



UNIVERSITY LABORATORY HIGH SCHOOL

2020-21

ACADEMIC AWARDS BOOKLET

# **ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**

## **The Rosemary Laughlin Awards**

*The Rosemary Laughlin Awards in Creative Writing, named for the beloved longtime Uni English teacher Rosemary Laughlin are given annually to recognize outstanding creative writing at Uni. All submissions to our literary magazine, Unique, are considered for the award. A cash prize accompanies first and second place.*

### POETRY

First Place, Lauren Lumetta, “Cool Colors and their Complements”

Second Place, Ariana Mizan, “By the Corn”

Honorable Mention, Jake Regenwetter, “Songs of the Prairie”

### PROSE

First Place, Doren Hsiao-Wecksler, “As the Clock Strikes”

Second Place, Caitlin Mamaril, “Keep in Touch”

## **The Chang/Kolodziej Writing Competition**

### NONFICTION

Winning Essay, Robert Gao, “A Different Kind of Pathogen”

Honorable Mention, Andrea Li, “A Goombla of Our Own”

### FICTION

Winning Essay, Ariana Mizan, “Mourning Dove”

# **FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT**

## **Scholastic Art Awards**

Lauren Lumetta — Silver Key

May Yang — Honorable Mention

## **Insect Fear Film Festival Art Contest Awards**

Marco Lu

Maggie Li

## **Illinois Music Education Association All-State Musicians**

Benjamin Chang

Collin Jung

Henry Laufenberg

Roshan Perry

Jeana To

Firmiana Wang

# MATH DEPARTMENT

The math department is proud of all the students who participated in the ICTM (Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics), American Mathematics Competitions, MathCounts, Purple Comet, Caribou, and Math League Competitions. In addition, we commend the 21 students who participated in a math research program with the Illinois Geometry Lab in June 2020, funded from the Frankel gift to Uni High.

**ICTM State Math Contest:** A team of 36 students participated in all seven events offered in the online format this year. Scores on the online single level contest were used for both regional and state rankings. As usual, we competed in division 3AA, schools with 1000-1999 students.

**REGIONAL ICTM AWARDS:** We placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall and 1<sup>st</sup> in each of the team events.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Individual Awards:**

**Algebra 1:** Yelim Kim, Shreyas Singh, Grace To, and Maya Viswanathan

**Geometry:** Sarah Guo

**Algebra 2:** Zoey Muller-Hinnant

**Precalculus:** Lawrence Zhao

**1st PLACE TEAM AWARDS:**

**Algebra 1:** Yelim Kim, Shreyas Singh, Grace To, and Maya Viswanathan

**Geometry:** Sarah Guo, Anuprova Bhowmik, Andrew Kim, Janaki Kapadia, and Navid Tajkhorshid

**Algebra 2:** Zoey Muller-Hinnant, Dina Hashash, Katya Sakhartova, Haley Miller, and Jake Regenwetter

**Precalculus:** Lawrence Zhao, Nicholas Phillips, Elijah Song, and Alice Gao

**Junior-Senior 8-person:** Alice Gao, Haley Miller, Nicholas Phillips, Noah Rebei, Jake Regenwetter, Katya Sakhartova, Elijah Song, and Lawrence Zhao

**Freshman-Sophomore 8-person:** Benjamin Chang, Sarah Guo, Yelim Kim, Zainab Memon, Shreyas Singh, Navid Tajkhorshid, Grace To, and Maya Viswanathan

**Calculator:** Nicholas Phillips, Noah Rebei, Shreyas Singh, Maya Viswanathan and Lawrence Zhao

**STATE ICTM AWARDS:** Uni overall placed 5<sup>th</sup>, Geometry team 3<sup>rd</sup>, Freshman-Sophomore 8-person 2<sup>nd</sup>, Algebra 1 team 1<sup>st</sup>.

**American Mathematics Competition (AMC):** The math department is proud of all 53 students who took the AMC-10 or AMC-12. These seven students qualified for the American Invitational Math Exam (AIME):

Shreyas Singh, Bruce Tang, Nicholas Phillips, Maya Viswanathan, Noah Rebei, Zachary Donnini, and Edward Kong.

