

SUPERINTENDENT'S *TOP* SCHOLARS 2013



We are proud to introduce Mr. Jim Smith's top scholars for 2013 and honor the teachers these students have selected as their "Most Influential Teacher" during their years in the district.

Marie Koala

Daughter of Deo Masirika and Amy Diby
of Forest Park

University of Cincinnati - International
Relations/Political Science

Most Influential Teacher: *Allison Roy*
"Words cannot describe the gratitude and
admiration that I have for Mrs. Roy. I thank
her for being my friend, teacher, personal
counselor and my most influential teacher."



Sabrina Mercer

Daughter of Chris and Lorie Mercer
of Forest Park

DePaul University - International Studies

Most Influential Teacher: *Jim Breyer*
"He cared about your understanding of math
and life itself. He certainly succeeded in
teaching me on many topics, and I cannot
thank him enough for this."



Katie Schmittou

Daughter of Tom and Becky Schmittou
of Springfield Township

University of Cincinnati - Communication
Sciences and Disorders

Most Influential Teacher: *Aaron Schmits*
“Mr. Schmits is always trying to find new and different ways to reach any student, and he does. I have seen students walk into his class unmotivated and uninterested, and by the end of the year they are creating spectacular pieces they never knew they could make—but that they were capable of the whole time.”



Jasmine Jones

Daughter of Jeff and Tonya Jones
of Forest Park

The Ohio State University - Materials Engineering

Most Influential Teacher: *Tim Wooton*
“From honors kids to extra help classes, there was no way that Mr. Wooton could ever give up on a student. Not to mention Mr. Wooton was just plain fun!”



Shanice Wiechman

Daughter of Steve and Bonita Wiechman
of Forest Park

Miami University - Experimental Psychology

Most Influential Teacher: *Jim Breyer*
“Mr. Breyer truly has taught us how to succeed beyond high school and college. He has inspired me to be the best student I can be and to live in a way that I know would make him proud.”



Emily Capal

Daughter of Stan and Debbie Capal
of Greenhills

University of Cincinnati - Pharmacy

Most Influential Teacher: *Ann McGahan*
"Ms. McGahan taught me to think for myself
and not to rely on others for answers, but
most importantly never to settle for good,
but strive to be the best you can."



Taylor Baird

Daughter of Jeremy Baird and Beth Moses
of Greenhills

Ohio University - Music Education/Psychology

Most Influential Teacher: *Tricia Wilke*
"I cannot thank her enough for believing in
me at such a young age. She was always
encouraging and pushed everyone in my
class to do their best and to be confident.
Her love for us was evident in everything
she did."



Blake Howard

Son of Tom and Jenny Howard
of Greenhills

The Ohio State University - Computer
Engineering, Minor in Spanish

Most Influential Teacher: *Bob Schuning*
"Mr. Schuning taught me great things about
morals, the benefits of hard work, and the
power of strong relationships. I can thank
Mr. Schuning for the start of my involvement
in extra-curricular activities and keeping me
on track with what's important in school and
out of school."



Ruhi Gulati

Daughter of Rajesh and Renu Gulati
of Forest Park

University of Cincinnati - Neuroscience,
Minor in Spanish

Most Influential Teacher: *Lisa Hart*
“Now that I am in my fifth year of Spanish,
I really can’t thank Mrs. Hart enough for all
these years she has helped me to understand
that my self-worth is not only just being a
good student, but being a good human being.”



Sarah Harig

Daughter of Greg and Kim Harig
of Springfield Township

Miami Hamilton - Nursing

Most Influential Teacher: *Adam Gergen*
“You made me believe in myself—that I could
do whatever I sought to do, and you’ve left an
imprint in my life. I’m truly blessed to have
such a great teacher and friend in my life.”



Stacia Hackmann

Daughter of Steven and Brooke Hackmann
and Bill and Rachel Wilson
of Springfield Township

Valparaiso University - Social Work

Most Influential Teacher: *Michelle Kozlowski*
“With her help my love for the stage turned
into a passion that I now have for everything
stage-related. And that passion for the
stage, and everything I learned from her
in and out of the classroom, will be with
me forever.”



Sarah Drees

Daughter of Glenn and Barb Drees
of Greenhills

The Ohio State University - Arts Management

Most Influential Teacher: *Michelle Kozlowski*
"She knows that with every show we have the potential to make it great and then doesn't stop until we get there. When I think about my high school career, I am always grateful for the time she has put in at our theater department."

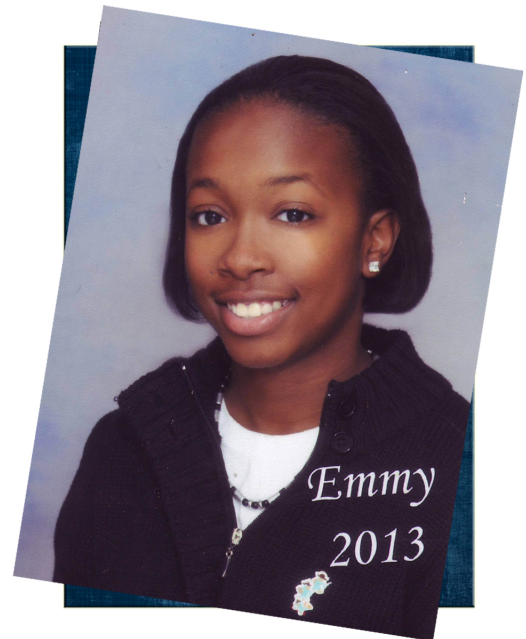


Emeral Lyles

Daughter of Anthony Lyles and
Alfonza and Nancy Moore of Forest Park

Miami Oxford - Accounting

Most Influential Teacher: *Ann McGahan*
"She is my most influential teacher because I know she really cared about me and all her students. I only took Chemistry 2 because she taught the class. I really miss Ms. McGahan, and I wish she was here right now so I could give her a big hug!"



Olivia Nightingale

Daughter of Mark and Anne-Marie Nightingale
of Springfield Township

Johnson and Wales - Culinary and Business

Most Influential Teacher: *Kristen Cortes*
"She is a very open, funny, and non-judgmental teacher. Mrs. Cortes provided me with friendship but also mentored me in the right direction for the future."



Darnell Dees

Son of Kerry and Sandra Dees
of Forest Park

The Ohio State University - Business

Most Influential Teacher: *Allison Roy*
"She always encourages me to do my best and to strive for excellence. Her encouragement helped me with my confidence through my high school career, which helped me to get to the position where I am now."



Elise Mills

Daughter of Rodney and Nancy Mills
of Greenhills

The Ohio State University - Public Relations

Most Influential Teacher: *Dave Bell*
"His caring attitude was shown inside the classroom as well as out. One day, Mr. Bell sat in awe and asked us, 'What makes Winton Woods so great?' My answer: you."



Abigail Yeboah

Daughter of Emmanuel and Rebecca Yeboah
of Forest Park

University of Toledo - Electrical Engineering

Most Influential Teacher: *Myrtis Smith*
"Though I was interested in engineering, Mrs. Smith pushed me to explore the kind of engineer I wanted to be. I want to thank her for pushing me when I did not feel like going on."

