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TONIGHT'S SPEAKER: Dr. Marilyn Schlack

*Excellence*  
in Education  
Kalamazoo County



# Taylor Piper

*Climax-Scotts High School*  
*Kalamazoo Valley Community College*

## **Parents**

Tim and Terri Piper

## **College**

University of Michigan

## **Major**

Biology

## **Significant Educator**

Joshua Vick



# Korey Gerard

## *Comstock High School*

### **Parents**

Danny and Leanna Gerard

### **College**

Western Michigan University

### **Major**

Organic Chemistry

### **Significant Educator**

Charlene Dailey



# Amber Salome

## *Comstock High School*

*Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center*

### **Parents**

Kenneth and Catherine Salome

### **College**

Kalamazoo College

### **Major**

Biology

### **Significant Educator**

Cheryl Hach

# Geneva LaForce

*Galesburg-Augusta High School*

*Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center*



## **Parents**

Joseph and Gloria LaForce

## **College**

Ball State University

## **Major**

Genetics

## **Significant Educator**

Cheryl Hach



# Rachel Chang

## *Gull Lake High School*

*Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center*

### **Parents**

Peter and Esther Chang

### **College**

Undecided

### **Major**

Pre-Med

### **Significant Educator**

Shannon Houtrouw



# Angus Gibbs

## *Gull Lake High School*

*Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center*

### **Parents**

Ed Gibbs and Jennifer Barlow

### **College**

Cornell University

### **Major**

Electrical and Computer Engineering

### **Significant Educator**

Scott Minehart



# Samuel D. Peters

## *Gull Lake High School*

*Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center*

### **Parents**

Joe and Deb Peters

### **College**

Kalamazoo College or University of Michigan

### **Major**

Physics or Engineering

### **Significant Educator**

Michael Sinclair



# Thomas Sandell

*Gull Lake High School*

*Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center*

## **Parents**

Patrick and Sarah Sandell

## **College**

Undecided

## **Major**

Physics and Computer Science

## **Significant Educator**

Shannon Houtrouw



# Emily Sulka

## *Gull Lake High School*

*Education for the Arts*

### **Parents**

Mike and Tracy Sulka

### **College**

Cedarville University

### **Major**

Music Education

### **Significant Educator**

Michele Chabitch



# Harrison Goscenski

*Hackett Catholic Central*

## **Parents**

Gary and Kirsten Goscenski

## **College**

University of Chicago

## **Major**

Undecided

## **Significant Educator**

Colleen Chapoton



# Cassandra Kiewiet

*Heritage Christian Academy*

*Kalamazoo Valley Community College*

## **Parents**

Donald and Rhonda Kiewiet

## **College**

Grace College and Seminary

## **Major**

Spanish

## **Significant Educator**

Rachel Moore

# Najeebullah Amini

*Kalamazoo Central High School*



## **Parents**

Jan Ali and Gulchaman Amini

## **College**

University of Michigan

## **Major**

Law

## **Significant Educator**

Elaine Sayre

# Audrey Koutny

*Kalamazoo Central High School*  
*Education for Employment*



## **Parents**

Daniel and Kimberly Koutny

## **College**

Michigan State University

## **Major**

General Business Management

## **Significant Educator**

Joshua Gottlieb



# Paras Mehta

*Kalamazoo Central High School*

*Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center,  
Western Michigan University*

## **Parents**

Sandeep and Alpa Mehta

## **College**

University of Michigan

## **Major**

Aerospace Engineering/Business

## **Significant Educator**

Michael Sinclair

# Amanda Sidwell

*Kalamazoo Central High School*



## **Parents**

David and Christie Sidwell

## **College**

Western Michigan University

## **Major**

Criminal Justice

## **Significant Educator**

Rex Hafer



# Della Uekert

*Kalamazoo Central High School*  
*Education for Employment*

## **Parents**

Todd and Amy Uekert

## **College**

Michigan State University:  
James Madison College

## **Major**

Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy

## **Significant Educator**

Stan Van Der Slik



# Taryn Withers

*Kalamazoo Central High School  
Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center*