AMC-10: Shreyas Singh - school winner, Bruce Tang (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Maya Viswanathan (3<sup>rd</sup>)

AMC-12: Nicholas Phillips earned the highest school score, followed by Noah Rebei (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Zachary Donnini (3<sup>rd</sup>)

AMC 8 : We had all subbie students compete in the exam virtually this year.

Bronze Awards: Yusef Aboukhatwa and Robert Gao

Silver Awards: Joseph Torrellas and Jonathan Ouyang — both placed in the top 5% nationally

Gold Award: Bruce Tang — received the highest score in the class and placed in the top 1% nationally

**Purple Comet Math Meet:** International Online Team Contest held in April 2021, with participation of schools from 54 countries.

**Uni team** (Jade Li, Katya Sakhartova, Lawrence Zhao, Maya Viswanathan, Nicholas Phillips, and Noah Rebei) placed in **top 10% out of 884 high school teams** in our school size category (up to 1200 students)

**Caribou Math Contest:** International Online Individual Contest, administrated in six rounds during the 2020-2021 school year, with participation of schools from 38 countries. Ten Uni students have participated in at least one round.

Grade 9/10: Maya Viswanathan, Anuprova Bhowmik, Janaki Kapadia

Grade 11/12: Nicholas Phillips, Kevin Chen, Alice Gao, Haley Miller, Katya Sakhartova, Zhaohan Sun, Lawrence Zhao

**GRADE 11/12 CARIBOU RANKING:**

Nicholas Phillips – top 1% worldwide, 8<sup>th</sup> of 1951 participants; 1<sup>st</sup> of 60 US participants

Kevin Chen, Alice Gao, Haley Miller – top 5%, top 7%, and 11% worldwide

**GRADE 9/10 CARIBOU RANKING:**

Maya Viswanathan: top 1% worldwide, 15<sup>th</sup> of 4669 participants, 2<sup>nd</sup> of 91 US participants

Anuprova Bhowmik: top 6% worldwide

**The Math League – High School Contest:** Six rounds per school year. It was organized in 2020-2021 by Mrs. Noh, enthusiastic and generous Uni parent.

Uni's Math League Team **placed 3rd in the state of Illinois.**

Uni Math League Team Members: Yelim Kim, Janaki Kapadia, Sarah Guo, Anuprova Bhowmik, Lawrence Zhao, Maya Viswanathan, Neeraja Nair, Shreyas Singh, Dmitry Sakhartov, Andrew Kim, Grace To, Alina Bijoy, Navid Tajkhorshid, Jeana To, Zainab Memon, Ekaterina Sakhartova, Firmiana Wang, Seyed-Ahmad Dastgheib, Haley Miller, Faisal Alturki

Illinois Certificate of Distinction: Maya Viswanathan — with a perfect score

Illinois Honor Roll Certificates for high cumulative scores in Illinois:

Maya Viswanathan (36), Shreyas Singh (35), Lawrence Zhao (34), Sarah Guo (34), Anuprova Bhowmik (31)

**MathCounts:** This year, the Uni High team had the maximum number of 15 subbie students compete in the Chapter contest.

Four students, Bruce Tang, Robert Gao, Joseph Torrellas, and Jonathan Ouyang, qualified for the Regional contest and placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Bruce, Jonathan, and Robert **made it all the way to the State Contest.** We are very proud of everyone who participated!

**IGL-Frankel** participants in the 2020 summer math research program:

Alex Dolcos, Andrew Brown, Anuprova Bhowmik, Collin Jung, Edward Kong, Elijah Song, Firmiana Wang, Grace Juhn, Jake Regenwetter, Janaki Kapadia, Jeana To, Jonathan Lau, Katya Sakhartova, Lawrence Zhao, Navid Tajkhorshid, Nicholas Phillips, Prithika Ravi, Sally Ma, Sarah Guo, Yeowoon Jung, Zhaohan Sun

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

### **Senior Athlete of the Year**

Male Athlete of the Year – Lucas Wood

Female Athlete of the Year – Reed Broaders

### **Tom Jolly “Spirit of Uni” Award**

*Tom Jolly was a local hospital chaplain who was very active in community fine arts and athletic programs. He was the father of Uni alums Michelle Jolly, Class of 1984, and Doug Jolly, Class of 1990.*

