

2008 FLINN SCHOLARS



DANIELLE BACK
Tempe Preparatory Academy

National Merit Commended Scholar; National Forensics League All American; Robert C. Byrd Scholarship; third place, Arizona Regional Science Bowl tournament; first place, varsity Lincoln-Douglas debate, Valley Christian competition; third place, varsity LD, 1-3A state competition; second place, French Improvisation, ASU Language Fair; captain, speech and debate; captain, Science Bowl; president, Model UN; peer tutoring; alto, Cantamus Choir; editor, *Cute and Adorable Gadgets* blog.



ALICE CAI
Catalina Foothills High School, Tucson

National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar with Distinction; three medals, state Science Olympiad; multiple-competition winner, piano performance; solo pianist, Tucson Symphony Orchestra; Catalina Foothills School District STAR Award; second place, Tucson Poetry Contest; Unidas Girls Philanthropy Program; president/founder, Vocalise Music Club; Governor's Youth Commission; volunteer, Ronald McDonald House; Pima County Women's Commission.



AUBRI CARMAN
Mountain Pointe High School, Phoenix

National Merit Commended Student; AP Scholar with Honor; Robert C. Byrd Scholarship; varsity captain, honorable-mention all-state, soccer; varsity captain, MVP, first-team, all-state cross-country; varsity track and field; intern, Biodesign Institute at ASU; finalist, AIA Scholar Athlete of the year; state-finalist team, club soccer; freshman, sophomore, junior Female Scholar Athlete of the Year; president, National Honor Society; exchange student, Germany.



HOWARD CHENG
Corona del Sol High School, Tempe

National Merit Scholar; finalist, Intel International Science and Engineering Fair; U.S. Army Science and Engineering Award; grand prize, Arizona Science and Engineering Fair; winner, DuPont Challenge National Science Essay; founder and captain, policy debate team; HIV vaccine and drug-therapy research, discrete mathematics research, ASU; president, Philosophy Club; varsity tennis; orchestral violin; Acatecs service club.



KAREN ELLIS

North High School, Phoenix

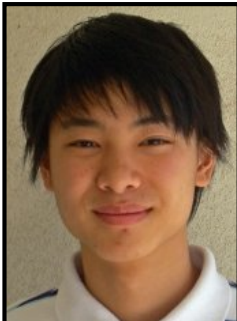
Top 20, National French Exam; June M. Adair Award, Phoenix Honors Cotillion; John Phillip Sousa Award; first-chair oboe, Greater Phoenix Honor Band, Regional Honor Band; drum major, marching band; varsity swim and dive; member, Grenoble (France) Committee, Phoenix Sister Cities; National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine; secretary, Forensics Club; youth representative, All Saints' Vestry.



WILLIAM (CHASE) GAMMON

Trevor G. Browne High School, Phoenix

Winner, American Mathematics Competition, State High School Math Contest; national finalist, "Most Valuable Student" Elks Club competition; president, student government; president, National Honor Society; president, medal winner, Academic Decathlon; camp counselor, Anytown Arizona; lead in four school plays; second place, Arizona's "Junkyard Generator" physics competition; Outstanding Math Student of the Year; homecoming king.



COLIN HO

Corona del Sol High School, Tempe

National Merit Semifinalist; AP Scholar with Distinction; Arizona Regional Rookie all-star award, national competition highest rookie seed, 2007 FIRST Robotics; third place, International Piano Teams competition; multiple award winner, state policy-debate tournaments; president, Engineering and Robotics Club; co-captain, Policy Debate Team; president, Philosophy Club; percussionist, Chinese Music Ensemble; president, French Club.



MATTHEW HOM

University High School, Tucson

National Merit Scholar; AP Scholar with Distinction; 11 individual medals, state Science Olympiad (team president); Top Winner, Level II-V, State High School Math Contest; national finalist, "Most Valuable Student" Elks Club competition; captain, Envirothon team; principal violinist, Southern Arizona Regional Orchestra Festival; Economics Challenge team; Caltech Signature Award; Colgate Award.



JOHN INGRAHAM

Saguaro High School, Scottsdale

National Merit Commended Student; AP Scholar; seven individual medals, state Science Olympiad; second place, state Chemistry Challenge; Charros Saguaro Outstanding Student of the Year; vice president, National Honor Society; Prudential President's Volunteer Service Award; varsity cross-country and track; Eagle Scout; co-director, humanitarian mission trips; Advanced Vocal Ensemble, District Honor Choir; marching band, jazz band, wind ensemble.



AMY KACZMAROWSKI

Gilbert High School

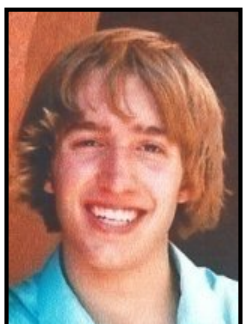
AP Scholar; first-place speech, second-place interview, state Academic Decathlon (team captain); Superior with Distinction, ensemble performance, concert band regionals; tuba-section leader, outstanding member, marching band; founder, president, Astronomy Club, presented abstract at Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, League City, Texas; Mu Alpha Theta math honor society; volunteer, Challenger Space Center; St. Vincent de Paul Society.



