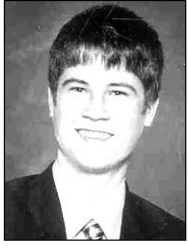


The Eastern Upper Peninsula Secondary School Principals Association recognized top academic achievers with the 2006-07 Principals Awards April 18, with a reception on the campus of Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie. High school seniors with grade point average of 3.3 or higher and a score of 24 or higher on the ACT were recognized.

**St. Ignace Area Schools
LaSalle High School
Daniel Olsen**

Parents: Brian and Trudy Olsen
Siblings: Rob Olsen, 20, and Kristen Olsen, 15.



Educational or occupational goal: Dentistry; Albion College.
School activities and organizations: Varsity athletics including basketball, baseball, cross country, football, drama, Junior Saints volunteer, Winter Olympics coach, teacher's aide, mentor in middle school.

Hobbies and interests: Sports – especially basketball.
State of education in the future: "I think education, educators, and students will continue to struggle due to the increased expectations and the decreased funding."

Kelsey Cryderman

Parents: Jeff and Kathy Cryderman
Sibling: James Cryderman, 10.

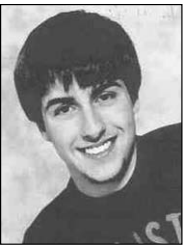


Educational or occupational goal: Become a dermatologist.
School activities and organizations: Basketball, track, drama, National Honor Society.

Hobbies and interests: Reading, running, weight lifting, and coaching.
State of education in the future: "In order to compete in the world's educational future, we are going to have to accelerate our curriculum."

Andrew Matelski

Parents: Paul and Kaye Matelski
Siblings: Alison Matelski, 20, attaining civil engineering degree at Michigan Technological University, and Angela, 28, works for Shell International in Texas.



Educational or occupational goal: Geological engineer; Michigan Tech.
Hobbies and interests: Listening to music, watching movies, spending time with friends, tennis.

State of education in the future: "Hopefully education will be improved for the future, utilizing more updated technology."

Jessica McGinnis

Parent: Kevin McGinnis
Sibling: Jeremy McGinnis, 21, a junior at Michigan State University, studying hospitality and hotel management.



Educational or occupational goal: Medicine; Michigan State University.
School activities and organizations: Basketball student assistant, drama, yearbook, VISTA, LCCF youth group.

Hobbies and interests: Basketball, reading, biking, swimming, and volunteering.
State of education in the future: "It is not very good because the state is making too many budget cuts on education."

Allison Brown

Parents: Benjamin and Claudette Brown
Siblings: Joseph Brown, 19, plays golf at Ferris State University, and Margo Brown, 9, fourth grade student.



Educational or occupational goal: Study pre-medicine at Albion College; become a pedi-

atrician.
School activities and organizations: Student Council president, National Honor Society, drama, Europe Club, yearbook, Saints of Steel band.

Hobbies and interests: Straits Area Dance Company member, volunteer dance teacher, Red Cross volunteer, Sunday school teacher, Catholic youth group.

State of education in the future: "I think schools need to make curriculum and other changes so students can better be prepared for college in the future."

Jack Goudreau

Parents: Doug and Paula Goudreau
Sibling: James Goudreau, 12, sixth grade.

Educational or occupational goal: Investment banker, major in finance, earn an MBA at Lake Superior State University.

School activities and organizations: National Honor Society, yearbook, J.V. Football, VISTA, Europe Club, band.

Hobbies and interests: Hockey.

State of education in the future: "I feel the education I have been given will give me a strong foundation for my future goals."

Erica Ahlich

Parents: Betty Litzner and Bill Ahlich.
Siblings: Torie Litzner, 13, Clifford Hinkens, 23, Lisa Hinkens, 25.

Educational or occupational goal: Engineering, university undecided.

School activities and organizations: Drama, yearbook, Student Council president, track, cross country, volleyball, basketball.

Hobbies and interests: Triathlons, mountain biking, reading.

State of education in the future: "Despite the major financial difficulties the school systems are facing, I believe because of the students' desire to learn and the teachers desire to teach, everything will keep running smoothly."

**Brimley
Preston Parish**

Parents: Dean and Patty Parish
Sibling: Derek Parish, 18, plays football for Grand Valley State University.

Educational or occupational goal: To succeed.

Post-secondary education or plans: Attending University of Michigan in the fall.

School activities and organizations: National Honor Society, class president, varsity basketball.

Hobbies and interests: Basketball, drawing, reading.

State of education in the future: "I believe that the higher standards will help better prepare students for the future."

Patrick Kennedy

Parents: Edward and June Kennedy

Siblings: Alan Kennedy, 28, employed as an x-ray technician at War Memorial Hospital; Emily Kennedy, 26, living and working in Detroit; Rebekah Kennedy, 22, living and working in Lansing.

Educational or occupational goal: Attending Michigan State University, studying biochemistry.

Post-secondary education or plans: Admittance to the Lyman Briggs School at MSU.