*This award should be given to a graduating senior who, during his/her tenure at Uni, has exhibited outstanding moral, ethical, and spiritual qualities. The student should also have worked to strengthen the Uni community by bringing various groups, clubs or populations together in order to improve the community and understanding among the various elements of the Uni community and/or with groups outside of Uni. The recipient's activities should have been as broad as possible during his/her time at Uni in order to reflect the full scope of the “Uni experience.”*

Danbi Choi

### **Athletic Director's Award**

*The Athletic Director's Award is awarded to the Uni High senior who, in the opinion of the Athletic Director, has made a spirited contribution to the Uni High Athletic Department as a model community member and participant.*

Zachary Donnini

### **2021 National Academic Quiz Team (NAQT) Competition**

Uni High Quiz Team took **second place in the nation** at the NAQT national quiz bowl tournament.

Team Members: Jonathan Lau, Lawrence Zhao, Arjun Kala, Janaki Kapadi, and Shoorsen Gandhi

# SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

## **Toshiba National Science Teachers Association ExploraVision Competition**

*This is the 24th year that Uni High has participated in the Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision competition, a North American technology competition that attracts up to 20,000 students per year. Honorable Mention status is bestowed to teams whose projects are judged to be in the top 10% of projects submitted in the international competition.*

### **Grade 7-9**

Andrea Li, Maddie Kim and Tessa Waldhoff have won the regional division of the Toshiba/NEA ExploraVision competition for grades 7-9. They are now in competition with 5 other teams for the national division. Second place will win \$5,000 and first place will win \$10,000 per student. Their project is "Degrade-a-pad: A degradation system that will quickly degrade a sanitary napkin into lactic acid and glucose using enzymes in a toilet tank-compartment, which can then be safely flushed into the sewer system to reduce plastic in landfills."

### **Grade 10-12: Honorable Mention**

**Artificial Antigen Manipulation:** Stimulates the natural assistance of helper T-cells to fight rheumatoid arthritis.  
Danbi Choi, Alicia Kim, Keshav Gandhi and Aniket Gargya

**Fire Detection Network:** A network of artificial fire detection and alert sensors to reduce or prevent forest fires.  
Janaki Kapadia, Ioanna Lee, Jeana To and Anuprova Bhowmik

**Lung Monitoring and Nursing (LungMAN):** Nanobots that will be placed in the lungs of individuals diagnosed with COPD to detect inflammation before symptoms start and administer medicine to localized spots.  
Andrew Kim and Dan Yang

**Magnetic Plasma Engine:** A new engine for airplanes that will eliminate the use of fossil fuel in favor of hydrogen which heats air into plasma to provide the necessary thrust for flying.  
Seyed-Ahmed Dastgheib, Hozaiifa Bhutta and Navid Tajkhorshid

**PM2.5Fit:** PM2.5Fit is a tent that provides sleeping quarters for firefighters in the midst of fighting forest fires that need to rest. It is fire resistant and filters even the smallest particles that can be breathed in by firefighters causing respiratory problems so that firefighters can sleep safely on site.  
Prithika Ravi, Catherine Guo, Arav Jagroop and Zachary Donnini

**Split Pea Airplants (SPAP):** A genetically modified split pea plant to have trichomes and suckers that allow it to grow up the sides of buildings and use nutrients from the air to grow. SPAP will provide food for the hungry, reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and reduce heat and light pollution often reflected off the surfaces of buildings.  
Annie Bilderback, Maya Viswanathan, Yelim Kim and Fallon McFarland

**System of Autonomous Fire Extinguishers (SAFE):** SAFE consists of multiple drones equipped to fight fires and provide information about forest fires to firefighters. It will reduce the risk for firefighters by performing the most dangerous tasks from the air.  
Aditi Adve and Edie Hoganson

**Virus Box:** Virus Box samples air in communal spaces such as grocery stores and libraries to ensure the absence of viruses in the air. If airborne viruses are detected, scientists are alerted immediately so that action can be taken.  
Firmiana Wang, Tracy Li and Sarah Guo

**Water Capturing Hydrogel Network (WCHN):** WCHN collects and filters excess water in fields. This prevents excess soil salinity and flooding of crops, saving water and eliminating the run-off of fertilizers and other nutrients that can lead to environmental problems such as algal blooms.  
Emily Duong, Shawn Syed and Marco Lu

