SAPA Scholarship 2004 Winners

Sophia Termini is from Masconomet Regional High School in Boxford, MA. With an SAT score of 1560, she will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall of 2004 and major in the biological basis of behavior. She was born in Philadelphia, PA, and moved to Massachusetts the summer before her freshman year of high school. A recipient of a commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Foundation, she is a member of both the National Honors Society and the Spanish National Honors Society and a captain of the high school's Math Team. She was also her school's Grand Prize Science Fair Winner for a project she did to research a rare blood disease she was diagnosed with in 2002. She has maintained an excellent academic average while balancing her academics with her busy athletic schedule, as a member of both the Varsity Soccer team and a captain of the Varsity Track team. Outside of school, she is a certified EMT, a member of a local Emergency Response Team, as well as a certified BLS First Aid and CPR Instructor. She teaches adult and pediatric CPR classes once a week. She also began a volunteer tutoring program that recruits high school students to tutor children in the local elementary school of grades four through six. After college, she plans to pursue a medical career.

Sisi Zhu attended California High School in San Ramon, CA. Her SAT score was 1590, and she will be attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall. She plans in major in Biology and minor in Biological Engineering. She is a National Merit Scholarship Recipient, and among the four top students in her graduating class. She is the President and Editor of my school's literary magazine, and participate in numerous community service clubs. I have played piano for nine years and have achieved Advanced Level standing for Certificate of Merit. I also played on my school's tennis team for the past three years. During my spare time, I work part-time at Godiva Chocolatier.
Acceptance Speech from Sisi Zhu:
I would like to thank the Sino-American Pharmaceutical Association for honoring me with this scholarship. It will greatly help my family and I to pay for the numerous expenses at MIT. It feels extremely gratifying to have the support of the SAPA community, especially since I plan to enter the biotechnology field. It's a coincidence that I found out I had won this scholarship while I was visiting relatives in China. It was my first visit in four years, and the rumors are true: the advancements are indeed great. I hope to join the SAPA community in the future and collaborate with biotech industries on both sides of the Pacific. Thank you all, and I look forward to joining your ranks again soon.