

# Excellence in Education



*School Year 2020-2021*

Naperville Community School District 203

*Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown  
out your own inner voice. And most  
important, have the courage to follow your  
heart and intuition.*

*~ Steve Jobs*



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## **OUR MISSION**

Our mission is to educate students to be...

Self-directed learners  
Collaborative workers  
Complex thinkers  
Quality producers, and  
Community contributors

## **OUR BELIEFS**

Naperville Community Unit School District 203 believes an exemplary school district...

- Values the dignity and uniqueness of each individual
- Promotes responsible citizenship
- Is the result of a collective partnership of students, staff, parents and community

*A very special thank you to Tracy Rootham (NCHS) and Jill Myatt (NNHS).*

# Honored Influential Educators

Sarah Albiniak

*NCHS, Communication Arts*

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*NCHS, Director of Bands*

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*NNHS, Spanish*

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*NCHS, Chemistry*

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*NNHS, Social Studies*

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*NCHS, Chemistry*

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*NNHS, Spanish*

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*NCHS, Social Science*

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*Jefferson Junior HS, Language Arts*

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*NCHS, Social Studies*

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*NNHS, Mathematics*

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*NNHS, Chemistry*

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*Lincoln Junior HS, Language Arts*

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*NNHS, Assistant Principal*

Kathleen Gasser

*NCHS, Spanish*

Lisa Gebbie

*NCHS, Mathematics*

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*NNHS, PE*

Crystal Griffith

*NCHS, Science*

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*NCHS, Orchestra Director*

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*NCHS, Social Studies*

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*NCHS, Biology*

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*NCHS, Learning Commons Director*

Chris Hodge

*NCHS, Photography*

Brian Horner

*Meadow Glens Elementary, Gifted*

Ed Joyce

*NNHS, Latin*

Catherine Kaduk

*North Central College, Adjunct Asst.*

*Pro. of Education*

Kristen Kainrath

*Meadow Glens Elementary, Gifted*

Eric Kaisling

*NCHS, Spanish*

John Klein-Collins

*Kennedy Junior HS, Language Arts*

Jeremy Lin

*NCHS, Head Speech Coach*



# Honored Influential Educators

Timothy Madden

*NNHS, Mathematics*

Mitch Martin

*NNHS, Communication Arts*

Elizabeth Moore

*NNHS, Mathematics*

Hans Muehsler

*NCHS, Physics*

Noreen Olisar

*NNHS, Mathematics*

Sandy Parato

*NNHS, Communication Arts*

Michael Pearson

*NNHS, Communications Arts*

Sarah Poletto

*Retired, NCHS Science*

Marissa Rakes

*NCHS, Mathematics*

Geoffrey Schmit

*NNHS, Computer Science*

Andrew Schultz

*NCHS, German*

Randy Smith

*NCHS, Social Science*

Nicholas Straka

*NCHS, Mathematics*

Susan Stuckey

*Deceased, Principal of Highlands*

*Elementary*

Jane Thompson

*Retired, NCHS Social Studies*

Margo Toth

*Retired, Elmwood 2nd grade*

Brenna Verdier

*NNHS, French*

Stephanie Vinton

*NCHS, Mathematics*

Jeremy Whitt

*NCHS, French*

Jin Zhang

*Violin teacher*

*The dream begins, most of the  
time, with a teacher who believes  
in you, who tugs and pushes and  
leads you on the next plateau,  
sometimes poking you with a  
sharp stick called truth.*

*~ Dan Rather*

# Honored Students

*The Excellence in Education Banquet celebrates seniors who have distinguished themselves academically and their most influential educators. Each Influential Educator is chosen by the student because they inspired them academically and have been an inspiration in the student's life. Naperville Community Unit School District 203 and The Board of Education congratulates our student honorees, their families and the Influential Educators.*



## Naperville Central High School



Adam Aldaba  
Thrisha Bandepaltee  
Elizabeth Bayert  
Nicholas Bird  
Andrea Brewe  
Ronak Chandiwalla  
Alicia Chen  
Aastha Chouhan  
Elliott Clements  
Helen Dahlquist  
Michael Deng  
Steven Desch  
Dane Engman  
Aiden Fockens \*  
Timothy Froelich  
Arthur Graham  
Braden Hajer  
Nandini Kapoor  
Maya Kathinokkula  
Helen Kuang \*  
Simeon Lee  
Kate Li  
Elizabeth Liu  
Katie Liu

