, too."

Montgomery said he was humbled to be recognized with the award, "I want to thank the 2014 Capstone in Film Production class for all their hard work and dedication. That award belongs to the class."

"We have a lot of talented students and very fine teachers from the industry," said Chuck Derry, associate professor and director of Madonna's broadcast and cinema arts program. "We are very happy for the recognition our students received from the Academy as both nominees and awardees."



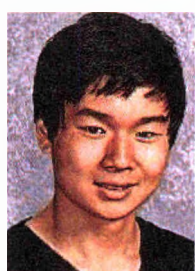
Madonna BCA students nominated for NATAS awards: Miranda Ferguson, Darryn Montgomery, Josh Yuchasz and Allen Jankowicz

## ★ 2015 ACADEMIC ALL-STARS ★

## PERRY JIAING

Northville High School

Perry Jiaing of Northville has been accepted to the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan. He is also considering Princeton, Yale, Cornell, the University of Pennsylvania, University of California-Los Angeles and the University of California-Berkeley.



He plans to study business or engineering. "My career goals revolve around sustainable energy and technology," Jiaing wrote in his all-star application. "I would like to develop, work with and implement eco-friendly technology that is widely available globally. This could range anywhere to the optimization of the harnessing of natural energy to developing alternative ways to store and produce energy."

His academic honors include National Merit Finalist.

His extracurricular activities include executive board member of DECA (an international organization that prepares leaders and entrepreneurs for careers and education in marketing, finance, hospitality, management and other business areas), vice president of Model United Nations, vice president and chapter co-founder of Key Club and German Honor Society.

He was assistant drum major and section leader in the marching and symphonic bands and a volunteer at the Michigan New Century Chinese School.

The teachers who influenced him most are Christopher Cronin (English), Thomas Silak (chemistry) and Jean Calabrese (economics).

Jiaing wrote: "Mr. Cronin has significantly contributed to my will and ability to challenge myself in my course work and understanding of the English language. Mr. Silak has motivated me to master any concepts, skills or subjects that I learn. Mrs. Calabrese exposed me to the world of business and contributed to my leadership development."

He is the son of Aimin Jiang and Jingying Lis and brother to Catherine.

## ANIRUDDHA KAPPAGANTU

Plymouth High School

Aniruddha Kappagantu of Canton Township will attend the University of Michigan and study business administration. He wants to be an investment banker.



His career plans are "becoming a billionaire and owning my own venture capital firm or hedge fund," Kappagantu wrote in his all-star application.

His academic honors include National Merit Finalist.

His extracurricular activities include captain of the Science Olympiad, Quiz Bowl and Science Bowl teams. He is also a member of the National Honor

Society and the Finance and Investment Club.

Kappagantu named Alicia Maturen (Spanish) – "I had her for three years, learned a lot about the Spanish language and culture" – and Nicole Willett (English) – "she developed my writing" – as the teachers who influenced him the most.

Kappagantu is the son of Ramana and Jyoti Kappagantu and brother to Aditi.

## AVIRAL PANDEY

North Farmington High School

Aviral Pandey of Farmington Hills plans to attend the University of California-Berkeley to study electrical engineering and physics.



"I hope to be an engineering researcher," Pandey wrote in his all-star application.

His academic honors include AP Scholar with Distinction and National Merit Finalist.

His extracurricular activities include National Honor Society, secretary general of Model United Nations, member of the robotics team and volunteer teaching assistant.

He named James Demko (U.S. history and adviser for Model UN Club) as the teacher who influenced him most. "Beyond history, he taught me about leadership and the type of person I hope to become," Pandey wrote.

He is the son of Neeraj and Kanchan and brother of Akansha.

## CALEB RICHTER

Lutheran High School Westland

Caleb Richter of Belleville wants to study mathematics, engineering, computer science or economics at the University of Michigan.



He is undecided about his long-term career goals, but "I know that I want to use my God-given talents and abilities to make the lives of those around me better," Richter wrote in his all-star application. "I don't know if I will do that through engineering, teaching computer science or the business world."

Richter was captain of the football and wrestling teams. He is a member of the National Honor Society and president of the Student Council Executive Board.

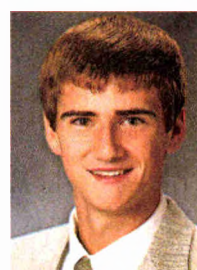
"All the teachers at my school have had a great influence on me becoming who I am today. ... Mr. Schmidt (eighth-grade math and history) was very influential. He helped me learn more than just how to get good grades in school. He helped me learn how to be a leader. He helped me to change from a kid that only thought about myself into an adult who was aware of the positive and negative consequences of my actions."

He is the son of Sara and James Richter and brother to Rachel Clark, Ryan, Leah and Jacob.

## CHRISTOPHER SZYMCZAK

Southfield Christian

Christopher Szymczak of Farmington Hills has four possible majors – psychology, applied mathematics, engineering or high school education. He is deciding between Wheaton or Calvin for college.



"I plan to pursue a salaried professional career in the United States after acquiring at least a master's degree," Szymczak wrote in his all-star application. "I feel most fulfilled when working for people, so I assume my career path will be in a field that allows me to serve others."

His academic honors include National Merit Semifinalist, AP Scholar, high honor roll and department scholar awards in English and Spanish for 2014.

His extracurricular activities include National Honor Society, senior class president, varsity track and field, varsity soccer, captain of Competitive Club Swim Team (national team member, relay state record holder and top sixth finisher at YMCA Nationals in 2014), Spanish Club, Swing Dancing Club and honors choir.

Szymczak also volunteered as a camp counselor in 2014 and 2015 and attends a weekly church youth group; just this April, he traveled on a mission trip to Jamaica to spend his spring break serving at CCCD, a school for the deaf.

He named Keith Eckert and Nancy "Captain" Horlings as the teachers who influenced him the most.

"The teachers who contributed to my life most prominently throughout high school are the ones that showed personal investment in my life and my development as an individual," Szymczak wrote.

"Both Mr. Eckert and Mrs. Horlings are completely devoted to their students as well as their profession, demonstrating daily their commitment and passion for teaching ... they have become more than mere teachers to me – in their interest and investment in my life, they have become my mentors and friends."

He is the son of Ted and Wendy Szymczak and brother of Andrew and Hanna.

## MADONNA NURSE VETERANS HONORED

Madonna graduate nursing students Jodah Jadallah, of Dearborn, and Shawnya Abron-Harris, of Belleville, were honored recently for their service in the United States Armed Forces. Dr. Sharon Olson, of Traverse City, a representative of the Garland-Tompkins American Legion Post 399, presented them with a special pin in honor of their service.

A nurse at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Jadallah served in the United States Air Force from 1996-2000. Abron-Harris, a nurse at the John D. Dingell Detroit VA Medical Center in Detroit, served in the United States Navy from 1988-1990. In addition to pursuing their master's in nursing, both are earning certificates in hospice and palliative care.

