

33rd 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 33 years. Again this year, the High School Achievement Award Banquet was a success. It was held on Sunday, December 4 at the Chinese Community Center. A nine-course banquet was served to 70 people.

For the fifteenth year, the Detroit Chinese Engineer Association joined as a co-sponsor. The ACA awarded eight scholarships, the DCEA awarded three scholarships.

Keynote speaker Eugene Kang, senior vice president of Teneo Strategy gave his advice about taking risks, and leaving one's comfort zone, and for success to the students.

The honorees are as follows:

<u>Honorees</u>	<u>School</u>
Kevin Chen	Canton
Wesley Chiu	Troy
Sophia Dai	Salem
Baozheng Russell Hu	De La Salle Collegiate
Kevin Huang	International Academy
Lauren Lee	Canton
Kevin Li	Troy
Caleigh Lin	Canton
Shannon Lin	Troy
Kathy Lu	Troy
Emily Mo	Athens
Kelly Ni	Plymouth
Molly Pontius	Huron
James Sun	Detroit Country Day
Emily Wang	Troy
Sarah Sihan Wang	Novi
Alice Wu	Salem
Jiajin Xiao	Shrine Catholic
Helen Xu	Detroit Country Day
Katie Xu	Salem
Ruixi Zhang	Athens
Jenny Yingzhen Zhi	Troy

There was an introduction of the ACA and DCEA Scholarship Recipients –

ACA Best All Around – Wesley Chiu

ACA 2nd Scholarships – Shannon Lin and Kathy Lu

Mabel Peng Memorial Scholarship for best academics – Jenny Yingzhen Zhi

Acacia 168 Scholarships – Molly Pontius and Ruixi Yingzhen Zhi

Andy Wong Scholarships – Alice Wu and James Sun

DCEA Scholarships – Helen Xu, Caleigh Lin, and Sarah Sihan Wang

DCEA's three scholarships will be issued at its banquet in April.

Many thanks to the committee including Roland Hwang, Angela Wang Beasinger, Shenlin Chen, Angie Chin, Lucy King, and Tai Chan all of ACA; Zifeng Nie and Shuang Ji of DCEA.

All in all, it was a very gratifying event. Congratulations to the honorees of the Class of 2017!



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All the honorees with the Scholarship Planning Committee



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Eugene Kang presenting his keynote speech



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Roland Hwang, Angela Wang Beasinger, Best Overall Scholarship recipient Wesley Chiu, Shenlin Chen