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CAPA High School Scholar's Award Recipients Announced

The Council of Asian Pacific Americans recognized six High School seniors from the greater Detroit Metropolitan area at an Award Banquet at the Golden Harvest Restaurant yesterday. The annual banquet is co-sponsored by The Association of Chinese Americans (ACA), Detroit Chinese Engineers Association (DCEA) and the Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA).

This is the second year that CAPA is honoring graduating high school seniors who intend to pursue studies in liberal arts, fine arts, journalism, pre-law, Asian studies, or sociology. Six finalists were selected and presented to the CAPA Board members for final balloting. Dr. Tai Chan, chaired the awards committee with Joe Grimm, Mi Dong, Stephanie Chang, Jessica Fitzgerald, and Dr. Sook Wilkinson as members.

The three award recipients from the Class of 2008: **Diana Chen** (Troy High), **Julia Kong** and **Christy Duan** (Novi High) will each receive a $1000 cash award at the CAPA Simply-the-Best event on March 8. The other finalists: Heidi Chiu (Troy Athens), Timothy Liu (Detroit Country Day), and Sarah Yu (Plymouth Canton) each receive B&N gift cards. All the candidates have impeccable academic records with an impressive list of accomplishments in extra-curricular activities and community service. **Sarah Yu** received a special award for her outstanding efforts in promoting Asian heritage as president of the APA club in Plymouth Canton High.

Christy Duan plans to major in business at UM or Wharton since "Business embodies who I am and what I want to be". Her interest in journalism as chief editor of her school's newsletter is paving her way to be a future intern at the Detroit Free Press. **Diana Chen** plans to double major in economics and political science and hope to attend business school at U-Mich, Washington University or Wharton toward a career as a corporate attorney. **Julia Kong** intends to double major in business and linguistics to understand how language influences behavior and thought. She dreams to be the first female Asian American surgeon in the US military.

Christy Duan

Julia Kong

Diana Chen