Daniel Lott  
William Ma  
Cesar Maldonado  
Maya Mikos  
Anna Rezac  
Daanyal Saeed  
Chase Schwarz  
Amisha Sethi  
Anna Sonnenschein  
Skye Sparks  
Enya Sun  
Paari Thanikachalam  
Christopher Wang  
David Wang  
Ziyin Wang  
Ethan Wilcox  
Sarena Yang  
Colin Yao  
Brandon Zhang \*  
Harrison Zhang  
Jasmine Zhang  
Harry Zhou \*

*\* Student information not provided*

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## Naperville North High School



Luca Bolla  
Aidan Carey  
Maeve Conneely  
Jason Daudish \*  
Tyler Ditmars  
Shailen Doshi  
Kira Gambla  
James Huang  
Skyler Kahng \*  
Jubin Kim  
Judson Lam  
Andrew Li  
Christopher Li \*  
Justin Li  
Maisie Li \*  
Isabelle Marcus  
Ishaan Mathur  
David Mengel  
Holden Mui  
Alayna Nguyen  
Owen O'Brien  
Maria Patni  
Asha Rajagopal  
Eron Ristich

Sean Ru  
Arjun Shah  
Rachel Shi \*  
Randall Shobert  
Mackenzie Skeen  
Janelle Smith  
Aditya Tolia  
Rosalia Viton  
Katherine Watson  
Wyatt Woker  
Geoffrey Wu  
Eva Yang  
Rachel Yao  
Irene Zhang  
Kelly Zhang  
Emily Zhao  
Rachel Zhou \*  
Tyler Zuspann

*\* Student information not provided*

**Chris Hodge**

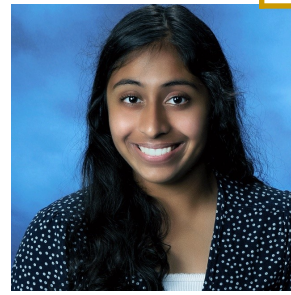
*Mr. Hodge has always been there for a quick chat, or a deep conversation about art, and I appreciate his openness and feed back on my art. It is Mr. Hodge that showed me that photography and design can intertwine into my own creations.*



**Adam Aldaba**  
*Naperville Central*

**Kathleen Gasser**

*Having Señora Gasser as a teacher for two years was not a coincidence so much as a privilege. Her class has helped me grow as a spanish-speaker, student, and person.*



**Thrisha Bandepallee**  
*Naperville Central*

**Stephanie Vinton**

*Ms. Vinton always has a joy and passion for teaching math, which quickly spreads to the rest of the class. Ms. Vinton has inspired me to become a math teacher so that I can also help students have a love for math.*



**Elizabeth Bayert**  
*Naperville Central*

**Michael Bochenski**

*Mr. Bochenski was both one of the best teachers I have ever had and someone who made a big impact on my life choices. Through his class, I was able to determine what major I wished to pursue in college, and I am very happy with my choice.*



**Nicholas Bird**  
*Naperville Central*

**Andrew Schultz**

*Herr Schultz is an incredible teacher who put up with a lot, and his enthusiasm for German definitely played a significant role in foreign language becoming a priority of mine for college. I appreciate all the work he did to make learning German fun and to push me to try new experiences and make the most of my potential.*



**Andrea Brewes**  
*Naperville Central*

**Jacquelyn Barker**

*Mrs. Barker emphasized the importance of communication and teamwork, to the point that we had quizzes about our classmates' names. Through our various labs and collaborative projects, I was able to improve my leadership and communication skills, making me more passionate about chemistry and science in general.*



**Ronak Chandiwalla**  
*Naperville Central*

**Marissa Rakes**

*She constantly pushed me towards different opportunities from within and outside of the classroom. I also found that learning with her as my teacher helped me not only to learn the concepts, but to actually understand the concepts both visually and algebraically.*