A Vietnam veteran and nurse practitioner, Olson designed the pins to bring recognition to veteran nurses across Michigan. To-date, nearly 60 veterans have received pins. Bringing attention to student nurse veterans at Madonna was a first for Olson. "I'm hoping other universities follow suit," she said. "Madonna is a trailblazer."

Jadallah said this was the first time that he has been recognized for his service since his release from the military. "It was really touching."

Kelly Rhoades, professor and chair of the hospice and palliative studies program, said she was proud of the students. "Their service to others and respect for the dignity of individuals is an excellent extension of Madonna University's Franciscan values."

Madonna University's Department of Hospice and Palliative Studies offers the only university-based hospice program of its kind in the nation. Concentrated degree programs are available in the areas of bereavement, pastoral ministry, business, education and nursing. The department follows the hospice philosophy as defined by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. Its purpose is to prepare individuals to serve diverse populations during the final stage of life and to enhance the quality of life by focusing on the physical, psychological, social, and spiritual needs of the hospice patient and family.



Graduate nursing student Jodah Jadallah receives the veteran nursing pin from Dr. Sharon Olson.



Michael Schmidt from Ford Motor Company Fund with Madonna education students who worked with Garfield Elementary School.

## FORD COMMUNITY CORPS STUDENTS ASSIST AREA NONPROFITS

Volunteering is great; applying academic learning to benefit a nonprofit's specific needs is even better. That's the idea behind the Ford Community Corps (FCC) at Madonna University, a program that matches students' academic interests with service-learning projects at local nonprofits. The students receive real-world learning experiences, and the nonprofit benefits from the volunteer help.

The volunteer efforts of 22 Madonna University students were recognized recently, when each FCC project group displayed posters showing their work. The projects presented were:

**Communication and Journalism:** Working with the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Detroit, the Lions Club of Madonna and the Lions Club of Livonia, students worked to increase awareness of the revised, more difficult GED exam and the need for tutors and support for adults studying for the test.

**Dietetics:** Working with the Adult Autism Spectrum Disorder Program at Plymouth-Canton ISD, students created nutrition-focused activities to enrich health and wellness.

**Education:** Working with Garfield Elementary School, Livonia, students developed reading lessons to build literacy connections to good citizenship through elements of the school's "Leader in Me" program.

**Sciences:** Working with St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, Detroit, students came up with interactive experiments to encourage young girls to take an interest in science.

**Sociology:** Working with the Michigan Urban Farming Initiative, Detroit, students built capacity for urban farming efforts.

Each team develops, plans, implements and evaluates the specific projects, with leadership from faculty members and community partners. The Ford Community Corps program is funded by the Ford Motor Company Fund.

"Ford is proud to partner with Madonna; one of our most active and productive Community Corps partners, as students exhibit incredible creativity and innovation in their project design and implementation," said Michael Schmidt, director of Education and Global Community Development for Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services. "By volunteering their time and talents, students are helping to make a better world while gaining valuable insight and hands-on experience in career options."

For more information, visit: [fordblueovalnetwork.org/ford-community-corps](http://fordblueovalnetwork.org/ford-community-corps).

## ★ 2015 ACADEMIC ALL-STARS ★

## NATALIE UTLEY

Seaholm High School

Natalie Utley of Birmingham has been accepted to the University of Michigan, Georgetown and Northwestern, but is waiting to hear from other colleges before making a final decision. She plans on majoring in cellular and molecular biology.

"I am inspired by the constant progress in the field of DNA and genetics research and hope to make a meaningful contribution someday," Utley wrote in her all-star application.

Her academic honors include AP Scholar with Honor, Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete nominee, Michigan Math Prize Competition Finalist, National Honor Society and summer study program at Brown University.

Her extracurricular activities include varsity Birmingham United ski team, founder of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Sailing Club, chairperson of Seaholm's Field Day charity event (collected more than 6,000 canned food items for Gleaner's Food Bank), captain of JV tennis team and member of Seaholm Medical and Cool to Care clubs. In addition,



Utley volunteered at the Cranbrook Science Center.

She also won a Gold Key and four Silver Keys and an honorable mention for photography in the Scholastics Art and Writing competition. She was a state winner for photography in PTA Reflections.

Thad Wilhelm (math) is the teacher who most influenced her academic career.

"He transformed math class from memorizing formulas to thinking logically and analytically," Utley wrote. "His classroom environment and teaching style encouraged curiosity and interest in the subject."

She is the daughter of Christina and John Utley and sister to James.

## SAFIA SAYED

Groves High School

Safia Sayed of Franklin plans to attend the University of Michigan and major in social science and liberal arts. She is undecided on a career, "but looking forward to using my undergraduate experience to explore a variety of options."

"Eventually, I would like to pursue a meaningful



and rewarding career that is service-oriented," Sayed wrote in her all-star application.

Her academic honors include National Merit Finalist, Groves Scholar, Phi Beta Kappa, National Honor Society, AP Scholar with Distinction and U-M Regents Scholarship recipient.

Her extracurricular activities included vice president of Big Brother Big Sister freshman mentoring program, Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association Solo and Ensemble Festival Division I rating for violin, top rating and scores for the National Federation of Music Clubs and National Piano Playing Auditions and volunteer with local middle school orchestra.

She named Amy Voight (AP language and composition) and Christina Marentette (honors AP physics) as the teachers who most influenced her.

"I deeply respect and appreciate the dedication and passion they put into their work," Sayed wrote in her all-star application. "In very different subjects, they both challenged me to think in new ways and to work with effort and creativity."

She is the daughter of Esha and Abdullah Sayed and sister of Hadin.

## ★ 2015 HONORABLE MENTION ★

## NIKKI MARIE ALCINI

Huron Valley Lutheran

College: Grand Valley State University to study premed - pediatrician.

Academic honors: 4.0 Scholarship Award; Voice of Democracy; Scholar Athlete

Extracurricular activities: Softball; volleyball (captain); cheer; varsity choir (leader); class president.

Career goals: "I want to help a lot of kids and save some lives while doing it."

Influential teachers: Matthew Schaeve (religion) "taught me that I should show respect for everyone." Thomas Schwartz "showed me I can do anything with confidence."

Alcini is the daughter of Sheila Alcini and the late Roy Alcini and sister of Trisha Aponte, 31, Tiffany Alcini, 31, Jacob Aponte, 27, and Alana Aponte, 29.



## ALTHEA BULLOCK

Southfield-Lathrup High School

College: Plans to attend Oakland University. "I have no specific field of study, but I have always had an interest in becoming a missionary."

Academic honors: Honor Roll Award (twice), Varsity Award (athletic).

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society secretary; varsity volleyball; Student Congress; Auditorium Crew; Political Group. Circuit 45 leader, Plunge leader, Backstage crew. Halloween Booth, B.L.O.C. Party.

Career goals: "I have no specific career goals, but like everyone else, I want to become successful. My definition of success is that I want to be able to help people and know that they are happy. Being rich and famous is no concern to me, I just want to have the satisfaction of knowing people are happy and thriving in life."