## **Science Olympiad Team,**

**1st in Regional Competition (Varsity and JV), 12<sup>th</sup> in State (Varsity)**

Varsity Team: Seyed Dastgheib, Alice Gao, Aniket Gargya, Catherine Guo, Allie Kim, Maddie Kim, Aryan Lalwani, Jonathan Lau, Vivia Nguyen, Prithika Ravi, Katya Sakhartova, Elijah Song, Zhaohan Sun, Sophia Torrellas, Lawrence Zhao

JV Team: Anuprova Bhowmik, Alina Bijoy, Emily Chen, Priya Haran, Janaki Kapadia, Andrew Kim, Yelim Kim, Andrea Li, Michael Li, Neeraja Nair, Dan Rosu, Shreyas Singh, Zhaoxin Sun, Tessa Waldhoff, Dan Yang

## **Carle/University of Illinois College of Medicine Health Make-a-Thon 2021 Finalists**

Nutria: A Personalized, Automated Nutrition Assistant — Emily Chen, Firmiana Wang, Sarah Guo, Anuprova Bhowmik

Stickon: An Attachable Device to Prevent Severe Hormone-Related Psychiatric Disorders — Ryan He Elan Pan Hong Chen Ian Pan

## **2020 Winner**

PillSafe Smart Cap - Ariana Alam Mizan

## **2021 U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad**

Regional Exam: Elijah Song, Vivia Nguyen, Katya Sakhartova, Yelim Kim, Lawrence Zhao, Sally Ma, and Zhaohan Sun

Part 1 of the USNCO National Exam: Elijah Song and Lawrence Zhao

Part 2 of the National Exam: Lawrence Zhao (with Honors)

## **ENLIST AND STEAM TRAIN Volunteers**

Keshav Gandhi, Aniket Gargya, Edward Kong, Caylee Losch, Mayahuel Malik, Joanna Yoo, Ekaterina Sakhartova, Lawrence Zhao, Fatima Bobat, Taehan Lee, Maya Viswanathan, Vivia Nguyen, Aya Surheyao, Romaisa Amer, Shoorsen Gandhi, Dina Hashash

## **Illinois Science Teachers Association Award**

*The recipient of this award is a junior or senior selected based on his/her leadership qualities, independence of thought, ability to solve problems, good laboratory and study skills, high scholastic rank and desire for a career in science or a science-related field.*

Allie Kim and May Yang

## **Philip Anderson Award**

*Philip Anderson was a member of the University High School Class of 1940. He won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1977 for "fundamental theoretic investigation of the electronic structure of magnetic and disordered systems." This award is given to a student for exceptional performance through their science career at Uni, outstanding performance academically and participation in science-related extracurricular activities.*

Danbi Choi and Keshav Gandhi

# **SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT**

## **James Tobin Excellence in the Social Sciences Award**

*The James Tobin Award for Excellence in the Social Sciences was established in honor of Uni graduate James Tobin, an economist who won the Nobel Prize in 1981. The Tobin Award is given each year to a graduating senior who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the questions and principles of the social sciences.*

Zachary Donnini and Roshan Perry

# WORLD & CLASSICAL LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

## **Emma Koenker World and Classical Language Award**

*Emma Koenker, a member of Uni High Class of 1998, died on August 16, 1995, as the result of a brain tumor. Although her time at Uni was brief, she left an indelible impression on Uni's student body and faculty. The University High School World and Classical Languages Department has named an award in her honor. The Emma Koenker Award is presented each year to an outstanding foreign language student who has maintained a consistently high level of academic performance and who has a spirit of adventure and an eagerness to try something new, is enthusiastic about language learning, carries his/her enthusiasm for language learning beyond the classroom, is caring, thoughtful and supportive of his/her classmates, demonstrates an appreciation for culture, and has actively participated in extra-curricular activities related to foreign language study. This student reflects Emma's love of international culture and her profound respect for the unique qualities of all inhabitants of the global community.*

2021 recipient of the Emma Koenker Award is Ilana Cohen

## **2021 National Japanese Exam Awards**

The 2021 Seventh Annual National Japanese Exam was available for Level 1, 2 and 3 Japanese students only.