**Alicia Chen**  
*Naperville Central*

**Seth Brady**

*In Mr. Brady's capstone class, I was able to explore solutions in the real world for the issue of sexual stigma in India. It was an amazing experience to work with real experts from India and it helped me solidify my passion for sexual and reproductive rights, and it's led me to make the decision to minor in women and gender studies in college.*



**Aastha Chouhan**  
*Naperville Central*



**Jeremy Whitt**

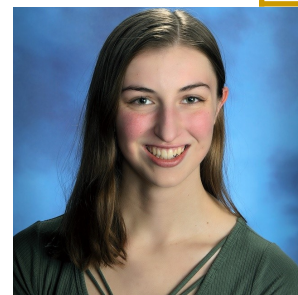
*M. Whitt's dedication, expertise, kindness, and humor made our French classroom the ideal environment for linguistic and cultural mastery as well as personal growth. He truly wanted to get to know each of us individually and in doing so created the community of support and laughter that made French the highlight of my scholastic experience.*



**Elliott Clements**  
*Naperville Central*

**Lisa Gebbie**

*I had her for two years of math and I could always count on her to bring energy and humor into my school day. With covid, she has adapted her teaching the best and I feel she is always playing on our side whether this is pushing us or giving us a break.*



**Helen Dahlquist**  
*Naperville Central*

**Stephanie Vinton**

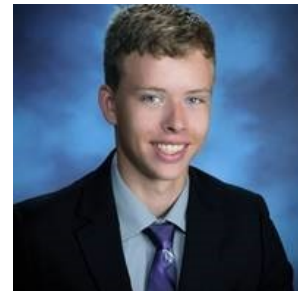
*She helped me continue my passion for mathematics. Additionally, I opened up socially more in her class.*



**Michael Deng**  
*Naperville Central*

**Jane Thompson**

*Ms. Thompson taught my APUSH class through constant standards where we started with bad grades on tests, but after working on your skills you got the grades you want. Even though there was difficult things being graded, she also gave opportunities to get the grade back up and it still stands as the best english/social studies class I have taken.*



**Steven Desch**  
*Naperville Central*

**Hans Muehler**

*This is the first class I felt I truly began to appreciate the beauty of physics. It has inspired me to continue my pursuit of STEM beyond high school.*



**Dane Engman**  
*Naperville Central*

**Julie Chenelle**

*Mrs. Chenelle continuously encouraged me to go beyond learning the material and how I could continue my passions into High School and my future career plans. Mrs. Chenelle's class was also always an enjoyable class full of collaboration and learning.*



**Timothy Froelich**  
*Naperville Central*

**Catherine Kaduk**

*Mrs. Kaduk was the teacher who really helped make school enjoyable and somewhere I wanted to be every day. She had the best teaching strategies and set-up of any teacher I have ever had, and I was able to progress fantastically in her classes as a result of that.*



**Arthur Graham**  
*Naperville Central*

**Jesse Gross**

*It's impossible to choose a single phenomenal teacher I've had, but Mr. Gross teaches with a combination of passion and finesse that's irreplaceable. I've connected with him on a personal level like few other teachers, and he's certainly made me a better player.*



**Braden Hajer**  
*Naperville Central*

**Amy Hastings**

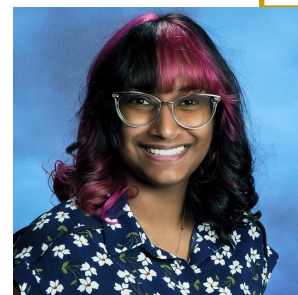
*Mrs. Hastings has always been supportive of me and has helped me develop my interest in medicine. Moreover, I admire her compassion and how she genuinely cares for her students.*



**Nandini Kapoor**  
*Naperville Central*

**John Klein-Collins**

*Mr. K-C gave me confidence in my writing and reading comprehension skills that I hadn't experienced in a while. He motivated me to continue to grow and improve even when I was already meeting the class expectations.*



**Maya Kathinokkula**  
*Naperville Central*

**Amy Hastings**

*She made me excited to come to a class that I would otherwise dread, never failing to make me smile.*



**Simeon Lee**  
*Naperville Central*

**Jeremy Lin**

*Mr. Lin taught me how to balance life and speech, struggle and self-appreciation, relentlessness and resilience. Probably wouldn't've made it through high school without him!*



