

2009 FLINN SCHOLARS



NESIMA ABERRA

Hamilton High School, Chandler
Educator: Holly Kain, AP Human Geography

National Merit Commended Student; editor-in-chief, student newspaper; president, Invisible Children Club; vice president, National Honor Society; Foreign Language Student of the Year; finalist, National Achievement Scholarship; finalist, TWI Ethics Essay Contest; Teen Advisory Council; reporter, azTEEN magazine; volunteer, Children and Teen Program, Hamilton Public Library.



KATHERINE CAI

Corona del Sol High School, Tempe
Educator: Virginia Teeples, AP Language & Composition (English)

National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar with Honor; Western States Region award, 1st place in Arizona, We the People National Competition; vice president, Health Occupations Students of America; 1st Place, HOSA Biomedical Debate; state champion varsity badminton team; intern, Biodesign Institute and School of Life Sciences at ASU; treasurer, Speech and Debate team; Top 10%, State High School Math Contest; Site Based Council; founder, PathAspire.com.



JENNIFER CHEN

Mountain Pointe High School, Phoenix
Educator: K.R. Scott, Honors Interdisciplinary Studies

Valedictorian; multiple award winner, Arizona Science Olympiad; online committee co-chair, Relay for Life Ahwatukee; support team captain, Academic Decathlon; junior volunteer award, Chandler Regional Hospital; president, science club; treasurer, Mu Alpha Theta mathematics honor society; historian, Relief for Humanity club; National Honor Society; Language Honor Society; orchestra; intern, Fieldwork Phoenix; ASU President's Scholarship.



HUGH CHUNG

Hamilton High School, Chandler
Educator: Debbie A. Nipar, Chemistry

AP Scholar with Distinction; founder, designer, First Dot Productions; president, speech and debate team; president, co-founder, Always Ready Kids; 3rd place, state Public Forum Debate; 3rd place, state We the People competition; best picture, Chandler Teen Independent Film Festival; committee leader, Model United Nations; National Honor Society; lead keyboard performer, church youth group; tutor, E-Nopi.

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DAWN COLE

Flagstaff High School

Educator: Kathy Zimski, U.S. History & Government/Economics

AP Scholar; Grand Canyon Youth Corps; teacher's aide, first grade class, AFS Intercultural Programs, Costa Rica; junior counselor, Museum of Northern Arizona summer camp; varsity swim team; pole vaulter & sprinter, varsity track team; piano study and instruction; 1st chair viola, Northern Arizona Academy Orchestra; National Honor Society; Sustainable Urban Restoration Landscape Initiative service-learning projects; ASU President's Scholarship.



LAUREL GRAY

Catalina Foothills High School, Tucson

Educator: Sam T. Caruso, AP European History

National Merit Commended Scholar; AP Scholar; volunteer, Amigos de las Americas, Michoacán, Mexico; captain, varsity swim team; translator, Nogales Clinic; art assistant, Summer Fine Arts program; Spanish immersion, Granada, Nicaragua; National Honor Society; National Society of High School Scholars; high-school ambassador to middle school; rock climbing; skiing.



DEREK HUANG

Corona del Sol High School, Tempe

Educator: Care Y. McCray-Lengel, Gifted Counselor

National Merit Finalist; 1st place, physics and astronomy, Arizona Science and Engineering Fair; 1st place, Cox Brainstorm Quiz Show; 2nd place, senior piano concerto, Arizona Young Artist Competition; 2nd place, Arizona Youth Piano Competition; editor, literary magazine; Lincoln-Douglas team captain, speech and debate team; president, Trivia Club; tutor, KidTalk; Northern Arizona University music camp; speech and debate camp.



LAUREN JOHNSTON

Marcos de Niza High School, Tempe

Educator: David Dotts, AP World History

National Merit Scholar; AP Scholar with Honors; valedictorian; president, student government; co-captain, varsity soccer team; Habitat for Humanity; intern, Biodesign Institute at ASU; president, Gifted And Talented Students Club; choir; vice-president, Robotics Club; lifeguard, City of Tempe aquatics department; National Honor Society; UA Bonnevie Scholarship; Marcos de Niza Science Student of the Year; Relay for Life; founder, gifted-students mentorship program.

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EMMA KLEINER

Catalina Foothills High School, Tucson

Educator: Lon L. Patton, 1st Grade, Manzanita Elementary School, Tucson

National Merit Scholar; founder and president, CFHS literary society; Lincoln-Douglas tutor, president, speech and debate team; intern, Tucson office of Gov. Janet Napolitano; intern, Tucson office of U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords; treasurer, student government; teacher's assistant, Sunrise Elementary School; vice president, Hebrew High School; campus liaison, American Israel Public Affairs Committee; National Honor Society.