Influential teachers: Lisa Pasini (art): "She was my art teacher from elementary school and part of middle school. She not only helped me with my love for art, but she influenced me in life to persevere and commit to whatever I set my mind to."

Sara Grant (biology): "She helped me take a liking to science. But also, she helped me through my problems and to handle stress through life. Not only that, but she has given me a perspective in life after high school and college."

Bullock is the daughter of Paul Bullock and the sister of Jasmine, 14.



## DRAKE CARPENTER

Wayne Memorial High School

College: "I plan to attend Kettering University to study mechanical engineering and become a designer at an auto company."

Academic honors: Honor roll, Mites first place in state

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society member, captain of swim team, tutor, doubles tennis, volunteering at Holiday Nights, member of track and field team

Career goals: "I intend to design new things, working on the cutting edge to innovate conventional things."

Influential teacher: "April Bauer (chemistry) has helped me learn the value of helping others and learning new material by teaching it to others."

Carpenter, the son of Amanda and stepfather John Buckley, has two siblings - Owen Buckley, 12, and Mahayla Carpenter, 15.



## RACHEL BELANS

Mercy High School

College: University of Notre Dame

Academic honors: Scholastic-All Catholic, National Merit Scholarship Commended Student.

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society (Officer), Spanish Honor Society (Officer), Science Club (Officer), Quiz Bowl, Youth Mercy Associates, Volunteer: Nurse's aid at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Career goals: "I hope to become a doctor and although I am uncertain which field of medicine I plan to pursue, I hope to positively impact that field and those with whom I will work on a daily basis."

Influential teacher: "Lisa Wilson, my AP biology teacher taught me the value of hard work and that anything is possible with dedication and passion."

She is the daughter of Karen and Milan Belans and the sister of Nicole, 15, and Jack, 12.



## JACOB CALLENDER

Garden City High School

College: Majors being considered are applied mathematics, mathematical science, applied physics (aerospace engineering), astrophysics or physics education at several prospective universities. They include Michigan State University, Grand Valley State University, University of Pittsburgh, Illinois Institute of Technology or DePaul University.

Academic honors: Western Wayne Athletic Conference All Academic Award and the Scholar Athlete Award each season of varsity cross country, swim and track and field (six total).

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society, varsity cross country, swim (captain), track and field, Student Council (senior class president).

Career goals: "I intend to pursue a PhD in mathematical or physical sciences, an aerospace engineer, physicist or research professor in math or physics."

Influential teachers: "I would cite Keith Penski, my honors pre-calculus and AP calculus teacher, for giving me an academic challenge and awakening my love of mathematics as well as Denise Bills, my honors physics and honors anatomy and physiology teacher, for presenting engaging material that helped pique my interest in physics."

Callender is the son of David VanDeWater and Jennifer VanDeWater (stepmother), Andrea Householder and Douglas Householder (stepfather). His siblings are Derek VanDeWater, 12, John VanDeWater, 11, Luke Householder, 10, George Householder, 9, and Josiah Householder, 3.



## ALLISON LEIGH CHAU

Southfield Christian School

College: Purdue University, waiting to hear from the University of Michigan. Study chemical engineering and get a master's degree.

Academic honors: 2014 Academic All-State, Top Student Awards for AP Physics and Honors Chemistry, 4.0 high school career GPA, Science Olympiad regional and invitational awards.

Extracurricular activities: Varsity cross country, Science Olympiad, varsity track, National Honor Society, Sunday school assistant at Grace Baptist Church.

Career goals: "As of right now, I have no specific career plans. But I do know that I want a job that I will always enjoy, instead of one that will become a chore."

Influential teachers: Gary Faust, honors physics and AP physics; Clare Mazur, honors chemistry and AP chemistry; and Todd Crouch, art teacher and cross country/track coach.

Chau is the daughter of Eric and Steffie Chau of Franklin and sister of Madelin, 14.



## ADITYA BHATT

Canton High School

College: University of Michigan, College of Engineering.

Academic honors: National Merit Finalist; National AP Scholar.

Extracurricular activities: Programming intern at Health Decisions Inc.; captain of Canton Science Olympiad for two years; participant in Quiz Bowl and Science Bowl; Canton tennis team, manager in 2014.

Career goals: "To major in computer science or computer engineering; to have a career in cyber security and work for the government."

Influential teacher: Phil Sands (computer science) "helped me develop a love for programming and made me into a much better problem solver." Gretchen Miller (AP English literature "brought me out of my comfort zone and allowed me to be more creative."

Bhatt is the son of Vikram and Kalyani Bhatt and brother of Kartik, 22.



## KYLE DANIEL CAMERON

Livonia Franklin High School

College: University of Michigan for chemical engineering

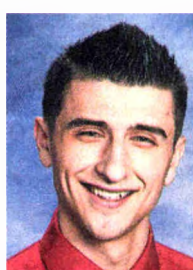
Academic honors: National Honor Society, Honor roll, AP Scholar Award

Extracurricular activities: Student Congress E-Board treasurer, Patriots Relate mentor, Senior Council member, Special Olympics, Promotions Committee member.

Career goals: I plan to pursue a career as a chemical engineer.

Influential teachers: Jennifer Esparza, student activities director. "Mrs. Esparza sparked my interest in extracurricular activities. Over the last couple of years, she has shaped who I have become as a leader. Mrs. Esparza showed me, that while academics are very important, it is also crucial in high school to get involved and find something you are passionate about."

Cameron is the son of Daniel Cameron and Jacyln Parker, and brother of Joshua Lemons, Matthew Lemons and Austin Cameron.



## RICHARD CHEUNG

Berkley High School

College: Plans to attend the University of Michigan to study biology and try to enter the medical field or go into research.

Academic honors: Honor Roll, Finalist in Part 1 of the Michigan Math Prize Competition, AP Scholar with Distinction.

Extracurricular activities: Programmer on Berkley's Robotics Team (247 Da Bears); Environmental Club; president of Crossfire Club; president of Science National Honor Society; first violinist in Berkley's Symphony Orchestra; leader in Council of Teens Against Hunger; shadow at Providence Hospital; treasurer of Math Honor Society (Mu Alpha Theta); Math Committee leader in National Honor Society; Zen Martial Arts; Garden Club; volunteer in Summer in the City.

Career goals: "I want an M.D., but I'm not sure what field I am most interested in. Perhaps dermatology."

Influential teacher: Todd Fadoir (math, calculus BC) "is extremely passionate about math and incredibly dedicated to his students and I admire that."

Cheung is the son of Steven and Vieng Cheung and the sibling of Jennifer, 22, Victoria, 21, and Nicholas, 15.



## MORGAN BUIS

Franklin Road Christian School

College: Plans to attend Calvin College and Taylor University to major in mathematics/actuarial sciences.

Academic honors: Distinguished Honors.

Extracurricular activities: Senior class treasurer; National Honor Society; piano; jazz band; worship band; and varsity cheerleading.

Career goals: "My career goals are becoming an actuary and managing pensions for major companies," wrote Buis in her all-star application.