**Kate Li**  
*Naperville Central*

**Amy Hastings**

*To me, the most important thing you brought // Was the unending laughter that you taught. // It brought a shine to everyone's faces // And warmed our hearts and souls as it ought.*



**Elizabeth Liu**  
*Naperville Central*

**Nicholas Straka**

*Mr. Straka has been an incredibly influential math teacher, math team coach, and mentor to me. For the past two years, he has made me look forward to his jokes in every class and practice, magnifying my love for learning in the process.*



**Katie Liu**  
*Naperville Central*

**Margo Toth**

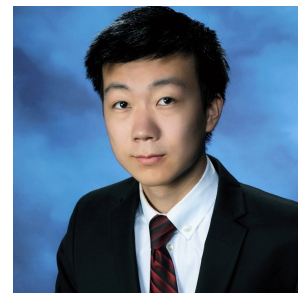
*Mrs. Toth made learning fun and pushed me to go above and beyond the required curriculum. Not only that, but she was kind and supportive all the time.*



**Daniel Lott**  
*Naperville Central*

**Randall Smith**

*As both my debate coach and AP US Government & Politics teacher, Mr. Smith has taught me academically, helped facilitate countless opportunities in debate through tournaments and other endeavors, and supported me during the college application process and other challenges. His passion for teaching and compassion for others are truly inspiring.*



**William Ma**  
*Naperville Central*



**Crystal Griffith**

*She taught me about the wonderful world of biotechnology in a fun and engaging way. I had a great time learning and I want to continue learning about biology and the technology of this field throughout my college career.*

**Cesar Maldonado**

*Naperville Central*

**Amy Hastings**

*Mrs. Hasting was the most loving teacher I have ever had. She taught me in such a way that reaffirmed my hopes of becoming a doctor and always ensured I knew that I was more than capable.*

**Maya Mikos**

*Naperville Central*

**Sarah Poletto**

*Mrs. Poletto made physics an engaging and interesting subject, always encouraging us to ask questions and be curious. She was amazing at patiently answering each student's question, and she made me feel like an individual in her class.*

**Anna Rezac**

*Naperville Central*

**Eric Kaisling**

*Mr. Kaisling taught me that it's OK to change what you're interested in. He let me realize that you should explore things outside your comfort zone.*

**Daanyal Saeed**

*Naperville Central*

**Jeremiah Chaney**

*Mr. Chaney was much more than just a great history teacher. He was a phenomenal motivational speaker and a great role model during a very critical and strenuous period of my life.*

**Chase Schwarz**

*Naperville Central*

**Keith Carlson**

*Mr. Carlson has always inspired me and all of his other students to strive for greatness. He truly believes in our ability to make impact through our journalistic work and empowers us to use our voices.*

**Amisha Sethi**

*Naperville Central*

**Jerome Bentley**

*Mr. Bentley's words of kind encouragement and exceptional knowledge has ignited my passion for chemistry, which I am excited to pursue in the future. His positive spirit and thoughtfulness make each day in class truly enjoyable.*

**Anna**

**Sonnenschein**

*Naperville Central*

**Sarah Albinak**

*Mrs. Albinak helped me regain confidence in my writing skills throughout my junior year of high school. Her fair critics and stellar sense of humor made English a class I never wanted to miss.*

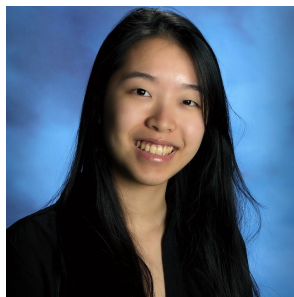
**Skye Sparks**

*Naperville Central*



**Lynne Hanley**

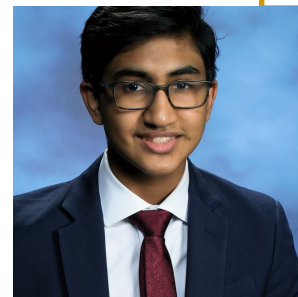
*Ms. Hanley provided me with all the skills needed to succeed in my first AP course, and fostered a love of learning paired with a constant strive for self-improvement in all of her students. She left me with a greater appreciation of world history, as well as an ambition that propelled me throughout all of high school.*



