

This year's top achievers, in alphabetical order, and their honored teachers are:

Brittany Baker, daughter of Chuck Baker and Gina Moore. A confident leader, she was a varsity cheerleader captain and plans to cheer in college for Hawaii Pacific University where she will major in pre-medical studies with plans to become an orthodontist. At WHS, she also has served as vice president of Student Council, and her teachers have lauded her work ethic, study habits and organizational skills. Nikki Kinsley was her honored educator.

Matthew Buttacavoli, son of Glen and Sandy Buttacavoli. A member of the Tiger soccer team, he also competes on the Academic Challenge team and has participated in Model United Nations. He is a member of the French Club, the Book Club and National Honor Society, and he sings in the Advance Choir and Men's Chorus. He plans to attend Northern Kentucky University to major in anthropology. He chose Kathy Heimann as his honored educator.

Luther Copeland, son of Luther and Julie Copeland. Luther is captain of the WHS competitive speech team and is a national qualifier. He also holds the National Forensic League Seal of Distinction and is an International Thespian Society member. He also is a member of the Drama Club and Advisory Board and is vice president of National Honor Society. He plans to enroll in the University of Chicago as a biology major with plans to become a cardiothoracic surgeon. Bobbie Muhlbach was his most inspirational educator.

Joe Dottavio, son of Mike and Debbie Dottavio. An eight-year football veteran, Joe was honored at the 2007 Massillon-McKinley game with the Great American Rivalry Student Athlete Award. He also earned the Paul David Memorial Award in 2008. He plans to join his brother at Ohio State University in the fall and will major in computer/electrical engineering. Dr. Joan Finefrock was Joe's honored educator.

Hilary Fichter, daughter of Brian and Kim Fichter. Among her many WHS activities, Hilary has been involved with Advanced Choir and Washingtonians and has been a cheerleader, on the yearbook staff and a member of Student Council and National Honor Society. She is an acolyte at St. Timothy's Church and a member of the *Repository* Teen Board. Hilary plans to major in accounting at Ball State University. Hilary chose Teresa Stauffer as her honored educator.

Jaelyn Geier, daughter of Dierker and Carol Geier. Jaelyn is involved in Struts and Frets Drama Club, Culture Committee, Teen Institute, Model United Nations, Student Council, Book Club, French Club and competitive speech. During her senior year, she has been enrolled as a post-secondary student at Kent State Stark campus. She has been accepted into the University of Akron's Honor College and plans to study political science or pre-law. She hopes to study abroad in Scotland, where she and her family have visited. She also is an active volunteer for the Stark County Democratic Headquarters. She selected Toni Remenaric as her honored educator.

Ashley Greenawalt, daughter of Larry and Rosemary Greenawalt. A four-year varsity swimmer and letter-winner, Ashley is a district qualifier in swimming. She teaches summer swim lesson, and volunteers for the Special Olympics, teaching kids with handicaps how to swim. She also is involved in DECA, and is a two-year state qualifier and this year qualified for national competition. Her other activities include French Club, National Technical Honor Society, Rotary Club and Interact Club. She volunteers weekly for the children's choir at her church. She will attend Kent State University to major in marketing. Chuck Richards was Ashley's honored educator.

Chelsea Halter, daughter of Denise Halter and Robert Stoneking. Chelsea was captain of this year's varsity volleyball squad, president of her business management class and secretary of the National Honor Society and class Advisory Board. Her memberships include National Technical Honor Society, Student Council, Obie Friends, Pep Club and Business Professionals of America. She serves as an assistant coach for Junior Olympic volleyball and plays JO volleyball for Club Extreme and volunteers as a Special Olympics coach. She plans to major in pre-law or business administration at Mount Union College. Chelsea chose Barb Palmer to be her honored educator.

Natalie Haynam, daughter of John and Bonnie Palmer. A varsity cheerleader, she was captain of the basketball team for two years. She also is a member of Advisory Board, serving as the Board's vice president of the senior class. Her other WHS activities include National Honor Society, Student Council, Obie Friends and Pep Club. Natalie plans to attend Walsh University with a major in physical therapy. Natalie chose Michael Dobran as her honored educator.

Zachary Ingram, son of Nancy Stamets. Zach, a senior at R.G. Drage in the Workforce Readiness program, has completed many lab projects this year. He was named Student of the Month at Drage, and has been a member of the WHS junior varsity bowling team. He has completed a job placement internship at Pet Supplies Plus. Phil Lautenheiser was his honored educator.

Ryan Kear, son of Russell and Susan Kear. Ryan's first job was as a newspaper carrier at age 9. For the past three years he worked at Rockne's and currently works at Fiber Corr. An active member of First Christian church Disciples of Christ, he has served as a youth group officer at both district and state levels. Last year he represented his church at a United Nations Seminar and has participated with other church members in volunteer work in the Appalachia area of Ohio. In Massillon, he has been a part of the TIGER program, Advanced Placement classes and post-secondary option classes. His sports interests have included football, basketball, baseball, tennis and soccer and he has been swimming for 13 years. He plans to attend the University of Toledo for a dual major in electrical engineering and computer science engineering. He named David Rotthoff as his honored educator.