Influential teachers: Teresa Swaffield (English) and Libby Schell (calculus). "These teachers have influenced me with the passion they have for their subjects," wrote Buis.

Buis is the daughter of Kathy and Mark Buis, of Wixom, and the sister of Taylor, 21, Nathan, 15, and Shelby, 15.





## ★ 2015 HONORABLE MENTION ★

## EMILY CROWLEY

Mercy High School

**College:** Accepted into University of Michigan, waiting to hear from Vanderbilt, Notre Dame and Harvard universities. "I intend to major in biology or neuroscience, with a minor in Spanish."

**Academic honors:** Scholastic All College; All Academic (volleyball); MHSAA Scholar Athlete.

**Extracurricular activities:** National Honor Society, president; Spanish Honor Society; Science Club; Quiz Bowl (varsity); volleyball (varsity); Pastoral Team; Pro-life Club; High Schoolers without Boundaries; head coach-U12 Next Generation Volleyball; tutor sophomores in Spanish, biology, algebra; volunteer, Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.

**Career goal:** "As a neurosurgeon, I plan to conduct medical research and participate in Doctors without Borders. My goal is to be a part of a medical breakthrough that can reduce suffering."

**Influential teacher:** "Ms. Kathy Kitzmann has had the greatest influence on me because of her passion for science. As head of the Science Club and my chemistry and AP chemistry teacher, Ms. Kitzmann's engaging and enjoyable teaching style inspired me to continue in the sciences."

Crowley of Novi is the daughter of Margaret Anne and Bernard Crowley and the sister of Nicholas and Courtney.



## JOSEPH FANELLI

Plymouth Christian Academy

**College:** Calvin College, Indiana Wesleyan University or Taylor University as a pre-med student with possible majors of intercultural studies, public health and chemistry.

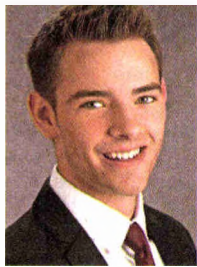
**Academic honors:** Salutatorian; top student awards in numerous classes.

**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity cross country, soccer, basketball, track and field, National Honor Society president, worship team, volunteer at Pilgrim Church in Detroit, volunteer at kids church, youth group.

**Career goals:** "I would love to become a doctor and then go on to do medical missions."

**Influential teachers:** Wesley Sherman (biology, anatomy and physiology) and Karen Hott (chemistry). "Both have helped inspire my interest in science and desire to pursue a career in medicine."

Fanelli of Canton Township is the son of Rachelle and Joe Fanelli and a brother to Anna, 20, and Grace, 15.



## MICHELLE HAMI

A.G.B.U. Alex and Marie Manoogian School

**College:** Oakland University, Wayne State or U-M Dearborn to go into the medical field.

**Academic honors:** Administrators List and Citizenship.

**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity volleyball; student council treasurer; dual enrollment; National Honor Society; anti-bullying CKB; hospital and church volunteer.

**Career goals:** "I hope to become a physician's assistant when I finish college."

**Influential teachers:** Judith Kaall (English) "motivated me to stay focused throughout high school." Joanne Karagosian (social studies) "inspired me to become the person I am today."

Hami of Southfield is the daughter of Salam and Sudad Hami. She has two brothers, Michael and Marcus.



## JACOB DEERING

Westland John Glenn High School

**College:** University of Michigan or Johns Hopkins to study biochemistry before attending medical school to become a cardiologist.

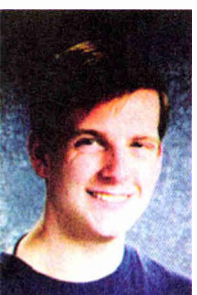
**Academic honors:** 2014 Department Award in English; honor roll.

**Extracurricular activities:** Captain of swim team; plays violin, guitar and a little piano; played supportive role in passage of Dominick's Law in Michigan; community service in preventing child abuse.

**Career goals:** Deering plans on becoming a cardiologist.

**Influential teacher:** Kristine Drews: "Her accelerated biology class made me fall in love with science (at 9.8 meters per second squared)."

Deering of Westland is the son of Scott and Jennifer Deering and brother of Jenna, 15.



## MICHAEL DENEROFF

The Roeper School

**College:** Accepted to Michigan, Northwestern and Washington University. Still waiting to hear from Brown, Georgetown and JHS.

**Academic honors:** National Merit Program, Phi Beta Kappa.

**Extracurricular activities:** Class president; Student Government treasurer; Spirit week committee leader; MVN; varsity soccer; varsity track captain; volunteer soccer coach

**Career goals:** "International relations, foreign services, law or government. Dream job would be Secretary of State, Supreme Court justice or governor."

**Influential teacher:** "Regis Carozza, because he is so passionate about the subjects he teaches and expects a lot from his students while keeping class engaging and interesting."

Deneroff of Bloomfield Hills is the son of Ann and Steven Deneroff and the brother of Kathryn, 24.



## LAUREN DUMAS

Academy of the Sacred Heart

**College:** Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis.

**Academic honors:** High Honors; Prep Bowl; National Honors Society; Daughters of the American Revolution Recognition; Entrepreneurial Scholarship to Washington University.

**Extracurricular honors:** Class president; acted and directed in school play; varsity figure skating; National Honor Society; tutoring; publishing center service; babysitting; traveled to Arizona in 2014 for Heads of School meeting.

**Career goals:** "I hope to own and manage my own business, which will provide consumers with progressive and cutting-edge products and technology."

**Influential teacher:** Julie Fisher (Advanced Placement U.S. history) "was a very influential teacher because she incorporated real-life personal experiences and knowledge into her teaching. Whenever we began a new lesson, she would relate the occurrences of the world during that time to something she witnessed or experienced in her own life, which conferred great significance and meaning onto whatever our class was learning."

Dumas of Bloomfield Hills is the daughter of Kirstin and John Dumas and older sister to Joseph.

## JULIA EDDY

The Roeper School

**College:** Selecting among University of Michigan, Northwestern, Brown, NYU, Vassar, Wesleyan. Plans to study dramatic writing.

**Academic honors:** Phi Beta Kappa. Won the Wellesley Book Award.

**Extracurricular activities:** School musical (*Martha in the Secret Garden*); choir; dance; forensics (poetry); LGBT (Lesbian, Gay Bi, Trans) and Feminism Club (founder); class secretary.

**Career goals:** "I would like to be a screenwriter for television and continue being a social activist."

**Influential teachers:** "Susannah Nichols was the first teacher to support my interest in screenwriting. Coleen Potocki encouraged my love of literature."

Eddy of Troy is the daughter of Jamie Lyons-Eddy and Chris Eddy. She is the sister of Miles, 20, and Max, 28.



## ERIC FERRARA

Livonia Stevenson High School

**College:** Oakland University or Alma College

**Academic honors:** National Merit Commended, Summa Cum Laude

**Extracurricular activities:** Marching band, trombone squad leader; jazz band and pit orchestra, trombone; wind ensemble, principle trombone; varsity swimming, captain for 2014-15; Livonia Community Swim Club, Water Polo Club founder, church volunteer.