**Enya Sun**  
*Naperville Central*

**DJ Alstadt**

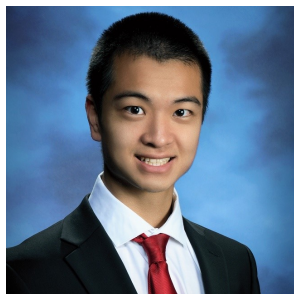
*Every day, Mr. Alstadt brings an infectious passion and intensity to the Wind Ensemble that always inspired me to grow as a musician. Moreover, beyond the band room, I've learnt that he is a person you can rely on to support you through any trial with unyielding encouragement.*



**Paari Thanikachalam**  
*Naperville Central*

**Lisa Gebbie**

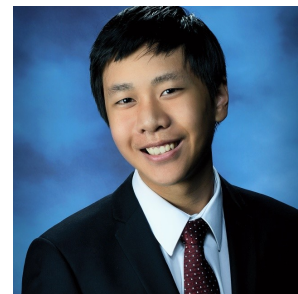
*Mrs. Gebbie brought a vibrant and contagious energy to class everyday that made me excited to learn. I'm thankful that she regularly pushed me out of my comfort zone to explore new areas, in and out of the classroom.*



**Christopher Wang**  
*Naperville Central*

**Amy Hastings**

*Mrs. Hastings has helped develop my interests in science and medicine tremendously through being both my AP Biology teacher and Science Olympiad coach. I enjoy sharing my ideas, thoughts, and feelings with her, and her presence radiates supportiveness and positivity.*



**David Wang**  
*Naperville Central*

**Richard Bain**

*There were two things I appreciated about Mr. Bain; his unique and poignant view on the world and his refusal to coddle young thinkers. As his Honors English student I have often been inspired to be fearless in expressing my ideas and to harness my artistry as a writer and creator.*



**Ziyin Wang**  
*Naperville Central*

**Jeremiah Chaney**

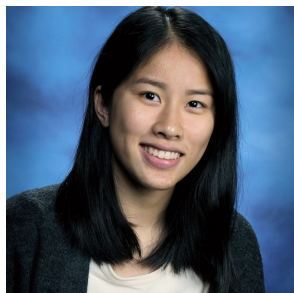
*As an eighth grader, Mr. Chaney aided in developing my passion for learning through his welcoming and positive attitude. As I transitioned into NCHS, he helped me build confidence as a student and establish a strong foundation for the next step in my education.*



**Ethan Wilcox**  
*Naperville Central*

**John Hayward**

*Mr. Hayward has humored me and my whimsical ideas many times these past four years in Lit Mag, for which I am extremely grateful. He is someone I admire not only for his incredible writing, but also for his commitment to educate and encourage students, always listening intently to our input and putting our voices first.*



**Sarena Yang**  
*Naperville Central*

**Brian Horner**

*Mr. Horner helped teach me how to think critically about myself and my decisions, and his class helped me create important good habits. The two years I spent in PI+ were enlightening and enjoyable, and he was an important influence during my formative years.*



**Colin Yao**  
*Naperville Central*

**David Ashton**

*Mr. Ashton stays invested in each student's success, far beyond his roles as a teacher or extracurricular advisor. As an engaging teacher genuinely interested in economics, you could say he's the Loanable Funds Market because he always seems to balance the quantity with generating real interest.*



**Harrison Zhang**  
*Naperville Central*

**Geoffrey Schmit**

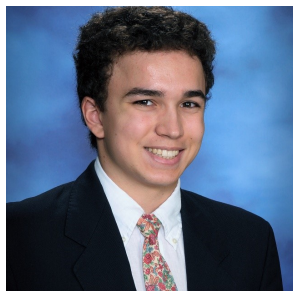
*Mr. Schmit has inspired me to constantly push the limits of my programming in robotics. Moreover, he has taught me invaluable communication and leadership skills.*



**Jasmine Zhang**  
*Naperville Central*

**Steven Goletz**

*During a really stressful semester he managed to create an environment that was both physically engaging and entertaining. He gave us the freedom to do what we wanted while still encouraging us to better ourselves.*