Matt Lafferty, son of Mark and Trudy Lafferty. Matt has played hockey since age 4, and this year was selected for the all-star team of his league. He recently taught himself to play the guitar, and has a strong interest in art. He plans to study a fine arts program at Ohio University. Eric Myers was Matt's honored educator.

Tim Larke, son of Jerome and Susan Larke. A member of Reedurban Presbyterian Church, he often volunteers for special projects, including delivering Meals on Wheels, working in a soup kitchen and tutoring students in French. He is president of the WHS French Club and traveled to France last summer. Tim also is president of the choir and a member of Advanced Choir, Washingtonians, Men's Chorus and The Chromatic Gentlemen. He plays alto sax in the Tiger Swing Band and is a member of the Symphonic Orchestra. He has performed in five school musicals and holds after-school jobs. Tim has perfect attendance. He will attend Kent State University where he'll major in architecture. He selected Debbie Watzman to be his honored educator.

Emilee Luckring, daughter of Joe and Kimberly Luckring. A member of the cheerleading squad for four years, Emilee also is a member of Advanced Choir and Women's Chorus and has earned two state superior ratings. A member of the competitive speech team, she has qualified for state and national competition. She also is a member of the National Honor Society, serves as co-president of Culture Committee and performed in this year's musical. She is active in her church youth group, and has been part of several conventions and missions trip, including a trip to Louisiana to help rebuild homes. Emilee plans to study pre-veterinary medicine at Hiram University. Emilee chose Mary O'Brien as her honored educator.

Christie Magrell, daughter of Robert Magrell and Cindy Hollis. An aspiring accountant who plans to attend Malone College this fall, Christie loves to read and write and hopes one day to become a published author. She attended Malone's Breheme Scholar's Day and has received other awards, including placing in the Business Professionals of America's fundamental accounting competition and earning a scholarship to Malone. Terry Purdy was Christie's honored educator.

Jennifer McCune, daughter of Sarah McCune. An active member of Culture Committee, Jennifer also is part of National Technical Honor Society, Teen Court and the WHS cosmetology program. During the holidays, she volunteers at soup kitchens and homeless shelters. She plans to major in political science at Ohio State University, with an eye to eventually attending law school. Jennifer chose Stephanie Craft as her honored educator.

Richie Schembechler, son of Rich and Kerrie Schembechler. Richie has been a four-year letterman for the WHS golf team, and was named Division I co-MVP for the county last fall. A member of the e-commerce/marketing class, he is involved in DECA and has competed at the state level for two years. He is a member of the National Technical Honor Society and has participated in Relay for Life, Coats for Kids and as a Whittier Elementary volunteer. He will attend Malone College on golf and academic scholarships, with a major in sports management. Jim Berbari was his honored educator.

Josh Scott, son of Teresa and Thomas Walters. While a student at WHS, Josh has had a record of perfect attendance. He is a four-year member of the WHS soccer team, including twice earning a letter and receiving the coach's award his junior year. A

member of the National Honor Society, he plans to attend either Ohio State or the University of Akron. His honored educator was Rich Conaway.

Amy Simler, daughter of Kathy Wiskofske and John Simler. Amy serves as co-president of Culture Committee and is a member of Advanced Choir, with plans to travel to Europe this summer. Travel is high on her list, with upcoming trips also scheduled to Finland and Australia. Amy chose Dave Harding as her honored educator.

Matt Skelly, son of Michael and Lisa Skelly. Matt is a three-sport letterman, earning accolades in football, baseball and wrestling. In wrestling, he was a district qualifier and selected to second team all-county. He also is a member of Obie Friends, National Honor Society and St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He plans a major in sports management at Ohio University. Matt named Gil Donahue as his honored educator.

Kyle Straight, son of Karen Straight and Kevin Straight. Kyle is a member of the WHS golf team and bowling team as well as the National Honor Society. He is enrolled in the Aultman Career Academy and has been active in Relay for Life and holds a part-time job. He will attend Ohio State University in the fall, with plans to become a pharmacist. Jack Kilgore was his honored educator.

Jessica Stuck, daughter of Bryan and Frances Stuck. A four-year member of the Tiger Swing Band, Jessica served as trumpet squad leader. She also serves as a section leader in Advanced Choir and is a member of Women's Chorus, the Academic Challenge team, Drama Club, Student Council and National Honor Society and is co-president of senior Advisory Board. She is active in her church youth group at Epworth United Methodist. She plans to attend Kent State University to major in architecture. Jessica chose Margaret Riffle as her honored educator.

Denis Vargas, son of Delia Vargas. A member of the Tiger football team, he is a dedicated student who works toward the goals he has set for himself. Denis plans to attend college and one day become a doctor. Brian Sifferlin was recognized as Denis' honored educator.

Kailee Worges, daughter of Mike and Kathy Worges. A four-year member of Spanish Club, Kailee also has participated in Art Guild, Advanced Choir, Women's Chorus and the school musicals. She works as a soccer referee. She plans to pursue a degree in computer management at Kent State University. Kailee selected Candace Dean as her honored educator.

Matt Yohe, son of Kathy Yohe and Gene Yohe II. Matt has taken every math course available at WHS and currently attends the Ohio State University Academy in Mansfield as part of the post-secondary enrollment option. He will pursue a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering and business administration, specializing in aviation management. He also plans to acquire his pilot's license, and aspires to become an international pilot with a major airline. Matt's honored educator was Robert Berens.