

Area students selected National Merit Scholars

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has announced the winners of its \$2,500 scholarships. The 2,500 Merit Scholar designees were chosen from a talent pool of more than 15,000 finalists in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.

These scholarship winners are the finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills and potential for success in rigorous college studies. They were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high-school counselors. These scholars may use their awards at any regionally accredited U.S. college or university.

Area winners, by school, with their probable career choice in parentheses, are:

HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL: Claire C. Ashmead of University Heights (undecided) and Sarah A. Young of Hunting Valley (engineering).

HAWKEN SCHOOL: Anirudh Dasarathy of Highland Heights (physics or economics), Sanjay Rao of Cleveland

Heights (engineering) and Hannah C. Meropol of Shaker Heights (political science).

LAUREL SCHOOL: Alison E. Biltz of Aurora (medicine) and Emma M. Freer of Shaker Heights (journalism).

ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL: Stephanie L. Alden of Pepper Pike (medicine).

SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL: Terence M. Conlon (engineering), Rachel K. Jensen (medicine), Matthew L. Krantz (engineering) and Claire T. Lo (medicine).

SOLON HIGH SCHOOL: Oliver W. Chen (bioengineering), Lisa N. Guo (neurology), Johnathan Zeng (medicine) and Roger S. Zou (medicine).

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL: Ryan Jonathan Huang of Medina (medicine/research), Bardia R. Rahmani of Pepper Pike (international relations), Thomas J. Navia of Shaker Heights (economics) and Prasan Srinivasan of Olmsted Township (foreign service).