**Luca Bolla**  
*Naperville North*

**Jeff DiOrio**

*Mr. DiOrio taught me that true excellence is born out of community, integrity, and service. Further, he showed me that the success of a team is measured by personal growth, support for one another, and the forming of friendships that last a lifetime.*



**Aidan Carey**  
*Naperville North*

**Steven Goletz**

*He fostered a fun and inclusive environment in his class. With all the stress school creates, his class was a breath of fresh air that had me excited to be there each day.*



**Maeve Conneely**  
*Naperville North*

**Sandy Parato**

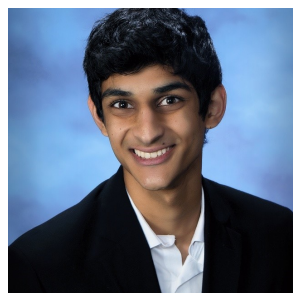
*She instills students like myself with the importance of communication— between speaker and audience as per AP Lang curriculum, but also amongst each other and within our own minds. Her classroom will forever embody a safe space for me to be open about my thoughts and passions.*



**Tyler Ditmars**  
*Naperville North*

**Jeffrey Bedore**

*While preparing me for a higher level learning environment, Mr Bedore allowed me to study what I wanted. Unhindered by the fear of a poor grade, and free to study that which interested me, I learned a lot about my topic, and myself in the process.*



**Shailen Doshi**  
*Naperville North*

**Emily Bishop**

*Señora Bishop made my freshman year of high school an easy transition by making me and all of her students feel welcome in her class. She also maintained the perfect balance of learning and fun that made me look forward to attending my first period class everyday.*



**Kira Gambla**  
*Naperville North*



**Elizabeth Moore**

*She strives to challenge her students with very advanced math. Also, she maintains an infectious passion for math, an energy that spurs my interest.*



**James Huang**  
*Naperville North*

**Lily Barcelona**

*She was very understanding, made me truly enjoy learning Spanish, and always checked in on us in class to see how we were doing, which made me feel very safe and comfortable. I never had a teacher that I felt cared so much for her class.*



**Jubin Kim**  
*Naperville North*

**Kristen Kainrath**

*Mrs. Kainrath was always very kind and supportive, yet never ceased to challenge me. Whether it was the magic of stories or the mystery of puzzles, Mrs. Kainrath inspired me to embrace the amazing world of learning.*



**Judson Lam**  
*Naperville North*

**Timothy Brown**

*As my math teacher for 6 semesters, Mr. Brown has been an integral part of my growth as a student and individual. Encouraging me both academically and extracurricularly, his constant support has been a source of inspiration and has contributed to my successes.*



**Andrew Li**  
*Naperville North*

**Timothy Madden**

*With his lively personality and positive class atmosphere, Mr. Madden continually inspired me to be both a better student but also a better person. He's someone that will always be there for you and genuinely cares about the well-being of his students, and I am truly grateful for the positive impact he has had on my life.*



**Justin Li**  
*Naperville North*

**Holly Bontkowski**

*Mrs. Bontkowski taught me that strong, independent women can accomplish anything they put their mind to. She challenged me to be a better student and inspired me to dream big.*



**Isabelle Marcus**  
*Naperville North*

**Elizabeth Moore**

*Mrs. Moore has been very supportive of me ever since I was a freshman in math team. She challenges me to improve everyday and genuinely wants to see me succeed.*



**Ishaan Mathur**  
*Naperville North*

**Susan Stuckey**

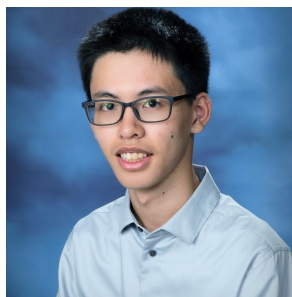
*Mrs. Stuckey was a larger-than-life personality that worked tirelessly to help me and all students, even through debilitating rounds of chemo and her eventual death at age 50 of Breast Cancer. When I needed it most, she got me into a classroom that fit my needs, and gave the same care and attention to all students when many others wouldn't.*



**David Mengel**  
*Naperville North*

**Elizabeth Moore**

*Mrs. Moore always supported me throughout my contest mathematics experience in high school. As a result I've been to places I never would have dreamed of going to four years ago.*