## **Parents**

Steve Withers and Tammy Wedeking

## **College**

Undecided

## **Major**

Biology or Zoology

## **Significant Educator**

Michael Sinclair



# Kate McLain

*Kalamazoo Christian High School*

## **Parents**

Mark and Ann McLain

## **College**

Undecided

## **Major**

Veterinary Medicine or Nursing

## **Significant Educator**

Bill Hoffman



# Katherine Cox

*Loy Norrix High School*

## **Parents**

Robert Cox and Jackie Eysol

## **College**

Vanderbilt University

## **Major**

Special Education

## **Significant Educator**

Arthur Williams



# Davis Crocker

*Loy Norrix High School*

*Western Michigan University*

## **Parents**

Patrick and Krista Crocker

## **College**

University of Michigan

## **Major**

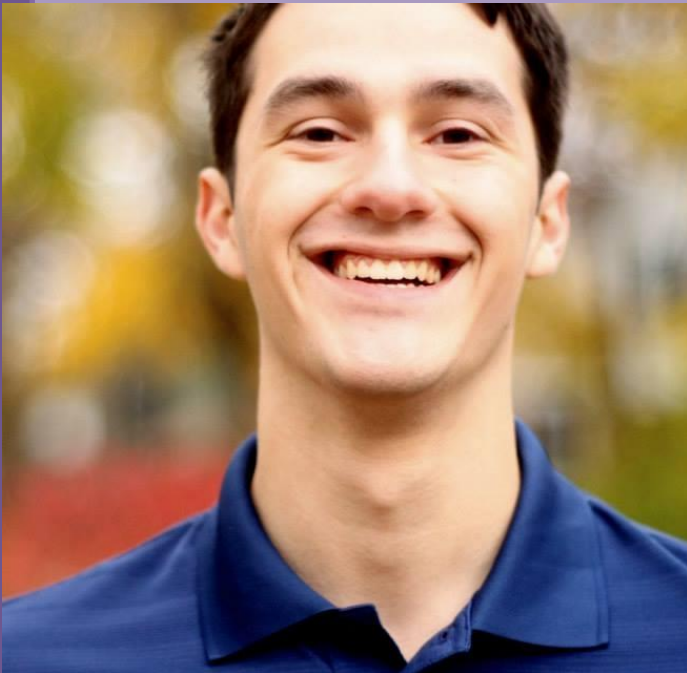
Undecided

## **Significant Educator**

Judy Hill

# Daniel Haw

*Loy Norrix High School*



## **Parents**

Michael Haw and Gail Kueffner Haw

## **College**

University of Michigan

## **Major**

History

## **Significant Educator**

Barbara Felkel



# Thomas Rupp

*Loy Norrix High School*

*Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center*

## **Parents**

Timothy Rupp and Elizabeth Farner

## **College**

University of Michigan

## **Major**

Computer or Electrical Engineering

## **Significant Educator**

Matthew Porco



# Grace Santamaria

*Loy Norrix High School*  
*Education for the Arts*

## **Parents**

Jose and Karen Santamaria

## **College**

Undecided

## **Major**

Theatre Design

## **Significant Educator**

Barbara Felkel



# Laurel Jordan

*Parchment High School*

*Education for the Arts*

## **Parents**

Thomas and Kristina Jordan

## **College**

Adrian College

## **Major**

Arts Management

## **Significant Educator**

Elizabeth Honeysett



# Zachary Roberts

*Parchment High School*

## **Parents**

Brian and Cheryl Roberts

## **College**

Undecided

## **Major**

Sports Management

## **Significant Educator**

Cheryl Roberts



# Michael Schmitt

*Parchment High School*

*Education for Employment*

## **Parents**

Dave and Cheryl Schmitt

## **College**

Indiana Tech

## **Major**

Engineering

## **Significant Educator**

Rick VanDis



# Morgan Freeby

*Portage Central High School*

## **Parents**

John and Beth Freeby

## **College**

University of Michigan

## **Major**

Engineering

## **Significant Educator**

Jim Schafer



# Humza Mirza

## *Portage Central High School*

*Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center,  
Western Michigan University*

### **Parents**

Nadeem Mirza and Sidra Nadeem

### **College**

University of Michigan

### **Major**

Neuroscience

### **Significant Educator**

Becky Cooper



# Jacob Naranjo

*Portage Central High School*

*Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center*

## **Parents**

Joseph Naranjo and Rhonda Ragual

## **College**

Kalamazoo College

## **Major**

Computer Science

## **Significant Educator**

Shannon Houtrouw



# Rachel Polus

## *Portage Central High School*

*Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center,  
Western Michigan University*