**Career goals:** Engineering

**Influential teachers:** James O'Hagan, physics, and Paula Nowell, math. "Both taught us to look for new ways to look at problems."

Ferrara of Livonia is the son of Chris and Linda Ferrara and the brother of Adam, 21, and John, 19.



## CHRISTOPHER FOLEY

Redford Union High School

**College:** Wayne State University

**Academic honors:** Honor Roll, Composite score (ACT)

**Extracurricular activities:** Quiz Bowl, have been captain; Students Against Oppression

**Career goals:** Possible goals include creative writing and journalism. "I want to be a writer or a journalist. I want to have a career doing something I love: literature. I want to express the truth and entertain in the process."

**Influential teachers:** Robert Reese, Michael Sampson and David Battistelli. "These three teachers guided me on my academic journey and showed me I can be anything."

Foley of Redford is the son of Kimberly Perry, stepson of Jason Wojnar, son of Christopher Foley and brother of Lauren Foley, 14.



## CAMERON FYFFE

Clarenceville High School

**College:** Grand Valley State or University of Michigan-Dearborn

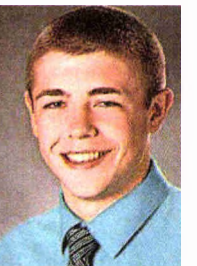
**Academic honors:** Summa Cum Laude

**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity soccer, varsity wrestling, varsity track, varsity football, wrestling captain, soccer captain, peer mentor

**Career goals:** Pre-med/biological science - doctor

**Influential teacher:** Anthony Saliccioli, world history. "He didn't just teach me history; he taught me how to think critically and changed the way I look at everything."

Fyffe of Livonia is the son of Kathleen and Gregory Fyffe and the brother of Shaun, 26, and Jordan, 23.



## HAIKEL HAILE

Plymouth Christian Academy

**College:** Considering the University of Michigan and other universities; possible majors in biology, political science or Spanish.

**Academic honors:** Valedictorian; high honors; National Achievement Scholarship Program, semifinalist; National Merit Commended Scholar.

**Extracurricular activities:** National Honor Society; National Art Honor Society (chapter secretary and treasurer); student council member; volunteer at Open Door Food Ministry, as a greeter and in church nursery; junior varsity basketball; attended National Youth Leadership Forum; National Society of High School Scholars.

**Career goals:** "I would enjoy working in either law or medicine. Whatever I pursue, I hope to truly enjoy it and make the most of the opportunities I am given."

**Influential teachers:** Mrs. (Mary) Parsons and Mr. (Wes) Sherman. "Mrs. Parsons encouraged my interest in the political and government areas. She teaches in a way that helps students form their own opinions about current issues. Mr. Sherman taught the sciences in a way that was both clear and interesting. He cares about his students and makes sure that they learn much in his classes."

Haile of Canton Township is the daughter of Yohannes Haile and Hirut Dagne and sibling to Abigail, 14.



## ADAM HODGSON

Huron Valley Lutheran High School

**College:** University of Michigan or Purdue University

**Academic honors:** 2014 Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics/Lawrence Technological University; Scholar Athlete Award; Highest Honors/HVL.

**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity soccer, varsity basketball, varsity baseball, 2014 class president, clarinet honors in 2014 MSBOA Solo and Ensemble competition. Greening of Detroit volunteer as well as Leukemia & Lymphoma Society volunteer.

**Career goals:** Aerospace engineer

**Influential teachers:** Thomas Schwartz. "He has been my math teacher throughout high school and has taught me math, but also important life lessons."

Hodgson is the son of Gary and Beth Hodgson of Plymouth, and brother of Jacob, 15, and Nicholas, 11.



## JENA HOLDEN

Ladywood High School

**College:** University of Michigan to study biochemistry.

**Academic honors:** Honor roll

**Extracurricular activities:** Chorus member, Kiva Club member, National Honor Society inductee, Tri-M Music Honor Society President, PB&J Ministry.

**Career goals:** "I would like to do research in biochemistry."

**Influential teacher:** "The teacher who has had the most influence on me is my science teacher Erin Petricca, because she inspired my interest in science."

She is the daughter of Steve and Darlene Holden of Plymouth and sister to Christopher Holden, 13.



## KARA HOLINSKI

Marian High School

**College:** Massachusetts Institute of Technology to play basketball and study chemical engineering.

**Academic honors:** Valedictorian; Catholic League Scholar-Athlete 2014 and 2015; Math Medal recipient; AP Scholar with Honor; AP Chemistry Achievement Award; Honors U.S. History Award; Honors Spanish III Award; and All-Scholastic Team.

**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity basketball; National Honor Society (president); Spanish Honor Society; PB&J Outreach; volunteer at CYO basketball tournament; St. Michael's youth group.

**Career goals:** "Ultimately, to make greatest possible positive impact. Would love to participate in Engineers without Borders."

**Influential teachers:** Barb Webb (honors and AP chemistry) "inspired me to pursue a degree in chemical engineering and become a woman of science." Mary Macaulay (honors physics) "introduced me to a different area of science. She inspires her students to be innovative and become problem-solvers."

Holinski of Livonia is the daughter of Edward and Lisa Holinski and sister of Andrew, 22, and Stephanie, 33.



## KETAN S. KONANUR

Harrison High School

**College:** University of Michigan College of Engineering

**Academic honors:** Skipped sixth and 11th grades; AP Scholar with Distinction; National Honor Society; National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists Delegate; Semifinalist in Michigan Math Prize Competition

**Extracurricular activities:** VitaLives co-founder; GoComida co-founder; varsity tennis; JV soccer; U.S. FIRST robotics; Science Olympiad; Mu Alpha Theta; mountain climbing.

**Career goals:** "I aspire to be an entrepreneur who creates technology to improve the lives of impoverished youth. I intend to pursue a dual degree in business and engineering as an undergraduate student."

**Influential teachers:** Steve Dail (AP Physics) "inspired me to pursue a career in engineering. Mr. Dail taught me that sometimes figuring out how to solve a problem is more important than getting the answer." Elizabeth Miller (IB Spanish) "not only taught me Spanish, but also the culture of Spanish-speaking countries. This will be extremely helpful in the future. Jeremy Robinson (AP world history) "Before Mr. Robinson, I had never really enjoyed a history class. He opened my eyes to the immense impact history has on our future."

Konanur of Farmington Hills is the son of Sheila and Sharath Konanur and the brother of Meghana and Anisha.



## ★ 2015 HONORABLE MENTION ★

## KATHERINE KREISS

Harrison High School

*College:* Deciding between Dartmouth College, Dickinson College and Kalamazoo College.

*Academic honors:* Academic Hall of Fame; Academic Letter; National Honor Society; Spanish National Honor Society; National Merit Commended Student; IB diploma candidate.

