

Freehold Area (NJ) Branch of AAUW honors Outstanding High School Students' Award Recipients

(The Rose Fishkin Scholarship Award) Winners

The six highest ranking female seniors from the Freehold Regional High Schools were honored at our May 11th Meeting. Their brief bios indicate their outstanding academic achievements as well as their impressive community involvement, artistic and athletic skills.

These awards are named for Rose Fishkin who was a member of our branch, a Cornell graduate and a believer in lifelong education for women. We congratulate each recipient and wish them continued success in their chosen endeavors.

We would also like to thank the Freehold community for their continued support of our annual used book sale. This sale enables our organization to fund these awards.



From left to right:

Heather Colleen Berger - Manalapan High School

Heather has the highest GPA at her high school, is secretary of the National Honor Society, Treasurer of the Spanish Honor Society, an AP Scholar with distinction and a National Merit student. She has been a student council member for all four years, works with the "Save a Brave" program and is treasurer of the Environmental Organization. Heather has studied dance and commutes to Manhattan for the Broadway Dance Center's Children's Program. In addition to tutoring algebra and geometry she works as a counselor in the Ivy League Day Camp.

Raeann Giannattasio - Colts Neck High School

Raeann is a student in Law and Public Service at her high school where she earned the highest grade point average. She is an AP Scholar with distinction as well as a National Merit Scholar. Raeann has been involved with the science league and since 9th grade has been president of SADD (Students Against Destructive Behavior) which she founded. She was named Colts Neck Athlete of the year after her performance in the state championship Cross Country Team. She also was a runner-up in the 1600 Meter State Sectionals and a "Meet the Champion Qualifier. The University of Virginia awaits her this fall.

Tessa Catuogno - Freehold Borough High School

Tessa attends the Medical Science's Learning Center at school, has a GPA of 5.32 and a SAT score of 2240. She is an active member of the National Honor Society, tutors fifteen hours per quarter and is a board member of both Math and Spanish Honor Societies. She finds time to help students from Spanish speaking families with their homework and participate in Math League Competitions as well as Winter Track and Girls Soccer. She did a summer Oncology Program at the NJ Cancer Institute and at MIT spent two weeks building Radar Systems. Tessa is an AP scholar with distinction and a National Merit Scholar Finalist. Rutgers Honors is her college of choice and Tessa wants to major in Biomedical Engineering.

Roxanna Altus - Howell High School

Roxanna has the highest GPA at her High School, is involved in the Scholar's Center for Humanities and is the current co-president of her school's Shakespeare Club. She performed in the English-Speaking Union's National Shakespeare competition and was a finalist in Monmouth County's Branch Competition. Roxanna has received a summer Cum Laude Honor Award in the National Latin Exam and from the age of twelve has volunteered at the Artisan Art school in Marlboro where she helps children develop a love and appreciation for art. She will be attending Rutgers in the fall.

Christy Lee - Marlboro High School

Christy is involved in the Business Career Program at her high school where she has a 5.12 GPA. She is the COO of the Business Learning Center, participates in Future Business Leaders of America and is president of Decca. Christy is a finalist for a National Merit Scholarship as well as a Quest Bridge Award which provides high achieving students with the financial opportunity to attend top colleges and universities. She will attend Princeton this fall.

Anna H Landre - Freehold Township High School (not in photo)

Anna is ranked #1GPA out of 500 classmates, is involved in the Contemporary Global Issues Program and is the captain of the Speech and Debate team. She had competed in the NJ Forensic League as well as the National Speech and Debate Association Competitions at Harvard and Princeton. Anna is president of her school's book club and writes for the school newspaper. She is State Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Assn., a Girl Scout counselor at Horseback Riding School and is involved with her church. Anna is interested in International Relationships which she plans to pursue at the college of her choice.