### Level 3

Gold: Doren Hsiao-Wecksler  
Bronze: Jack Holder  
Honorable Mention: Sarah Guo

### Level 2

Gold: Andrew Kim  
Bronze: Maggie Li, Yan Liu  
Honorable Mention: Emily Duong, Priya Haran, Bridget Lu, Evan Wang

### Level 1

Gold: Mengtong Liu.  
Silver: Sarisa Chansilp, Felix Lee, Gabrielle Mongwa  
Bronze: Fabiana Vega-Sanchez.  
Honorable Mention: Leyla Cohen, Ross Kimme, William Reynolds, Collins Rosch, Ellix Simons

## **2021 Illinois Japan Bowl**

*This is an Illinois branch of the National Competition for Japanese Language and Culture for High School Students who are studying the Japanese language across the nation. The competition has 2,3,4 levels and includes not only language but also the understanding of traditional and modern Japan. This year 15 Uni-students participated and competed well.*

Level 4 3rd Place: Lorenzo Pantano, Demitrius Urban and Erin Smith

Level 3 1st Place: Mikayla Blanke, Shoorsen Gandhi and Doren Hsiao-Wecksler

Mikayla, Shoorsen and Doren represented Illinois and competed in the National Japan Bowl digitally on April 8 and 9, 2021. They placed Seventh in the nation. Mikayla was one of three winners of the speaking round.

Level 2 2nd Place: Yan Liu, Evan Wang and Andrew Kim

## **AATG 2021 National German Test Awards**

### Level 1:

Gold: Ellen Davila, Bonnie Weaver, Yusef Aboukhatwa  
Silver: Kumar Swapnil, Heidi Wang, Bruce Tang  
Bronze: Faisal Alturki, Kai Schwartz, Luke Fahnstock  
Achievement: Catherine Feinen, David Black, Evie Parker

Level 2:

Gold: Maya Viswanathan, Tessa Waldhoff, Rose Benjamin, Annika Bilderback, Dmitry Sakhartov

Silver: Luca Zepeda-Flores, Eleanor Kraatz, Maxwell He

Bronze: William King, Jaewoon Jung, Samuel Gresch

Achievement: Nathaniel Roth, Matthew Ulozas, Walter Kraatz

Level 3:

Gold: Benjamin Chang, Luke You

Silver: Firmiana Wang, Dan Yang, Miriam Arend

Bronze: Aditi Adve, Ryan Wang, Claire Wood, Addison McClure

Achievement: Nicholas Bodony, Amalia Bollero

Level 4:

Gold: Jake Regenwetter, Henry Laufenberg, Farah Willenbrock

Achievement: Stefania Dzhaman, Serenity Lilly

**Winners of the American Association for Teachers of German Travel Award**

*This year instead of going to Germany, students are able to attend the Concordia Language Villages.*

Annika Bilderback

Maya Viswanathan

**The University of Illinois German Lyric Project**

First Place:

Yusef Aboukhatwa

Honorable Mention:

Serenity Lily

Rowan Trilling-Hansen

**The National French Contest “Le Grand Concours” 2021 is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF)**

*This year, Uni students currently enrolled in French levels 3 and 4 competed in the Grand Concours, a contest which tests students’ knowledge of the French language and Francophone culture. Gold is for students in the 95th percentile; Silver is for students in the 85th or 90th percentile; Bronze is for students in the 75th or 80th percentile. We would like to congratulate ALL of our students for their efforts on this contest.*

Level 3

Silver: Nathanael Jones

Bronze: Emma Donnini, Florence Lin, Zev McManus- Mendelowitz, Vraj Patel, Andrea Torelli Lathulerie

Honorable Mention: Essra Abdel Ati, Lukas Grosse Perdekamp, Charlie Hechler, Wes Lu, Emily Shunk

Level 4

Gold: Ilana Cohen, Katya Sakhartova

Silver: Zahraa Rasheed, Lawrence Zhao

Bronze: Haley Miller

Honorable Mention: Alex Hynes, Madeleine Keenan, Alyssa Martin, Zoey Muller-Hinnant, Vivia Nguyen