*Extracurricular activities:* Harrison High School marching band, 2014-15 section leader (trumpet); Harrison musical theater: Peter Pan in Peter Pan, Kara/Clio in Xanadu; Detroit Symphony Orchestra Civic Youth Ensembles - Philharmonic Orchestra; Antioch Youth Group, small group leader; Youth in Mission: El Salvador, participant and interfaith dialogue translator.

*Career goals:* "My passions are travel, language and theater. I plan to find a career in which I can combine those three areas of interest. After graduating with a bachelor's degree, I plan to take a year (or more) and dedicate myself to service, through an organization like Young Adults in Global Mission or the Peace Corps. Then, I plan to get a master's degree (as well as teacher certification, if I don't already have one). I hope to become a teacher one day, either in the U.S. teaching Spanish or living abroad and teaching English. Although I plan to teach, I hope that whatever career path I choose enables me to both teach and be a lifelong learner."

*Influential teacher:* Senora Elizabeth Miller: "She has a passion for the Spanish language itself, but has a passion for teaching and for her students."

Kreiss of Farmington Hills is the daughter of Don and Kristin Kreiss and the sister of Perry, 15.



## ANGELA MAGGIONCALDA

Ladywood High School

*College:* Madonna University, to study science and Spanish to become a teacher.

*Academic honors:* Madame Curie Award from the Society of Women Engineers; award in excellence in science and mathematics from Lawrence Technological University; Scholastic All Catholic Award from the Archdiocese of Detroit; honor roll.

*Extracurricular activities:* Secretary of Tri-M Music Honor Society; National Honor Society; Spanish Club; Circle of Hope youth group at St. Thomas the Apostle in Garden City; altar server; volunteer at Downriver Youth Performing Arts Center in Trenton.

*Career goals:* "Become a successful teacher by inspiring students to want to learn and be themselves."

*Influential teachers:* "Mrs. Erin Petricca was my ... biology teacher and junior anatomy and physiology teacher. Put simply, I want to be like her. I had Mrs. Juanita Jefferies for three years as my choir teacher. (She) had a contagious enthusiasm about life and music."

Maggioncalda of Livonia is the daughter of Therese and Tim Maggioncalda and sister to Emily, 21.



## ALEXANDER MAYS

Southfield High School

*College:* Deciding between University of Michigan, Georgia Institute of Technology and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Probable fields of study include physics; astronomy; astrophysics; mechanical, electrical or computer engineering.

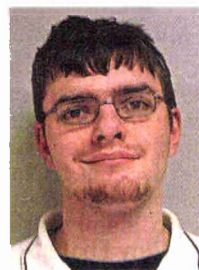
*Academic honors:* Excellence in - beginning calculus; physics; computer aided design; world history; advanced placement English and composition.

*Extracurricular activities:* National Honor Society; electrical captain of Team 94 Technojays FIRST Robotics team; Eagle Scout rank in Boy Scouts and now an adult leader for Troop 1677.

*Career goals:* "I do plan on getting at least a master's or higher degree in one of the (above-mentioned) fields and pursuing a career that uses the degree well, that I enjoy, that may sustain me and my future family and has a beneficial impact on our world and society."

*Influential teachers:* John Shirkey (animation/drafting/CAD) "has taught me almost all I know about animation and computer-aided design. He has taught me useful skills for solving problems for all of my future endeavors and he has showed me a great example on many effective teaching methods." Stephen Sharp (advanced algebra, beginning calculus) "has taught me most of my advanced skills in mathematics and solving many different types of problems with useful shortcuts and tricks. Mr. Sharp's lessons have been of vital help to me understanding the mathematics that I am now using in my online AP calculus and AP physics courses."

Mays of Southfield is the son of Ron and Tammy Mays.



## SARAH PANONE

Academy of the Sacred Heart

*College:* University of Michigan, St. Louis University, University of Notre Dame, Washington University in St. Louis. Planning to pursue a degree in biology/pre-medicine, with the goal of becoming a physician.

*Academic honors:* ASH Academic High Honors; Catholic all-academic for field hockey; Archdiocese of Detroit Scholastic all-Catholic team; National Honors Society; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute medalist; University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award; Dartmouth Alumni Club Book Award; Oakland University Presidential Scholarship.

*Extracurricular activities:* Performed in University of Detroit Jesuit High School's musical productions of Shrek and Les Miserables; ASH junior class representative and senior class vice president; National Honor Society; Michigan Youth Leadership Achievement Program student board of directors; Girl Scout Troop 43502; ASH varsity tennis, field hockey and tennis; lifeguard at Roeper Summer Day Camp; soccer referee for Bloomfield Hills Youth Soccer.

*Career goals:* "My goal is to have a career where I can serve others. I enjoy science and am particularly interested in the health sciences. I believe I can best help others by becoming a physician."

*Influential teachers:* Michael Krogh, Latin, and James Kiefer, religion. "I have taken Latin for three years with Mr. Krogh and I have never sat through a dry class. He makes learning about the language and Roman culture extremely interesting. Mr. Kiefer has influenced me by strengthening my faith. I have had five classes with him throughout high school and I learn something new about my faith and myself each class. He has also instilled in me the importance of service."

Panone is the daughter of John and Rosemary Panone and younger sister to Brian.



## TESSA LEAKE

Wayne Memorial High School

*College:* "I will be attending Ferris State University where I will be majoring in premedical in order to pursue a career as a forensic pathologist."

*Academic honors:* Academic Letter

*Extracurricular activities:* Vocal Dimensions Honor Choir, Literature Club

*Career goals:* "I plan on obtaining doctorate in forensic pathology and becoming a medical examiner, preferably in a large city."

*Influential teachers:* "Lindsey Day, geometry, helped my transition from middle school to high school greatly. Andy Rowland, world history, taught me about why things happen instead of memorizing facts."

Leake, the daughter of Joel Leake and Nina Leake, has two brothers, Nicholas, 8, and Robert, 8.



## MADELYNE LUDDY

Shrine Catholic High School

*College:* Considering Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Notre Dame, Wayne State or Xavier University, majoring in biology with a pre-med focus.

*Academic honors:* Violet Richardson Award; Presidential Service Award Bronze Medal; NHS member; Principal's List; AP Scholar; National Spanish Exam Spanish 4 Honorable Mention; Excellence in AP Biology, Honors Pre-Calculus and Honors Physics; National Academy of Future Physicians; and Medical Scientists Award of Excellence

*Extracurricular activities:* NHS vice president; varsity cross country captain; varsity track; varsity soccer; props for school plays and musicals; Pro-Life Club; parish altar server; Angel's Place; Friendship Circle; Relay for Life team captain; Providence Hospital volunteer

*Career goals:* "After completing my undergraduate and attending medical school, I plan to work in a hospital as a pediatrician or pediatric surgeon. Along with this, I plan to become involved with organizations such as Doctors Without Borders so I can travel around the world to help those in need."

*Influential teachers:* High school science teachers Cathy Hassett, Joel Bergeron and Vincent Tocco: "Not only were these some of my favorite and best teachers, they helped me realize my love and talent for science."

