

# Joshua Toth, Scholastic Superstar

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## Meet Joshua Toth

School: North Pocono High School

Parents: Paul and Lorraine Toth

Plans: To attend the University of Scranton on a full Presidential Scholarship to study biophysics.

Earning a black belt in martial arts instilled a sense of discipline and dedication in Joshua Toth that he uses in all other aspects of life.

The Black Belt in Soo Bahk Do is a source of great pride for Joshua as is earning regional and state medals at Science Olympiad competitions during his sophomore year, when he “was new to the team and did not know what to expect.”

The senior is now North Pocono’s chemistry captain for the Science Olympiad team, and is a member of National Honor Society, the gifted enrichment program and the golf team.

He counts the time he spends with Science Olympiad as among his most rewarding school experiences, “because of the friendships I formed, the additional knowledge I gained and the teamwork and camaraderie I became a part of,” Joshua said.

A volunteer at the Jefferson Twp. Recycling Center, Joshua said the work is a positive endeavor that helps improve “the health of the community and the planet”.

Ranked among the top students in his class, Joshua received high honors for his entire high school career. He is an AP Scholar with distinction, won the Bausch and Lomb science award. He participated in the Congress for Future Medical Leaders in Washington, D.C., and the Congress of Scientific and Tech leaders in Boston.

An avid skier, Joshua plays guitar.

Joshua is a National Merit Finalist and will attend the University of Scranton on a full Presidential Scholarship to study biophysics. With plans to earn a doctorate in biomedical engineering, he hopes in the future to direct or be employed by an East Coast biomedical company. He’s not fully sure which field of bioengineering he’d like to enter but is interested in genomics, specifically what genetic variations increase risk for disease.

Joshua says he is the kind of person who tends “to choose the road less traveled,” because, “I think it is the best way to discover new things.”

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