School activities and organizations: Key Club, Keystone Club, Chippewa County Community Foundation, Youth Advisory Council, Boys and Girls Club, National Honor Society.

Hobbies and interests: Volunteering in the community, paintball, travel, snowmobiling, football, boxing, golf.

State of education in the future: "The cost of education is rising,

but state and federal support is not meeting demands. Something creative needs to be done so education can be adequately funded."

Shannon Elise Hascall

Parents: Bryan and Carolyn Hascall



Siblings: Bryant, 15, Brianna Elizabeth, 13.
"They are all wonderful to me and I will miss them when I leave for college."

Educational or occupational goal: Aviation or Business Management (restaurant).

Post-secondary education or plans: Western Michigan University.

School activities and organizations: National Honor Society, golf, softball.

Hobbies and interests: "I work at Sacy's Restaurant and I work at Soo Co-Op Credit Union. I like to hang out with my friends and go to the cinema a lot."

State of education in the future: "Students every year are getting smarter and by 2009, they could very well be using technology every day in their lives. Education is incorporating newer, advanced technology and people will be even more successful."

Megan Parish

Parent: Dawn Parish
Siblings: Jeffrey Parish, 19, Alan Parish, 13, an eighth grade student at Brimley Middle School.



Educational or occupational goal: Become a librarian, attend University of Michigan.

School activities and organizations: Golf, Student Council, Key Club, National Honor Society, band.

Hobbies and interests: Reading, spending time with friends and family.

State of education in the future: "With the new higher standards, children will be better prepared for the future."

**DeTour Area Schools
Erin C. Worden**

Parents: Donza and Catherine Worden

Siblings: Thomas Worden, 15
Educational or occupational goal: Physician, attend Albion or Alma College

School activities and organizations: President of National Honor Society, Youth Advisory Council, Project Synergy, basketball, volleyball, golf.

Hobbies and interests: Basketball, volleyball, reading, skiing, music, golf, scrapbooking.

State of education in the future: "The rise in standards for Michigan schools will ensure our generation's educational advancement."

Kelley Tomlinson

Parents: Diana White and Kevin Conyers

Siblings: Sabrina Tomlinson, 16, Jenny Sutton, 26, Cory Sutton, 28.

Educational or occupational goal: Nurse anesthetist; to attend Alma or MSU.

School activities and organizations: Basketball, volleyball, National Honor Society, Project Synergy.

Hobbies and interests: Reading, swimming, and skiing.

State of education in the future: "I think our education is moving in a good direction to help develop smart and driven young adults."

**Engadine Consolidated
Schools
Katie Kerridge**

Parents: Larry and Barbara Kerridge
Siblings: Lisa Kerridge, 26,

Jille Kerridge, 21, Amy Kerridge, 10.

Educational or occupational goal: Diagnostic medical sonography, attend Ferris State University.

School activities and organizations: Class president freshman and senior years, Quizbowl, volleyball.

Hobbies and interests: Reading, spending time with friends, watching movies.

State of education in the future: "I think the new Michigan curriculum is a great idea. It may take school faculty and students a while to get used to, but in the end it will help students in continuing their education after high school."

Matthew Ocko

Parents: Richard and Kathleen Ocko

Siblings: Michele, 29, married and has four children; Lisa, 27, married lives in Muskegon; Andrew, 24, married and lives in Traverse City; Christine, 20, student at LSSU.

Educational or occupational goal: Veterinarian /Political Science/ Spanish, Michigan State University.

School activities and organizations: Quiz Bowl captain, 4-H Core Team President, 4-H Seatbelt Safety Teen leader, 4-H Capitol Experience, 4-H Small Animal Club (teacher), Drama Club, Busch Gardens Camp two years.

Hobbies and interests: Caring for animals, politics, debate, history, archeology, travel.

State of education in the future: "The new requirements for graduation are excellent; they will put young adults at a higher level of learning and prepare them for their future."

**Les Cheneaux
Community Schools
Rebecca Gregg**

Parents: Larry and Marie Gregg

Siblings: Christina, 11, a sixth grade student and member of the cheerleading squad.

Educational or occupational goal: Undecided, Aquinas College.

School activities and organizations: National Honor Society, Youth Advisory Committee, cross country, track, basketball, golf, and drama.

Hobbies and interests: Spending time with friends, reading, and shopping.

State of education in the future: "I think that when the new curriculum goes into effect, grades will drop, and so will people. Math is already difficult enough."

Kathleen Eberts

Parents: Rick and Roxanne Eberts

Siblings: Rick, 19, attends Michigan Technological University studying economics, Paul, 16, Sam, 10, Annie, 8.

Educational or occupational goal: Fine artist, University of Michigan or Aquinas College.

School activities and organizations: Drama, Youth Advisory Council, National Honor Society, cross country, BABES Buddies.

Hobbies and interests: Reading, playing piano and violin, bike riding, knitting, and painting.

State of education in the future: "Teachers are often forced to teach at the lowest common denominator in order to keep students in school."

