

The Freehold branch of the American Association of University Women has presented scholarships to Freehold Regional High School District seniors, left to right, Justine Nguyen, Ellen Wu, Victoria Metelkine, Heather Kaplan, Maggle Powell and Britteny Zamot.

## **AAUW** honors top scholars

The highest-ranking female senior from each school in the Freehold Regional High School District has been honored by the Freehold branch of the American Association of University Women.

The awards are named for Rose Fishkin, who was a member of the Freehold branch, a Cornell University graduate and a believer in lifelong education for women, according to a press release from the AAUW.

The members of the branch congratulated each recipient and wished them continued success in their chosen endeavors. The branch also thanked the Freehold community for its continued support of the AAUW's annual book sale, which enables the organization to fund the awards.

The honorees are:

• Justine Nguyen, Freehold Township High School. Justine's interests are art, literature, film and games. She is a National Merit Finalist from the Music Teachers Association and has performed at Carnegie Hall as a New Jersey High Scorer in the Royal Conservatory of Music Excellence. Justine is also a National History Day competitor, a national qualifier and has received the Girl Scouts Gold Award. She will attend the Rhode Island School of Design.

• Ellen Wu, Freehold High School. Ellen is a student in the district's Medical Sciences program and the Governor's School of the Sciences. She is involved in neurosurgery shadowing at CentraState Medical Center and teaches algebra in a Chinese school. She is a member of the varsity vol-

leyball team and she plays piano in the Freehold High School Chamber Choir. Her college of choice is Northwestern.

- Victoria Metelkine, Marlboro High School. Victoria ranks No. 1 in her high school class and is a National Merit scholar. She plays soccer, is a member of the math and science leagues, and volunteers for the Rose Fund. The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania will welcome her this fall.
- Heather Kaplan, Manalapan High School. Heather is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and an AP Scholar. She is involved with the Save a Brave Program and cancer awareness. Ohio State is her choice of universities.
- Maggie Powell, Colts Neck High School. Maggie is vice president of the Senior Class, a member of the Senior Class Student Council, New Jersey Science League and Shore Math League. She participates in cross country, spring track and swimming. Maggie volunteers as a swim coach for the Special Olympics and will be entering Harvard University in the fall.

• Britteny Zamot, Howell High School. Britteny is valedictorian of her class, a National Honor Society member and co-captain of the school's academic challenge team. Britteny volunteers in the Telemetry Ward at the Ocean County Medical Center. She will be attending Cornell University, majoring in the biology-pre-med track and eventually wants to be a cardiac surgeon.