

2007 FLINN SCHOLARS



CLARK ALVES

St. Johns High School
Educator: Lynette Burdick, Chemistry, Physics, Academic Decathlon

Valedictorian; state finalist, Heisman Athlete-Scholar Award; overall highest scoring student, Arizona Academic Decathlon Regionals; second-highest scoring student, National Small School Academic Decathlon; varsity basketball, track, and soccer; fifth place junior division, Arizona State Fiddling Contest; Camp Ability youth counselor; concert master, St. Johns High School Orchestra; Eagle Scout.



SHRUTI BALA

Barry Goldwater High School, Phoenix
Educator: Speranta Klees, Counselor/IB Coordinator

AP Scholar with Honor; Rensselaer Medal; Kodak Youth Leaders Award; distinguished finalist, Prudential Spirit of Community Award; Violet Richardson Award, Soroptimist International; Alexander Hamilton Citizen Achievement Platinum Award; research assistant, Barrow Neurological Institute; vice chair, Governor's Youth Commission; president and founder, International Club; Arizona Girls State.



ELLEN CHANG

Corona del Sol High School, Tempe
Educator: Debra Moore, Guidance Counselor

National Merit Scholar; Emerson Scholar; Executive Women International Scholarship finalist; Discover Card Tribute Award state finalist; honored performer, Arizona State Music Festival; president and concertmaster, orchestra; Arizona Girls State; We the People; volunteer, Chandler Public Library; Phoenix Youth Symphony; National Honor Society; musician, church worship team; treasurer, Math Olympiad club.



BOBBY COTTAM

Red Mountain High School, Mesa
Educator: Darlene Cull, 3rd & 4th Grade, Mendoza Elementary School, Mesa

National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar with Distinction; President's Education Award, U.S. Department of Education; valedictorian; seventh place, Under 20 Men's Epee Fencing Nationals; first place, Toro Country Classic Lincoln-Douglas Debate; Arizona Boys State; Eagle Scout; Distinguished Delegate, Mesa Community College Model United Nations; Academic Decathlon; state champion team, trap shooting.

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QUINNEY FU

Dobson High School, Mesa
Educator: Stella Ollarsaba, Math (Calculus BC)

National Merit Commended Scholar; AP Scholar with Honor; first place, Toro Country Classic Lincoln Douglas Debate; attorney general, Arizona Girls State; Southwest Regional Orchestra; Best City Recommendation, Mayor's Youth Committee; research intern, Translational Genomics Research Institute; president, National Honor Society; volunteer, Arizona Science Center; We the People.



MARY BETH HUTCHINSON

Red Mountain High School, Mesa
Educator: Jim Barnette, Extended Learning Program, Ishikawa Elementary School, Mesa

National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar; Outstanding Social Studies Student; third place, 5A State Impromptu Speaking; string bassist, regional orchestra; best delegate of UNESCO committee, Mesa Community College Model United Nations Conference; editor, Mesa Public Library Council book review newsletter; Planned Parenthood Positive Force Player; black belt, karate; Mayor's Youth Committee.



MARK JENG

Desert Vista High School, Phoenix
Educator: Beth Koester, Honors Chemistry

National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar with Distinction; finalist, City of Phoenix Outstanding Young Man of the Year; finalist, Outstanding Student of America Award; first place, National Federation of Music State Viola Competition; second place, Future Business Leaders of America Emerging Business Issues; volunteer, Foundation for Blind Children; research intern, Translational Genomics Research Institute; YMCA Youth and Government.



MARGO JOHNSON

Tucson High Magnet School
Educator: Margaret Wilch, Research Methods

AP Scholar; Outstanding Research in Psychology, American Psychological Association; first place in behavior and psychology, Southern Arizona Regional Science and Engineering Fair; President's Volunteer Service Award; Outstanding Student Award, U.S. Public Health Service; Violet Richardson Award, Soroptimist International; autism research; president and founder, Reach Out!; National Honor Society; rock climbing.

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ARIELLE KING

Dobson High School, Mesa
Educator: Melissa Bianchi, English

Earth Watch Institute Semifinalist; chief justice of supreme court, Arizona Girls State; six-time first place winner, Mesa Public Schools Poetry Contest; sixth place, Cross Country City Championship; president, Mustang Pals club; Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference; captain, cross country; volunteer, Paz de Cristo; captain, track; president, Dobson High School Anti-Defamation League; We the People; National Honor Society.



CHARLES MACKIN, JR.

Buena High School, Sierra Vista
Educator: Ronald Rivera, Band, Sierra Vista Middle School

National Dean's List; National Honor Roll; first place, Arizona National History Day; third place, Western Regional Bible Bowl; varsity basketball; president, Knights of Pythagoras; lead alto saxophonist, jazz band; Eagle Scout; speech and debate; engineering counselor, UA Summer Engineering Academy; youth basketball coach; Arizona Engineering Academy.