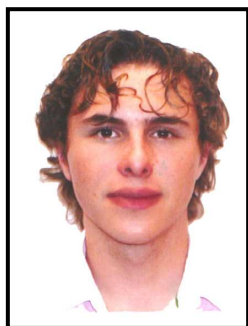


ALLISON LAMBOURNE

Red Mountain High School, Mesa

Educator: Brad W. Kaufman, Honors American History/Academic Decathlon

National Merit Commended Student; outstanding volunteer, Child Crisis Center; chair, Mayor's Youth Committee, Mesa; service-and-leadership team, church youth group; Academic Decathlon; student, instructor, Dance Network; distinguished delegate, Model United Nations; honor for excellence in Service Learning; National Honor Society; junior varsity soccer, softball teams; swimming, hiking, running.



GALEN LAMPHERE-ENGLUND

Patagonia Union High School

Educator: Lois Rodgers, English

President, student government; state champion, speech, Academic Decathlon; captain, 3rd place team, state competition, National Academic Quiz Tournaments Scholastic Bowl; student board member, site council; student board member, Patagonia Community Coalition; 1st place, Sing-for-Scholarship competition; 2nd place team, Brain Bee state competition; vocal, piano, trombone performance; varsity soccer, tennis teams; National Honor Society; computer technician.



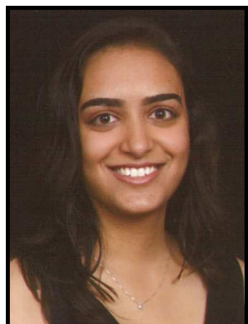
ADAM MARTINEZ

Cibola High School, Yuma

Educator: Anastasia Nabozny, Academic Decathlon

National Merit Scholar; National Hispanic Scholar; AP Scholar with Distinction; USAA National English Merit Award; president, National Honor Society; Academic Decathlon; varsity cross country, track teams; president, Gifted and Talented Education; Interview Board Member, Yuma Youth Leadership; Math and Science Summer Honors Program, ASU; study abroad with Spanish Club; volunteer, MLK Jr. Community Center; Interact club.

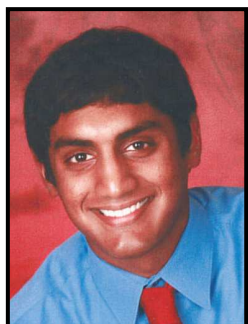
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SACHI PATEL

North Canyon High School, Phoenix
Educator: Jean Davis, History

National Merit Semifinalist; AP Scholar with Honor, president, Key Club; coordinator, Yuva Kendra Vedic culture study program; captain, regional champion team, varsity badminton; Stanford Educational Program for Gifted Youth; public-relations officer, National Honor Society; Bharat Natyam (classical Indian dance); lead, school play; second in command, Freshman Mentor program; volunteer, VA medical center; Spanish Honor Society.



RAVI RAM

Catalina Foothills High School, Tucson
Educator: Thomas D. Teegarden, Honors Algebra 2/Trigonometry/AP Calc. AB

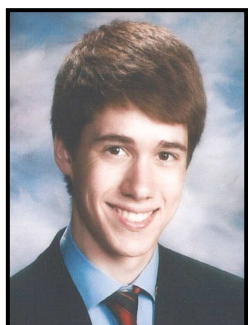
National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar with Distinction; Presidential Scholar Semifinalist; co-captain, state-champion varsity tennis team; president, Spanish National Honor Society; state champion Science Olympiad team; best position paper, Model United Nations; secretary, speech and debate team; teen columnist, *Tucson Citizen*; KEYS internship, UA physiology lab; flute performance; India Society of Southern Arizona; National Honor Society.



BENJAMIN SANCHEZ

Barry Goldwater High School, Phoenix
Educator: Susan Wingfield, Gifted Program, Squaw Peak Elementary, Phoenix

National Merit Commended Student; National Hispanic Scholar; AP Scholar; president, student government; co-chair, Students Supporting Brain Tumor Research; varsity cross country and track teams; Model United Nations; Superintendent's Student Advisory Council; vice president, National Honor Society; Boys State; actor, drama club; Interact club; Youth Town Hall.



BLAKE THOMSON

Brophy College Preparatory, Phoenix
Educator: Tom Danforth, English

National Merit Semifinalist; AP Scholar with Distinction; salutatorian; intern, Arizona Democratic Party; co-president, Young Democrats Club; youth mayor, District 7 Youth Council; volunteer, VA medical center; Brophy "Man of the Year"; executive board, National Honor Society; co-founder, co-president, Short Stories Club; Big Brothers program; Best Buddies program; STAND (Save Darfur) program.



MICHAEL WEINGARTNER

Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Phoenix
Educator: Virginia Wenzel, AP Biology/Honors Chemistry

National Merit Scholar; AP Scholar with Distinction; secretary, drama club; secretary, National Honor Society; president, film club; lead in two school plays; Boys State, Boys Nation nominee; poetry contest winner; instructor, Children's Theatre Workshop; senior-class delegate, student government; French club; Interact club; stage manager, Youth Theatrics; tutor, Deer Valley Unified School District; study abroad in France.