

30th ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD BANQUET A SUCCESS

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The ACA has been leading a scholarship program for outstanding high school seniors for 30 years. Again this year, the High School Achievement Award Banquet was a success. It was held on Sunday, December 8 at the Chinese Community Center. A nine-course banquet was served to 70 people.

For the twelfth year, the Detroit Chinese Engineers Association joined as a co-sponsor. The ACA awarded nine scholarships, the DCEA awarded two scholarships.

Keynote speaker Jennifer Xu, a University of Michigan medical student and a 2009 honoree from Troy gave her advice for success to the students. Keynote Frances Kai-Hwa Wang, journalist and blogger and former American Citizens for Justice Executive Director, spoke about remembering where you come from, and your roots. She gave advice that the parents typically want to give, and then gave advice that some parents may not want to give, such as “to have fun.”

The honorees are as follows:

<u>Honorees</u>	<u>High School</u>
Laine Chan	Cranbrook
Weifong Chou	Athens
Amanda Guo	Troy
Nan Hu	Pioneer
Jessica Jiang	Novi
Grace Kao	Okemos
Lillian Liang	Troy
Kevin Ni	Plymouth
Preeti Rishi	Athens
Julian Sanders	Athens
Allen Wang	Troy
Eric Wang	Rochester Adams
Maxine Hao Hao Wang Pontius	Huron
Wan Wang	Plymouth
Daniel Wu	West Bloomfield
Karen Xiong	Northville
Alan Xu	Huron
Brian Xu	Detroit Country Day
Esther Yan	Athens
Kevin Yang	Huron
Victor Yang	Troy
Aillen You	Northville
Karen Young	Detroit Country Day
Alex Yue	Canton
Aaron Zeng	Detroit Country Day
Joy Zhang	Detroit Country Day
Amy Zhou	Novi

There was an introduction of the ACA Scholarship Recipients –

ACA Best All Around – Kevin Yang

ACA 2nd Scholarships – Katherine Young and Brian Xu

Mabel Peng Memorial Scholarship for best academics - Aaron Zeng

Chinese Language Scholarships – Preeti Rishi, Aillen You, and Esther Yan

P.L. Siak Scholarship – Jessica Jiang

Acacia 168 Scholarship – Allen Xiu

DCEA's two scholarships will be issued at its banquet.

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All in all, it was a very gratifying event. Congratulations to the honorees of the Class of 2014!