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Excellence in Education Awards Program

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EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Student Awards

Reagan Howell

Climax-Scotts High School KVCC

Parents:

Michelle Barton and John Howell

College:

Western Michigan University

Major:

Art

Significant Educator:

Jennifer Wright



Lydia Kruis

Comstock High School KAMSC, KVCC

Parents:

Tresa and James Kruis

College:

University of Michigan

Major:

Biomedical Engineering

Significant Educator:

Colleen Chapoton



Kayla Nichols

Galesburg-Augusta High School KVCC

Parent:

Ted Nichols

College:

University of Michigan

Major:

Architecture

Significant Educator:

Christopher Enders



Robert Arce

Gull Lake High School KVCC

Parents:

Stephanie and Robert Arce

College:

University of Michigan

Major:

Engineering

Significant Educator:

Reggie Walters



Adam Boyle

Gull Lake High School KVCC

Parents:

Kelly and Patrick Boyle

College:

University of Wisconsin - Madison

Major:

Finance

Significant Educator:

Annemarie Gerrish



Abigail Eilertson

Gull Lake High School KAMSC

Parents:

Carolyn and Steven Eilertson

College:

University of Michigan

Major:

Biomedical Engineering

Significant Educator:

Shannon Houtrouw



Allison Tucci

Gull Lake High School

Parents:

Catherine and John Tucci

College:

DePaul University

Major:

Mathematical Science

Significant Educator:

Peter Santa Maria



Sydney Van Es

Hackett Catholic Prep

Parents:

Connie and Anthony Van Es

College:

University of Michigan

Major:

Biology

Significant Educator:

Mary Hendricks



Madison Kilian

Heritage Christian Academy KVCC

Parents:

Philip and Amber Kilian

College:

Liberty University

Major:

Graphic Design

Significant Educator:

Stephanie Jevert



Rachel Allabaugh

Kalamazoo Christian High School KAMSC

Parents:

Terri and Peter Allabaugh

College:

Undecided

Major:

Engineering

Significant Educator:

Michael Sinclair



Alejandro Alvarez

Kalamazoo Central High School KAMSC

Parents:

Fanny and Antonio Alvarez

College:

University of Michigan

Major:

Engineering

Significant Educator:

Jennifer Wyrick



Ingrid Gardner

Kalamazoo Central High School KAMSC, Western Michigan University

Parents:

Joy and James Gardner

College:

Kalamazoo College

Major:

Mathematics and Linguistics

Significant Educator:

Elizabeth Carr



Pauline Hawkes

Kalamazoo Central High School KVCC

Parents:

Ernest Hawkes III and Paula Hawkes

College:

Kalamazoo College

Major:

Biology

Significant Educator:

Linda Lee



Asia Hoehle

Kalamazoo Central High School KAMSC

Parents:

Wayne and Ann Hoehle

College:

Michigan Technological University

Major:

Biomedical Engineering

Significant Educator:

Michael Sinclair



Zachary Risley

Kalamazoo Central High School KAMSC

Parents:

Julie Lorenz and John Risley

College:

Hope College

Major:

Biomedical Engineering

Significant Educator:

Jocelyn Clark



Ava Schwachter

Kalamazoo Central High School KAMSC

Parent:

Ella Philander

College:

Kalamazoo College

Major:

Bio-Chemistry

Significant Educator:

Colleen Chapoton



Guthrie Harris

Loy Norrix High School KVCC, WMU

Parents:

Nicole Butz and Sean Harris

College:

Boston University

Major:

Political Science and Spanish

Significant Educator:

Christina Holmes



Maia Lintner

Loy Norrix High School KAMSC, KVCC, WMU

Parents:

Carrie and Brad Lintner

College:

Undecided

Major:

Undecided

Significant Educator:

Michael Sinclair



Nina Molitor

Loy Norrix High School

Western Michigan University

Parents:

Derek Molitor and Joanna Parzakonis

College:

University of Michigan

Major:

Biology

Significant Educator:

Jason Wagner



Clara Moss

Loy Norrix High School
Western Michigan University

Parents:

Anna and Kimberly Moss

College:

University of Michigan

Major:

Classics

Significant Educator:

Matthew Frayer



Benjamin Whitsett

Loy Norrix High School KAMSC, WMU

Parents:

Aaron and Kate Whitsett

College:

Kalamazoo College

Major:

Mathematics and Physics

Significant Educator:

Michael Sinclair



Oskar Wiedenhoeft

Loy Norrix High School

Parents:

Margaret and Marco Wiedenhoeft

College:

University of Michigan

Major:

Computer Science

Significant Educator:

Bradley Schmidt



Claire Mosebach

Parchment High School KVCC

Parents:

Aaron and Lori Mosebach

College:

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Major:

Nursing

Significant Educator:

Rachel Jansen



Syed Murtaza

Parchment High School KAMSC

Parents:

Syed Mujtaba and Syeda Ismail

College:

University of Michigan

Major:

Engineering

Significant Educator:

Branden Johnson



Simar Bhatia

Portage Central High School KAMSC

Parents:

Inderdeep and Jasleen Bhatia

College:

Undecided

Major:

Cognitive Science

Significant Educator:

Shannon Houtrouw



Olivia Eby

Portage Central High School KAMSC

Parents:

Barbara and Scott Eby

College:

Undecided

Major:

Chemistry

Significant Educator:

Eric Lancaster



April Heskett

Portage Central High School

Parents:

E. Ann and Erin Heskett

College:

Undecided

Major:

Biology

Significant Educator:

Darcy Banitt



Benjamin Hunter

Portage Central High School KAMSC

Parents:

Brad and Cindy Hunter

College:

University of Michigan

Major:

Neuroscience

Significant Educator:

Bonnie Moss



Jason Krawczyk

Portage Central High School KAMSC

Parents:

Joel and Karen Krawczyk

College:

Kalamazoo College

Major:

Biology

Significant Educator:

Colleen Chapoton



Elijah Simmering

Portage Central High School

Parents:

Brett and MaryAnne Simmering

College:

Undecided

Major:

Engineering

Significant Educator:

Chris Czuk



Owen Su

Portage Central High School KAMSC

Parents:

Kemin Su and Ping Ouyang

College:

University of Michigan

Major:

Computer Science

Significant Educator:

Shannon Houtrouw



Madison Grabe

Portage Northern High School

Parents:

Erin Bickings and Christopher Grabe

College:

University of Michigan

Major:

Bio-Chemistry

Significant Educator:

Jessica Clark



Ashika Gullapalli

Portage Northern High School KAMSC

Parents:

Mohan Satish and Saujanya Gullapalli

College:

Columbia University

Major:

Biological Sciences

Significant Educator:

Tia Hohler



Carter Hull

Portage Northern High School

Parents:

Craig and Melissa Hull

College:

University of California - Irvine

Major:

Undecided

Significant Educator:

Lucas Rewa



Alexis Loparo

Portage Northern High School KAMSC

Parents:

Charles and Lori Loparo

College:

Undecided

Major:

Biology

Significant Educator:

Laura Citino



Ruhaan Rai

Portage Northern High School KAMSC

Parents:

Somesh and Shweta Rai

College:

University of Michigan

Major:

Computer Science

Significant Educator:

Amber Dixon





Karsten Wiegerink

Portage Northern High School KAMSC

Parents:

Jodi and Ron Wiegerink

College:

Undecided

Major:

Computer Science

Significant Educator:

Dennis Kozian



Brooklyn Hamelink

Schoolcraft High School KVCC

Parents:

Loretta and Greg Hamelink

College:

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Major:

Nursing

Significant Educator:

Melissa French



Alyvia Bailey

Vicksburg High School
Western Michigan University

Parents:

Kerri and Rich Bailey

College:

Georgetown University

Major:

Political Economics

Significant Educator:

Adam Brush



Allison Bontrager

Vicksburg High School

Parents:

Todd and Gosia Bontrager

College:

Undecided

Major:

Biology

Significant Educator:

Amanda Szczesny



Jackson Bowles

Vicksburg High School

Parents:

Christina and Chad Bowles

College:

Purdue University

Major:

Mechanical Engineering

Significant Educator:

Amanda Szczesny



Andrew Geiger

Vicksburg High School

Parents:

Katie and Jeff Geiger

College:

University of Michigan

Major:

Biology

Significant Educator:

Lucas Wolthuis