## **2021 National Spanish Contest Award Winners**

### Level 1:

Gold: Ifra Iyoob and Rishabh Prasanth

Silver: Larissa Dolcos, Robert Gao, and Zainab Memon

Bronze: Willie Fowler and Hannah Song

### Level 2:

Gold: Andrea Li, Khadeejah Rasheed, and Shawn Syed

Silver: Kara Mathias, David Risinger, Thomas Southey, Daniel Terziev, and Stella Youse

Bronze: Shreeya Jajoo, Madeline Kim, Knox Mynatt, and Shreyas Singh

### Level 3:

Silver: Arya Thirodira and Mariam Vaid

Bronze: Kate Ahmari, Emily Chen, Samarrah Tracy, and Anya Troyer

### Level 4:

Gold: Fatima Bobat and Maxine Van Der Donk

Silver: Ekam Ghotra, Elijah Song, and Lynette Zhang

Bronze: Ryan Boyd-Sharpe and Ivan Favila

## **National Latin Awards**

*For the academic year 2020-2021, the Latin students did not compete in National Latin exams.*

## **PARENT/FACULTY ORGANIZATION**

### **Colin Thorn Award**

*The Parent Faculty Organization established this award in honor of Colin Thorn, who served for many years as an unpaid volunteer coach of the Uni High boys' soccer team and is remembered for his outstanding dedication and service to the school.*

David Bergandine

### **Sue Kovacs Award**

*The University Laboratory High School Parent-Faculty Organization has established an award in honor of ex-Assistant principal Sue Kovacs. The award is given annually to a person who embodies the enthusiastic spirit of service which Ms. Kovacs displayed on a daily basis. Many in the Uni community still remember Susan Kovacs with a strong sense of admiration. Sue was respected for her firmness in Uni management and loved for her deep commitment to the school. Sue Kovacs cared about Uni students as much as anyone could. Sue demanded a lot of herself at Uni and she demanded the best of Uni students.*

Lisa Micele

# Student Services Office

## **U.S. Presidential Scholars Competition**

*The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. Each year, up to 141 students are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.*

Uni High CANDIDATE: Jonathan Lau

## **National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists**

*The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®)—a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year—and by meeting published program entry/participation requirements. In February, some 15,000 Semifinalists are notified by mail at their home addresses that they have advanced to Finalist standing.*

Curtis Althaus  
Zachary Donnini  
Alice Gao

Elliot Gengler  
Catherine Guo  
Collin Jung

Jonathan Lau  
Simon Orlie-Frost  
Roshan Perry

## **National Merit Scholarship Program Scholarship Recipients**

*NMSC notifies over 8,000 Finalists at their home addresses that they have been selected to receive a Merit Scholarship® award. Merit Scholarship awards are of three types: National Merit \$2,500 award; Corporate-sponsored; College-sponsored. National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship:*

Zachary Donnini

Alice Gao

Collin Jung

## **National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists**

*Less than 1 percent, or about 21,000 out of the 1.5 million juniors across the country who entered the 2021 NMS program by taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT) earn the semifinalist designation.*

Curtis Althaus  
Zachary Donnini  
Alice Gao

Elliot Gengler  
Catherine Guo  
Collin Jung

Jonathan Lau  
Simon Orlie-Frost  
Roshan Perry

## **National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended**

*In late September, more than two-thirds or about 34,000 of the approximately 50,000 high scorers on the PSAT/NMSQT®, receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. Commended Students are named on the basis of a nationally applied Selection Index score that may vary from year to year and is below the level required for participants to be named Semifinalists in their respective states.*

Danbi Choi

Eddie Kong

Prithika Ravi

Keshav Gandhi

Caitlin Mamaril

Eric Roth

Aniket Gargya

Daniel Matatov

Bianca Rubel

Grace Juhn

Nicholas Phillips

May Yang

Allie Kim

Katrina Powers

Adam Zilles

## **WCIA “Best of the Class”**

*The “Best of the Class” top seniors graduating from high schools in the WCIA 3 viewing area. Uni High is allowed to submit all students (at the end of 7th semester) who have achieved a perfect 4.00 GPA.*

Reed Broaders

Aniket Gargya

Mayahuel Malik

Danbi Choi

Collin Jung

Roshan Perry

Zachary Donnini

Alicia Kim

Katrina Powers

Keshav Gandhi

Aryan Lalwani

Prithika Ravi

Alice Gao

Jonathan Lau

Eric Roth

**DAR/SAR Good Citizen Award**

*Alliance Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and Piankeshaw Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution sponsor the Good Citizens program for high school seniors each fall.*

