



Standing, from left: Ricky White, Aaron Humic, Olivia Pehanick and Sophia Parola. SUBMITTED

Student spotlight of achievement

Ricky White, son of Richard and Karen White, has been taking AP classes since his sophomore year, completing his senior year by undertaking three additional AP classes.

He is a member of the Science Olympiad team, serving as Physics Captain his senior year. As part of the 2014 Science Olympiad team, he was the first place Regional medal winner and fifth place State level winner in the Scrambler event. This season he once again captured Regional first place in the Scrambler event and also first place in the Air Trajectory event. He represented North Pocono at the State Science Olympiad at Juanita College on April 25.

He was a member of varsity football team, FBLA, and varsity track and field team. As a member of the track team he has been a district qualifier since eighth grade. He's also participated in the Engineering Olympics.

For his senior project he, along with his mentors Dr. and Mrs. Croom, organized and ran a two-day Summer Science Camp for fourth grade students.

He is an active member of St. Catherine's and volunteers yearly for the Special Olympics. He also participates annually with the Eric Trump Foundation to raise awareness for St. Jude.

He is currently employed with the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees and also Fitness Quest Gym.

Ricky plans on attending college in a dual major program for Physics and Engineering.

Aaron Humic, son of John and Brenda Humic, is taking advantage of academic offerings this year by taking Trigonometry/Discrete Math, Physics and his fourth consecutive year of Woodshop.

He has been a varsity member of the rifle team for four years and finished off his last season by going to All-Stars. He has also been a member of the lacrosse team for two years.

He is a member of Boy Scouts of America -- and in March he received his Eagle Scout.

He has volunteered coaching Little League baseball for three years.

He is currently employed at NAPA Auto Parts.

After graduation, Aaron will be attending Johnson College where he will study Carpentry and Cabinet-making and some day own his own business.

Olivia Pehanick, daughter of James and Michele Pehanick, has received high honors every quarter since freshman year and is currently ranked fourth in her class, placing in the top five every year. She has also taken all accelerated classes and five AP courses

throughout high school.

Her personal accomplishments include receiving the UCA All-American Cheerleading award since sophomore year, as well as piano performances that include Guild, NEPA Philharmonic, Dorothy Sutton, and Carnegie Hall.

She is vice president of National Honor Society, second vice president of SADD, and captain of the varsity football cheer squad (where she has been a member along with the competitive cheer squad).

She is also a member of the Young Visionaries of Moscow, where she and other young residents of the area devise ways to improve Moscow.

Every year, she volunteers at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure with the rest of the cheer squad.

She is currently employed at The Caboose Ice Cream & Snacks and has worked for the Dunmore Candy Kitchen this season.

After graduation, Olivia plans to attend either Lehigh University or Penn State to study chemical or environmental engineering.

Sophia Parola, daughter of Christine and Bruce Parola, has academically challenged herself throughout high school and has taken nine AP

courses, including: Government, Biology, English Language, World History, Physics I and II, Calculus, Macroeconomics, and Chemistry.

She is currently ranked second in the senior class.

She has participated in varsity track and field, varsity soccer, Friends of Rachel Club, SADD, and Red Cross Club. She is also vice president of the senior class, National Honor Society treasurer, and a junior council member of the Moscow Borough Council.

She has volunteered as a big sister in the program Big Brothers Big Sisters, an altar server and CCD teacher at St. Catherine's Church, a peer tutor, and an elementary tutor.

She has received the Frederick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Award from the University of Rochester and the Bishop's Youth Award from the Diocese of Scranton.

She has been selected as a gifted student, an AP Scholar with Honor, a Rensselaer Medalist, and a Times-Tribune Scholastic Superstar.

She is employed as a life-guard at Lake Hideaway.

After graduation, Sophia will be attending the Lehigh University Honors Integrated Business and Engineering Program to study Industrial Engineering and Finance.