Luddy of Royal Oak is the daughter of Faith and Pete Luddy and the sister of Jake, 20, Maureen, 19, and Carolyn, 14.



## MARIYA NAKONECHNA

A.G.B.U. Alex and Marie Manooagian School

*College:* University of Michigan, to go into medical field.

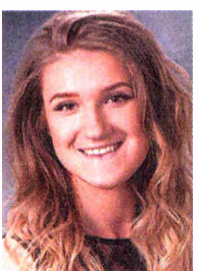
*Academic honors:* Administrators' List and citizenship.

*Extracurricular activities:* National Honor Society, treasurer; class treasurer; dual enrollment; anti-bullying; dance club; church volunteering.

*Career goals:* "I want to major in biochemistry and become an anesthesiologist."

*Influential teachers:* Judith Kadri (English) "contributed a lot to my knowledge of the English language." Anca Stefan (science) "inspired me to go into the medical field."

Nakonechna of Southfield is the daughter of Lidiya Nakonechna.



## EZINNE NWADINOBİ

Southfield-Lathrup High School

*College:* Selecting from among University of Michigan and University of Illinois-Chicago; awaiting other responses.

*Academic honors:* IB diploma; summa cum laude.

*Extracurricular activities:* National Honor Society, treasurer; Scholars Plus; Medical Academy; Generation of Promise; track and field, captain; cross country, MVP; vacation Bible school; Capuchin Soup Kitchen; tutor.

*Career goals:* "I aspire to become an orthodontist with my own business in the future."

Nwadinobi of Southfield is the daughter of Evelyn and JohnKay Nwadinobi and sister of Ogechi, 22, D.K., 20, and Chisom, 11.



## JOHN PENINGTON

Brother Rice High School

*College:* University of Michigan to study computer engineering.

*Academic honors:* National Merit Finalist; academic all-state cross country; Regents Merit Scholar, University of Michigan; all-Catholic Scholastic Award.

*Extracurricular activities:* Captain of the cross country and track teams; National Honor Society; Latin Honor Society; volunteer for St. Regis, Gleasons, Christ Child and Brother Rice; Angels' Place Enrichment day program.

*Career goals:* To become a computer engineer at a tech firm, pursue an M.B.A. and eventually start his own company.

*Influential teachers:* Robert Burns (physics) "sparked my interest in engineering and physics" and James Rademacher (algebra II) "because he pushed me to my limits and enabled me to reach my potential."

Penington of Beverly Hills is the son of Julie and Richard Penington and brother to Robert, 16.



## JASMINE PICKENS

John Glenn High School

*College:* Duke University, Washington University in St. Louis or Barnard College to study to be a teacher/professor.

*Academic honors:* Valedictorian, LEDA (Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America) Scholar.

*Extracurricular activities:* Head cheer coach for Inkster Bengals freshman cheer team, KOM (Kick-Off Mentors) lead mentor and JV and varsity softball, basketball and swim teams, Female African American Scholars.

*Career goals:* "I want to obtain a career that would allow me to wake up every day and love going to work, as well as a career in where I can make a positive impact on someone's life."

*Influential teacher:* Steven Conn, U.S. History and American Wars: "Mr. Conn always pushed me to be better the day before. Mr. Conn also pushed me to think more about the every day issues in society, and he gave me a forum to discuss and form opinions on those issues."

Pickens is the daughter of Angela and Robert Pickens, and sister of Isaae, 12.



## JOHN LUPO

Franklin Road Christian School

*College:* Michigan State University to study advanced mathematics and mechanical engineering with a minor in general management.

*Academic honors:* Distinguished honors; professorial assistantship at Michigan State University.

*Extracurricular activities:* School class president; National Honor Society; tenor saxophone in jazz band; department manager at local Great Lakes Ace Hardware.

*Career goals:* "My career goals include working for a military contracting company, such as Novistar Defense or Lockheed Martin. I intend to eventually hold a management position in a company such as these."

*Influential teacher:* Libby Schell (calculus) "has truly inspired a love for mathematics and engineering in me, greater than my love prior."

Lupo is the son of Donald and Mary Lupo and brother to Julie, 21, Michael, 19, and Stephen, 15.



## AMANDA POKRYFKY

Franklin High School

*College:* Selecting among Northwestern University, University of Chicago or University of Michigan.

*Academic honors:* Scholar Athlete Award winner (2014 and 2015).

*Extracurricular activities:* Team captain and state qualifier on the cross country team (2014); track and field (2014); and National Honor Society member (2014 and 2015).

*Career goals:* "My goal is to have a career that combines math and science in which I can help people. I am currently looking at becoming a biomedical engineer."

*Influential teacher:* "Dave Bjorklund had the greatest influence on me because he made me realize my potential for a math-related career in his AP calculus class."

Pokryfky is the daughter of Barbara A. Pokryfky of Livonia and the sister of John Pokryfky, 14.



## ★ 2015 HONORABLE MENTION ★

## DAVID RADTKE

Garden City High School

**College:** University of Michigan or Michigan State University. "I am considering various engineering fields, but mostly materials engineering and naturally would like to be an engineer."

**Academic honors:** Honor roll.

**Extracurricular activities:** Student Council president; National Honor Society; Japanese National Honor Society

**Career goals:** "I really just want to be an engineer. I would like to make something that improves the world."

**Influential teachers:** "The teachers who have had the biggest influence on me are Greg Kreiner, Denise Bills and Mary Bremmer, who teach Japanese, science and English respectively. These teachers' influence comes mostly in the way they create an atmosphere of respect and communication. They have also given me a better view on the respective subjects by doing this."

Radtke of Garden City is the son of Steven and Colleen Radtke. He has a brother, Nick, 18, and a sister, Brittany, 15.



## ALVIN TONG

Clarencville High School

**College:** University of Michigan-Ann Arbor with a double major in computer science and computer engineering.

**Academic honors:** AP Scholar.

**Extracurricular activities:** Soccer; captain of the bowling team; track; president of the school chapter of Business Professionals of America; and National Honor Society.

**Career goals:** "I want to be a computer programmer or computer engineer to make an impact in the technological field."

**Influential teacher:** Brian Shaw (math) "because he was the hardest math teacher I've ever had but, at the same time, he pushed me to try harder."

Tong of Livonia is the son of Shui Wan Yue and Kwok Keung Tong.



## KETURA WEBB

Shrine Catholic High School

**College:** Deciding between the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Loyola University, Vanderbilt University and Miami University to likely study medicine.

**Academic honors:** Principal's List; Certificate of Merit Excellence in AP biology, AP English literature and composition, Honors pre-calculus, AP world history; University of Detroit Mercy French Certificate; five Scholastic art and writing awards; National Merit Finalist.

**Extracurricular activities:** NHS member and tutor; varsity quiz bowl; Nicaragua Immersion Trip member; Summer at the Library teen volunteer; musical cast member; Student Leadership Executive Congress member.

**Career goals:** "I plan to go into medicine, likely a doctor in research. I also seek to continue writing, authoring multiple best-selling novels."