Raneem Saadah (DAR)

Nusayb Mansuri (SAR)

**Junior League of CU**

*The Junior League of Champaign-Urbana is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. A \$500 scholarship is offered to one young woman from each local high school who has demonstrated a strong commitment to volunteerism.*

Katie Powers

**Kiwanis Vic Shaul Award**

*The Champaign-Urbana Noon Kiwanis Club started a scholarship program in 1989 in honor of one of their club's finest members -- Vic Shaul. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club since 1945 and passed away in 1993. This \$500 scholarship award program recognizes him for his tremendous contributions to our community and its young people.*

Joanna Yoo

**PEO Star Scholarship**

*PEO is a Philanthropic Education Organization that invests in the education of women. The recipient of this award should exhibit excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service and potential for future success.*

Mayahuel Malik

**Illinois State Scholars**

*State scholar designation provides honorary recognition with no monetary award. Approximately the top ten percent of graduates from approved high schools are announced as State Scholars each year.*

Maher Adoni

Curtis Althaus

Reed Broaders

Danbi Choi

Alex Dolcos

Zachary Donnini

Charlotte Ebel

Keshav Gandhi

Alice Gao

Aniket Gargya

Elliot Gengler

Catherine Guo

Nicolas Hernandez

Anya Jenny

Grace Juhn

Collin Jung

Alicia Kim

Edward Kong

Aryan Lalwani

Jonathan Lau

Mayahuel Malik

Caitlin Mamaril

Nusayb Mansury

Daniel Matatov

Roshan Perry

Nicholas Phillips

Katie Powers

Prithika Ravi

Noah Rebei

Eric Roth

Bianca Rubel

Raneem Saadah

May Yang

Joanna Yoo

Adam Zilles

**Peer College Counselors**

*Senior peer educators who provide support, advice and encouragement to juniors in their college search and planning process. Supervised by Lisa Micele, Director of College Counseling*

Maher Adoni

Curtis Althaus

Danbi Choi

Zachary Donnini

Alice Gao

Catherine Guo

Nico Hernandez

Collin Jung

Allie Kim

Aryan Lalwani

Caitlin Mamaril

May Wang

# UNI HIGH AWARDS

## **June Mank Award**

*June Mank was the bookkeeper for University High School from 1972-1988. She served on the Champaign City Council from 1979 until 2001. In her spare time she drove cancerpatients for treatment, meals on wheels, and served on various neighborhood committees, plus church activities. This award is given to a student who most shares June's supportive role in the interest of Uni High. The student may have a long-term commitment to a single project, a short-term commitment to a variety of projects, or is engaged in service to the school without being asked.*

Alicia Kim

## **Director's Award**

*The Director's Award is awarded to that Uni High student who, in the opinion of the Director, has made a spirited contribution to Uni High as a model student and citizen.*

Joel Armas and Katrina Powers

## **Liu Family Student of the Year**

*The Liu Family Student of the Year Award goes to a student who meets the following criteria: demonstrates respect for the dignity and worth of the individual; is sensitive to the needs of his/her school and community and initiates constructive action without seeking self-glorification; is willing and able to operate as a leader or follower as the situation demands; is not bound by tradition, and has a strong interest in and commitment to their academic program.*

Roshan Perry

## **Matt Wilhelm "Service With A Smile" Award**

*Matt Wilhelm, Class of 1999, was a dedicated member of the Uni student body who was constantly helping others. No matter what he was doing, from serving on Student Council to assisting fellow students with their homework, Matt always contributed with little fanfare and with an unforgettable smile. Each year, the Matt Wilhelm Memorial "Servicewith a Smile" award shall go to the member of the Uni student body who, like Matt, went above and beyond the call of duty to serve the Uni community.*

Raneem Saadah

## **Ella Leppert Award**

*This award is named in honor of Dr. Ella C. Leppert, a long-time social studies teacher at University High School, and recognizes outstanding teaching at Uni High.*

John Garvey

## **Wylde Q Chicken Award — The Unite Show**

Sponsor: Joel Beesley

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