JOHN KONDZIOLKA

Dobson High School, Mesa

National Merit Semifinalist; state chair, Vigil Honor, delegate to National Conservation and Leadership Summit, Order of the Arrow; Young American Award, Grand Canyon Council, Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scout; Top Winner, Level III, State High School Math Contest; junior varsity soccer; cello performance, Outstanding Performer, NAU Summer Music Camp; choral performance; We-the-People competition.



BENJAMIN LANG

Flagstaff High School

National Merit Commended Student; AP Scholar; most-valuable swimmer, Grand Canyon Region, captain, state-championship swim team; first-chair bassoon, regional orchestra; first chair bassoon, Northern Arizona Youth Orchestra; vice president, National Honor Society; Prevention Education and Creative Expression Project acting troupe; youth board member, Grand Canyon Youth; Youth Conservation Corps, Odyssey of the Mind.



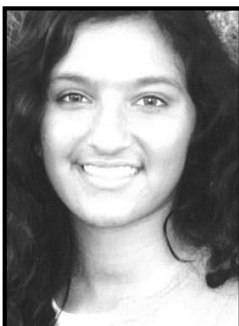
MARK McCARTY
Payson High School

National Merit Commended Student; AP Scholar with Distinction; state wrestling champion, 152-pound division (team captain); Scholar Athlete, Arizona Interscholastic Association; vice president, National Honor Society; valedictorian; student representative, Payson High School Site Council; Special Friends elementary-school counseling; youth wrestling instructor; counselor, CHAMPS elementary-school leadership program; secretary, Math Club; Interact.



KELLIE MEJDRICH
Desert Vista High School, Phoenix

National Merit Commended Student; "Voice of the Future" published by Elder and Leemaur Publishers; Scholar/Athlete Award, Arizona Interscholastic Association; finalist, Ethics Essay, The Williams Institute; Empty Bowls Charity, Clay Club; Students for the Advancement of Gifted Education; cello performance, North Central Regional Orchestra, chamber, symphony orchestra; Desert Vista literary magazine, alternative newspaper.



SINDHU PANDURANGI
Arizona School for the Arts, Phoenix

National Merit Commended Student; Certificat de Reussite from Le Grand Concours; Robert C. Byrd Scholarship; Outstanding House Official, Girls State; third-place essay, state Academic Decathlon; valedictorian; president, National Honor Society; summer intern, Biodesign Institute at ASU; volunteer, Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center; volunteer, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center; vice president, Student Government; Indian classical dance.



ERIC STOUT
Desert Vista High School, Phoenix

National Merit Scholar; fourth place, TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science) national competition; fourth place, Arizona Regional Science Bowl; intern, Barrow Neurological Institute, participating in two international conferences; captain, Academic Decathlon team; marching band, all-region honor band; top 50, State High School Math Contest; vice president, Ironwood Library Teen Council; Relay for Life.



MITCHELL TURBENSON

Gilbert High School

AP Scholar; *East Valley Tribune* Student Musician of the Year; Guitar Foundation of America International Competition; classical guitar study, ASU; superior honors in piano performance, Arizona Study Program; performer of the year, Gilbert High School; James Anthony Award; president, co-founder, Music Performance Studio; Mu Alpha Theta math honor society; all-state, first-chair bassoon, Mesa Youth Symphony Orchestra, Metropolitan Youth Symphony.



DAVID WARE

Salpointe Catholic High School, Tucson

National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar with Distinction; Youth Ambassadors – Cairo, State Department Scholarship; Cultural Exchange, Lima, Peru; founder, Salpointe International Club; Boys State; intern, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords; black belt, Tae Kwon Do; second-team all-region volleyball; fine-art photography; volunteer, Kidline; Greater Tucson Youth Program Leadership Program; chief spokesperson, Salpointe Charity Coalition.



QIAN (JASON) XU

Ironwood Ridge High School, Tucson

National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar with Honors; Valedictorian; first place, piano, Civic Orchestra of Tucson and Catalina Chamber Orchestra Young Artists Competitions; gold medalist, Sonata Festival; first-place math, first-place essay, regional Academic Decathlon (team co-founder, president); co-president, Computer Science Club; ambassador, America Israel Friendship League Youth Exchange Program.



JOANNA YANG

Desert Vista High School, Phoenix

National Merit Scholar; National AP Scholar; Robert C. Byrd Scholarship; fourth place, TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science) national competition; Arizona delegate, National Youth Science Camp; second-place interview, regional Academic Decathlon (team captain); piano performance and competition; founder, Phantasie String Quartet; violin performance; science research, Texas Tech University, ASU; president, Ironwood Teen Library Council.