EFREN MARTINEZ

Alhambra High School, Phoenix
Educator: Gilberto Aguirre, Algebra, Granada East Middle School, Phoenix

President, National Honor Society; first place, Academic Decathlon science regionals; Outstanding Young Man Award, City of Phoenix; volunteer, Thomas J. Pappas Food Drive; president, math club; Stepping Stone Scholarship; Alhambra Foundation for the Future Award; volunteer, campus clean-up campaign; president, University Club; volunteer, Phoenix Baptist Hospital; captain, Academic Decathlon.



JARED NEUFFER

Phoenix Country Day School, Paradise Valley
Educator: W. David Martin, History

National Merit Finalist; Rensselaer Medal; Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award; Dartmouth Book Award; Cum Laude Society; state champion, Math Counts; state champion, policy debate; varsity cross country; second place, Arizona State Science Bowl; lead trumpet, jazz band; contributor, *The Radical* math magazine; president, Improv Club; section editor, yearbook.

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KATHRYN SCHECKEL

Xavier College Preparatory, Phoenix
Educator: John Cosden, English and Mock Trial

National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar with Honor; outstanding performer, Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education mock trial all-regional team; research intern, Biodesign Institute at Arizona State University; National Honor Society; distinguished finalist, Prudential Spirit of Community Award; volunteer, Mustang Library; piano performance; Mu Alpha Theta honor society.



TRACY SHELDAHL

Cibola High School, Yuma
Educator: Debra Monroe, Anatomy/Physiology

National Merit Recognition; National Hispanic Scholar Finalist; U.S. National English Merit Award; Director's Award for Band; Renaissance Award; Arizona Girls State; drum major, varsity band; nursery volunteer, First Presbyterian Church; junior varsity basketball; National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine; section leader, jazz band; junior varsity cross country; treasurer, art club.



AMY STABLER

Thunderbird High School, Phoenix
Educator: Jonathan Parker, AP U.S. History

National Merit Letter of Commendation; AP Scholar; Kodak Young Leaders Award; Outstanding Young Woman of the Year Award, City of Phoenix; Thunderbird Achievement Above All Award; state and national champion, MBAA/USA Cycling/NORBA mountain biking; first place, district poetry contest; varsity cross country; science writing finalist, Society for Technical Communication; volunteer, All Star tutoring; president, science club; varsity track.



JUHYUNG SUN

Canyon del Oro High School, Tucson
Educator: Christopher Yetman, Academic Decathlon/Calculus BC

National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar with Distinction; Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award; homecoming king; University of Arizona MEDCAMP health career camp; top Arizona score, Academic Decathlon Nationals; advanced math problem solving team; lead trombonist, jazz combo team; vice president, National Honor Society; top 50, Arizona State High School Math Contest.

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SARAH TRAINOR

Flowing Wells High School, Tucson
Educator: Stuart Mattingly, Photography

National Merit Commended Scholar; DECA Outstanding Marketing Student of the Year; Outstanding School Leadership Award; El Rio Medical Center Outstanding Volunteer; Social Studies Student of the Year; editor, school newspaper; secretary, National Honor Society; vice president, Striving Toward Excellent Performance; volunteer, Reach Out and Read; junior reporter, *Arizona Daily Star*.



HUAN (SAM) WANG

Chandler High School
Educator: Sally Boyle, Visual Arts

National Merit Commended Student; AP Scholar with Honors; third place in engineering, Arizona Science Olympiad State Finals; T.W. Lewis Scholarship finalist; Association Americaine des Professeurs de Francais Award; first place biology, school science fair; president, International Baccalaureate club; Asian Lead Academy; volunteer, Chandler Art Masterpiece program; vice president, science club; speech and debate.



NIKO WARNER

Salpointe Catholic High School, Tucson
Educator: Henry Byerly, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Home School Mentor

National Merit Scholar; AP Scholar with Distinction; top ten, Arizona State Math Competition; Salpointe Scholar Award; first place in computer science, Southern Arizona Regional Science Fair; Pima County Teen Court Service Award; black belt, karate; president and founder, math club; research intern, University of Arizona Neural Systems, Memory and Aging Laboratory; piano instructor; junior reporter, *Arizona Daily Star*.



COLE WIRPEL

Rio Rico High School
Educator: Karen Bristow, English

Salutatorian; Southern Arizona VA Healthcare Service Award; Catalina Rotary Club Service to Humanity Award; first place in medicine and health, Southern Arizona Regional Science Fair; Southwest Gas High School Award; Tucson Philharmonic Youth Orchestra; science club; principal trombonist, jazz band; National Honor Society; president, band club; University of Arizona Summer of Excellence; co-founder, Best Six-Tet Band.