**Holden Mui**  
*Naperville North*

**Noreen Olisar**

*Mrs. Olisar helped me find confidence in myself and understand the value of working toward a goal. I'm incredibly grateful to her for making time to answer my endless questions, explain challenging geometry problems, and support me every single morning during the 2019 Math Team season.*



**Alayna Nguyen**  
*Naperville North*

**Tim Brown**

*Mr. Brown made a difference in my life by showing me how learning could be both rewarding and fun. Over the five semesters that I had him as a teacher, I looked forward to class every day because I knew I would be laughing and smiling while also learning challenging material.*



**Owen O'Brien**  
*Naperville North*

**Geoffrey Schmit**

*As my robotics coach, Mr. Schmit was instrumental to my development of technical and leadership skills. His mentorship and guidance in and out of the classroom has not only made me a better engineer, but also a better person.*



**Maria Patni**  
*Naperville North*

**Thomas Champion**

*Mr. Champion has made an impact upon my learning because of his willingness to feed curiosity. He allowed us to continue to explore our topics, even if we spent his lunch period to do so.*



**Asha Rajagopal**  
*Naperville North*

**Michael Pearson**

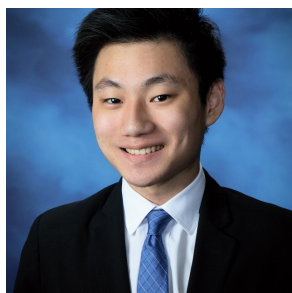
*Mr. Pearson has made a difference in my life by being accepting of all means and methods within reason, and opened my eyes to the innate simplex complexity that constantly surrounds us. In doing so, he reinvigorated my passion for reading, but more so for simply being and experiencing.*



**Eron Ristich**  
*Naperville North*

**John Klein-Collins**

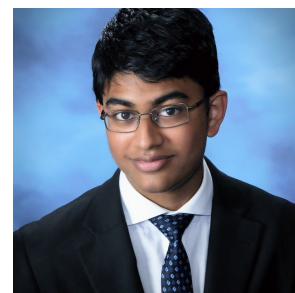
*With his infectious enthusiasm and unwavering dedication, Mr. K-C taught me that reading and writing give us a way to connect with stories from all social classes and time periods. I learned from him not just how to become a more attentive reader and writer, but also that my own story—and the voice I use to tell it—will always bring value to the world.*



**Sean Ru**  
*Naperville North*

**Geoffrey Schmit**

*Mr. Schmit helped me find a new passion for computer science, helping me to look at problem solving from a new perspective. By consistently emphasizing a growth mindset, he enabled me to more deeply understand the concepts that I study.*



**Arjun Shah**  
*Naperville North*



**Mitch Martin**

*I have altered my methods of thinking and perception thanks to the central concepts of Mr. Martin's classes. He also demonstrates the impact that forging meaningful connections and actively promoting positive culture can have on a working environment, and to what extent a leader can consciously affect these things.*



**Randall Shobert**  
*Naperville North*

**Tom Champion**

*Mr. Champion has helped me find my passion for biology. He also helped me to develop my studying skills.*



**Mackenzie Skeen**  
*Naperville North*

**Brenna Verdier**

*She created a learning atmosphere without judgement and truly cares about us as people and us succeeding academically. Although I struggled with the subject, I felt comfortable learning and having failures in the classroom.*



**Janelle Smith**  
*Naperville North*

**Geoffrey Schmit**

*Mr. Schmit is an inspiration to all of his students, no matter their background or interest. He cares deeply about their passions and future endeavors, and strives everyday to make an impact in a student's life.*



**Aditya Tolia**  
*Naperville North*

**Holly Bontkowski**

*Mrs. Bontkowski's freedom in the classroom allowed me to grow into my own strengths as a reader and writer and build my skills naturally.*



**Rosalia Viton**  
*Naperville North*

**Emily Bishop**

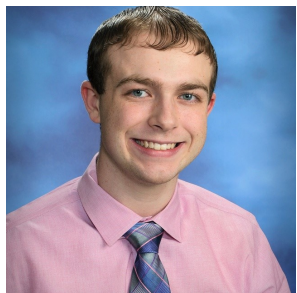
*Senora Bishop had made a huge impact in my life both academically and outside of class. She helped me find some of my best friends my freshman year, was always patient and understanding, had a genuine interest in my happiness and wellbeing, and is always up for a conversation, whether it's friendly, serious, or supportive.*