**Influential teachers:** Maggie George (AP English) "has influenced me the most. She has encouraged me and pushed me to improve all aspects of my writing and she has also introduced me to different authors and ways to write. Phil Chisholm (AP history) "has taught me to believe in my writing abilities."

Webb of Southfield is the daughter of Stephanie and Robert Webb and the sister of Micaela, 19, and Jared, 13.



## RENEE REED

Redford Union High School

**College:** University of Michigan

**Academic honors:** Scholar athlete, honor roll

**Extracurricular activities:** Captain of the softball, basketball and volleyball teams, vice president of the National Honor Society, Make a Senior Smile, Adopt a Family and Peer to Peer Intervention.

**Career goals:** "My career goal is to become an actuary, but I am open to fields and careers college may reveal to me."

**Influential teachers:** Jill Burch (algebra) and Sherri Burns (calculus) "because they were both always so willing to help and never made you feel inferior."

Reed is the daughter of Hildegard and Donald Reed of Dearborn Heights and the sister of Melanie Hannah, 38, Delandie Reed, 29, Isaac Reed, 22, and Daniel Reed, 20.



## MICHAEL RONEY

Brother Rice High School

**College:** University of Florida to study finance and psychology.

**Academic honors:** first team academic all-state football; all-academic Catholic League football.

**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity football; captain of Brother Rice Band of Brothers; volunteer for Christ Child and Angels' Place. Tutored peers in math, theology and western civilizations.

**Career goals:** CEO of a well-established business in a respected industry.

**Influential teachers:** Michael Hickey "for his spiritual and moral leadership." Reed DeMarco "for his passion and love of scholarly pursuits" and Donna Johnson "for forcing me to stay organized."

Roney of Birmingham is the son of Brian and Carol Roney and Vera and Greg Muzzillo, and brother to Catherine Roney, 23, and Brian Roney, 21.



## KYLE SWEENEY

Stevenson High School

**College:** Michigan Tech University, to study chemical engineering and possible obtain a master's degree.

**Academic honors:** AP Scholar Award with Distinction; summa cum laude; second place in math competition at Schoolcraft College, where currently dual enrolled.

**Extracurricular activities:** Squad leader in marching band (euphonium), also in jazz band (trombone) and pit orchestra; Senior Patrol Leader for Boy Scout Troop 782 and also Junior Assistant Scoutmaster; service projects include 200th anniversary celebration of "The Star-Spangled Banner" at Greenmead and dedication of the Fallen Heroes monument near Livonia City Hall; National Honor Society; Order of the Arrow; member Livonia Youth Symphony Orchestra.

**Career goals:** "I am planning on being a chemical engineer, but I don't know what field I plan to work in, because there are so many and I don't know which one interests me most yet."

**Influential teachers:** Paula Nowell (accelerated analysis and AP calculus) "got me interested in math and calculus in general and she showed me how cool math is and how much sense it makes." James O'Hagan (physics) "further reinforced the ideas that Mrs. Nowell implanted into me about how math is fun and makes sense." Sean Horgan (AP chemistry) "is the one that got me interested in chemistry. ... He made me enjoy it even more."

Sweeney of Livonia is the son of Michael and Kathy Sweeney and brother to Grant, 21.



## LILY UPP

Berkley High School

**College:** Plans to attend University of Miami, University of Michigan or Northwestern University to study neuroscience and Spanish.

**Academic honors:** Rensselaer 2014 Medalist; AP Scholar Award; Royal Oak Optimist Club Youth Award.

**Extracurricular activities:** National Honor Society committee leader; Gilda's Club volunteer child care and summer camp leader; Make-A-Wish Michigan volunteer fundraiser host; Volunteer Club grade leader; Club for the Cure; *Spectator* student-run newspaper freelance writer; Homework Club coordinator; varsity dance team captain; Rose Marie Floyd ballet company dancer; Math National Honor Society; Stars Guitars fundraiser volunteer; Pulse Fitness employee; Yad Ezra Food Bank volunteer.

**Career goals:** "I desire to work in the field of neuroscience because of how quickly it is advancing and how drastically discoveries in this area can improve people's lives. While I am still unsure whether I will be involved in research or work on the practical side, I am determined to be in this field that presents significant and engaging challenges every day."

**Influential teachers:** Todd Fadoir (AP calculus) "employed a teaching style that forced me to look critically and in great detail at my mistakes, but he never did so without also giving the opportunity to critique his teaching style. With this steady exchange of constructive criticism, I developed the idea that my education was not simply a succession of tasks for a teacher to give and me to complete. Rather, it was a continual challenge that required both parties to actively change what had hindered them in the past."

Mark Meacham (chemistry, AP physics, AP chemistry). His classes "were filled with interesting stories, challenging experiments and team activities that allowed us, the students, to learn through experience. Traditional lectures were rare and instead we worked through problems as a group (Meacham included) using discussion or trial-and-error."

Upp of Berkley is the daughter of Sue Upp.



## RACHEL WIGGINS

Lutheran High School Westland

**College:** Deciding between honors programs at Grand Valley State and Calvin College.

**Academic honors:** National Honor Society; class salutatorian.

**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity cross country and track and field; Honors Choir; drama; senior class Student Council representative; employed as cashier at Panera Bread.

**Career goals:** "I want my career to have a direct positive impact on the lives of others. I love people and I want to see them at their best. Right now it seems like elementary education would be my best channel for that, but that my change depending on what God has in mind for me."

**Influential teachers:** "Three especially stand out. My experience with my wonderful Spanish teacher, Jennifer Cornell, has taught me to love the Spanish language and given me the desire to pursue it further in college. My English teacher, Jeaneen Wyly, has always been very supportive of me and has influenced the way I look at school, other people and life. My math teacher and track/cross country coach, Mike Unger, has always helped to me to see my full athletic potential and work to get there and has taught me well in math. I see all three of these people not only as teachers, but as friends and mentors as well."

Wiggins of Redford resident is the daughter of Brian and Robyn Wiggins and sister of Andrew, 8.



## TARCIE WATKINS

Southfield High School

**College:** Deciding among five colleges, including Alma College, Carthage College, Grand Valley State University, Ashland University and Bluffton University. Plans on double majoring in mathematics and economics.

**Academic honors:** Honor roll; Excellence in French 2; Excellence in World History and Geography; Excellence in Chemistry.

**Extracurricular activities:** Golf; varsity basketball; National Honor Society, including at least eight honors of community service a semester; volunteering in a financial services office.

**Career goals:** "I want to take my math skills to another level and become an actuary, which is someone who tell companies if the financial risks they are taking are beneficial to their company."

**Influential teacher:** Stephen Sharp (Algebra 2 and calculus) "had the greatest influence on me. I say this because he always encouraged me to do my best and encouraged my decision to pursue a math career in college. He also was the first teacher who told me about actuarial science."

Watkins of Southfield is the daughter of Monta Ware and Keith Watkins. She has a brother, Gorden Watkins, 19.



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