Amy Winberg

Parents: Roger and Deanna Winberg
Siblings: Emily, 15, Erin, 13.

Educational or occupational



goal: Teach music and English, Adrian College.

School activities and organizations: National Honor Society, band, and Drama Club.

Hobbies and interests: Playing the piano and clarinet, reading, drawing, and participating in the church choir.

State of education in the future: "It would be nice if the electives could be offered more than once a day, so more people could take them."

Emily Feldhake

Parents: Marty and Pat Feldhake

Siblings: Sarah Hewitt, 21, and a senior at Albion College; Joel Feldhake, 16, a

sophomore at Cedarville High School.

Educational or occupational goal: Considering becoming an elementary teacher, Calvin or Hope College.

School activities and organizations: Basketball, track, Quiz Bowl, National Honor Society, Student Council, and youth group.

Hobbies and interests: Sports, reading, baking, and working with children.
State of education in the future: "I think that the most important aspect of education is teachers. Schools need to hire teachers who are not only knowledgeable in their fields, but who genuinely care about their students and the futures of their students."

Leigh Ann Hamel

Parents: E. Renee Hamel and Carl Leonard

Siblings: Paul Leonard, 8
Educational or occupational

goal: Masters degree in library sciences, Michigan State University.

School activities and organizations: Youth Advisory Committee, BABES Buddies, Student Council, Quiz Bowl, Tribal Youth Council.

Hobbies and interests: Music, theater, reading, playing piano.

State of education in the future: "Our current educational system has been improved with the addition of online courses and Interactive TV courses."

Rebecca Bickham

Parents: Gerald and Denise Bickham

Educational or occupational goal: Optometry School, University of Michigan.

School activities and organizations: Student Council, volleyball, track, golf, National Honor Society, drama, and BABES Buddies.

Hobbies and interests: Snowmobiling, skiing, boating, and cooking.

State of education in the future: "I think that a more challenging curriculum is needed in order to prepare students for college level course work."

Kristen Duman

Parents: Ralph and Kathleen Duman

Siblings: Ryan, 19, attends the University of Michigan, Peter, 15, Patrick, 13.

Educational or occupational goal: Law School, University of Michigan.

School activities and organizations: Student Council, National Honor Society, track, drama.

Hobbies and interests: Sailing, skiing, boating.

State of education in the future: "I think that they should offer more courses relating to language and religion due to the changing diversity of the work force."

Angela Rickley

Parents: Jennifer and Lawrence Sayles

Siblings: Robert Sayles, 15, Alyson Sayles, 7.
Educational or occupational



goal: Veterinarian. Attend a college/university with a four year pre-veterinary program, and then transfer to Michigan State's veterinary program.

School activities and organizations: Health Occupations students of America (HOSA), National Honor Society.

Hobbies and interests: Horseback riding, fostering pets, at the animal shelter.

State of education in the future: "The Career Center provides students with opportunities to prepare for academic and vocational careers. It is important to keep supporting students that attend."

**Pickford Public Schools
Kristen Schmitgal**

Parents: Phil Schmitgal, Kathy Estrada
Siblings: Rachel Schmitgal, 15.

Educational or occupational goal: Audio production/sound engineering record producer. Institute of Production and Recording, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
School activities and organizations: Cross country, volleyball, National Honor Society.

Hobbies and interests: Music, drawing, cartooning, and writing.
State of education in the future: "I think it's quite impressive where K-12 education is headed. With all the new and more rigorous requirements, it will be interesting to see what will happen with K-12 education. I hope that in the end, these changes will help K-12 education in a positive way."

Katelyn Walker

Parents: Thomas and Patricia Walker

Siblings: Erin Walker, 19.
Educational or occupational goal: Zoology, Northern Michigan University.

School activities and organizations: National Honor Society, band, Pep Band, yearbook, and Honors Band.

Hobbies and interests: Drawing, reading, and playing electric guitar.

State of education in the future: "Kids are becoming more serious about getting a quality education in order to succeed in their career choice. Therefore, I believe the state of education will continue to improve."

Renae Reich

Parents: Carl and Lori Reich
Siblings: Rachel Reich, 13, Travis Reich, 11, Kurtis Reich, 9.

Educational or occupational goal: Graduate from college with a degree in education, and pursue a career as an elementary teacher. Undecided, possibly Alma College or Northern Michigan University.

School activities and organizations: V.P. of National Honor Society, Student Council President, Senior class secretary, varsity basketball, volleyball, track, yearbook, prom committee.

Hobbies and interests: Reading, watching movies, golfing, going to the beach, camping, and spending time with family and friends.

State of education in the future: "In the future K-12 education will become more competitive. The level of excellence required will be higher because of the resources that will become available through advances in technology and such."

Scott Coullard

Parents: Michael Coullard

Siblings: Brandy Coullard, Amber Nettleton, Chrissy Groover, Wendy Hartwig

Educational or occupational goal: Planning to study electronic imaging and someday become a