**Katherine Watson**  
*Naperville North*

**Geoff Schmit**

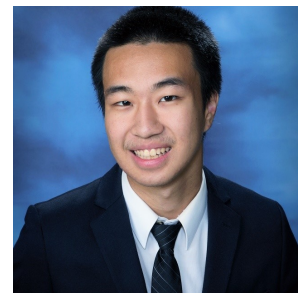
*Mr. Schmit has provided me with incredible opportunities both in class and at robotics that have allowed me to explore many different facets of computer science and create impressive products with my friends. He is extremely supportive and has always encouraged me to find different, creative solutions to problems.*



**Wyatt Woker**  
*Naperville North*

**Ed Joyce**

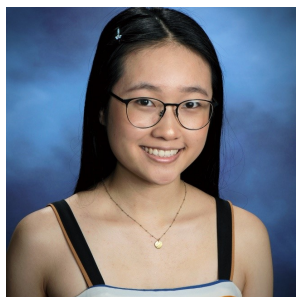
*Mr. Joyce has been my latin teacher for 4 years now, and he is the best and most exuberant teacher I could have asked for. He constantly pushes me to understand the world better and all of its connections, especially through latin.*



**Geoffrey Wu**  
*Naperville North*

**Jin Zhang**

*She pushed me to succeed in violin by cultivating a community of students that were able to help each other grow. She also gave me my first teaching opportunity.*



**Eva Yang**  
*Naperville North*

**Geoffrey Schmit**

*Mr. Schmit has been instrumental in developing my interest in computer science, having guided me through the ins and outs of the field. His genuine compassion for students and cultivation of curiosity have not only shaped my academic pursuits, but taught me valuable life skills.*



**Rachel Yao**  
*Naperville North*

**Brenda Verdier**

*Madame Verdier not only taught me a whole new language, but also taught me about French culture. She also made French class really enjoyable which made it easier to learn everything.*



**Irene Zhang**  
*Naperville North*

**Geoffrey Schmit**

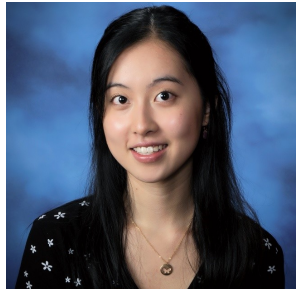
*His class helped me to not only explore computer science, but also to feel more comfortable posing questions in class! The assistance and resources available pushed me to become a more independent learner while also serving as a path for creativity and innovation.*



**Kelly Zhang**  
*Naperville North*

**Elizabeth Brucker**

*In my past four years of Science Olympiad, Mrs. Brucker's encouragement and guidance has truly shaped my love for science and been instrumental to my growth as a young leader. I will miss her welcoming classroom where I always felt the most at home, and of course, her fantastic chemistry jokes.*



**Emily Zhao**  
*Naperville North*

**Emily Bishop**

*From the first day of high school walking in as freshman, Mrs. Bishop made an effort to make everyone feel welcome. She was someone who always brought a smile to my day and her infectious positivity was something I could always look forward to.*



**Tyler Zuspann**  
*Naperville North*



**All hail our School NCHS We'll  
sing your praises, NCHS  
With all our might  
We will always make a fight  
To keep our standards high  
for Naperville, So...  
Give us a rousing cheer  
for Naperville  
Our records must be fair and bright,  
fair and bright!  
So let us win today the good ole way  
It's up to you to fight, team, fight!  
R-E-D-H-A-W-K-S Redhawks,  
Redhawks, Show'em how!  
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**What's the word?**

**Fight! Fight! Fight!**

**The word is fight, fight, fight for Naperville  
Let every loyal Huskie sing.**

**The word is fight, fight, fight for Naperville  
Until the walls and rafters ring (Rah-Rah)  
C'mon and cheer, cheer, cheer, for Naperville  
We're gonna cheer until we hear the final gun.  
The word is fight, fight, fight, for Naperville  
until the game is won.**

**H\*U\*S\*K\*I\*E\*S. Huskies, Huskies are the best!**