### **Parents**

David and Susan Polus

### **College**

Michigan State University

### **Major**

Computer Science / Mathematics

### **Significant Educator**

Michael Sinclair



# Hanna Rumora

*Portage Central High School*  
*Kalamazoo Area Math & Science Center*

## **Parents**

Jim and Susan Rumora

## **College**

Northwestern University

## **Major**

Cello Performance and Mathematics

## **Significant Educator**

Bruce Uchimura



# Caroline Sampson

*Portage Central High School*

## **Parents**

Dan and Aaron Sampson

## **College**

University of Michigan or Duke University

## **Major**

Biology

## **Significant Educator**

Eric Lancaster

# Genevieve Sertic

## *Portage Central High School*

*Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center,  
Western Michigan University*



### **Parents**

James and Lisa Sertic

### **College**

Undecided

### **Major**

Engineering

### **Significant Educator**

Cheryl Hach



# Amanda Bischof

*Portage Northern High School*

## **Parents**

Gary Bischof and Karen Helmeke

## **College**

University of Michigan

## **Major**

Chemical Engineering

## **Significant Educator**

Heather Canenguez

# Abhay Goel

*Portage Northern High School*

*Kalamazoo Area Math & Science Center,  
Western Michigan University*



## **Parents**

Chetan and Anu Goel

## **College**

Kalamazoo College

## **Major**

Mathematics

## **Significant Educator**

Scott Friesner



# Kevin Greer

*Portage Northern High School*  
*Education for the Arts*

## **Parents**

Todd and Tina Greer

## **College**

Western Michigan University

## **Major**

Engineering or Mathematics

## **Significant Educator**

Josh Bartz



# Colin Johnson

*Portage Northern High School*

## **Parents**

Darrell and Carrie Johnson

## **College**

Vanderbilt University

## **Major**

Secondary Education

## **Significant Educator**

Josh Bartz



# Madelene McKenzie

*Portage Northern High School*

*Kalamazoo Area Math & Science Center,  
Kalamazoo Valley Community College*

## **Parents**

Ian and Rita McKenzie

## **College**

University of Michigan or Notre Dame

## **Major**

Biomedical Engineering and Spanish

## **Significant Educator**

Mark Cardwell



# Kyle Milka

*Portage Northern High School*  
*Kalamazoo Area Math & Science Center*

## **Parents**

Michael and Deborah Milka

## **College**

Undecided

## **Major**

Computer Science

## **Significant Educator**

Mark Cardwell



# Katherine Rothe

*Portage Northern High School*  
*Kalamazoo Area Math & Science Center*

## **Parents**

Greg and Deanna Rothe

## **College**

University of Michigan or Purdue University

## **Major**

Computer Science and Electrical Engineering

## **Significant Educator**

Mark Cardwell



# Maria Stull

*Portage Northern High School  
Kalamazoo Area Math & Science Center,  
Western Michigan University*

## **Parents**

Chuck Stull and Susan Pozo

## **College**

Undecided

## **Major**

Undecided

## **Significant Educator**

Shannon Houtrouw



# Kari Feddema

*Schoolcraft High School*  
*Kalamazoo Valley Community College*

## **Parents**

Mark and Dawn Feddema

## **College**

Grace College

## **Major**

Health Sciences

## **Significant Educator**

Doug Flynn



# Zachary Wehner

*Schoolcraft High School*

*Kalamazoo Valley Community College*

## **Parents**

Rick and Beth Wehner

## **College**

Undecided

## **Major**

Biomedical Engineering

## **Significant Educator**

Brian Kosmerick



# Troy Halseth

*Vicksburg High School*

*Kalamazoo Valley Community College*

**Parents**

Randall and Jennifer Halseth

**College**

University of Michigan

**Major**

Nuclear or Chemical Engineering

**Significant Educator**

Scott Wills



# Daniel Kosiba

*Vicksburg High School*

*Kalamazoo Valley Community College*

## **Parents**

Lawrence and Christina Kosiba

## **College**

University of Michigan

## **Major**

Biology

## **Significant Educator**

Kim Armitage



# Leann Mayberry

*Vicksburg High School*

*Kalamazoo Valley Community College,  
Education for the Arts*

## **Parents**

Loren and Susan Mayberry

## **College**

Georgia Institute of Technology

## **Major**

Chemical or Biomedical Engineering

## **Significant Teacher**

Dustin Morris

# Alexandria Oswalt

*Vicksburg High School*

*Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center*



## **Parents**

Mike and Julie Oswalt

## **College**

Kalamazoo College

## **Major**

Biology

## **Significant Educator**

Cheryl Hach

