



Student Accomplishments 2011-2012



Academic Achievements

- ◉ A record 159 High School students and June 2011 graduates were named AP Scholars by The College Board in recognition of their outstanding performance on three or more national Advanced Placement exams administered through May 2011. In addition to being designated AP Scholars with Distinction, 15 Shaker students were named National AP Scholars.
- ◉ Thirty-six High School seniors were honored by the National Merit and National Achievement Scholarship Programs and the National Hispanic Recognition Program. Joshua Barnett, Benjamin Claus, Terence Conlon, Rachel Jensen, Aleksa Kaups, Matthew Krantz, and Claire Lo are National Merit \$2500 Scholarship winners. Nia Morgan is a National Achievement Scholarship winner.
- ◉ High School senior Spencer Seballos has been selected to receive the 2012 Gold Medallion Hispanic Heritage Youth Award for Science in the Washington DC region. Created in 1998, this awards program identifies, inspires, prepares, and positions Latino leaders in the classroom, community, and workforce in meeting America's priorities going forward.
- ◉ Forty-five High School students participated in the state National History Day competition and captured 14 of Ohio's 18 slots for the national competition in June. Of the 40 Shaker students recognized for their projects, 28 qualified as National Finalists, earning a trip to the University of Maryland to compete in the national competition; 7 achieved National Alternate status, and 5 earned Honorable Mention awards. At the 2012 National History Day competition June 11-14, Naomi Hill placed second for her Individual Documentary; Kate Connors, Leighah Scully, Ellen Schreiber, and Lauren Woyczynski placed seventh for their Group Exhibit; and Mario Belfiglio finished thirteenth for his Individual Exhibit. Last year Shaker had four projects finish in the top ten nationally in their given categories including a national champion award for Lukun Zhang in Individual Website, second place for a Research Paper written by Joan Thompson, and eighth and tenth place finishes for seniors Jonah Weinstein and Hannah McCandless in Individual Performance.
- ◉ Ten High School teams participated in the Marion Technical College VEX Robotics World Qualifier competition and did a great job against 46 teams from Ohio and surrounding states; 5 made it to elimination rounds and one team of Jiawei He, Karim Ragab, and Alexander Render made it to the final match.
- ◉ Shaker Heights High School junior Zoe Davidson advanced to the Regional Shakespeare Competition at Playhouse Square in February.
- ◉ The High School chess team captured first place in the Ohio High School/Middle School Chess Championship. Teams from the Middle School and High School also finished first in the Reserve Sections.
- ◉ Art students from the High School won 51 awards in the 2012 Cuyahoga County Regional Scholastic Art Competition and Exhibition, receiving more honors than any other participating high school group and garnering the highest number of awards received by the High School to date.
- ◉ Junior Naomi Hill was a semi-finalist in the Maltz Museum's 2012 *Stop the Hate: Youth Speak Out!* contest.

- ◉ The Shaker Heights Schools have been named one of the “Best Communities for Music Education” by the NAMM Foundation for the fourth consecutive year. Only 176 school districts around the country earned this distinction. Survey participants answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, and other relevant factors in their communities’ music education programs.
- ◉ Vishnu Kasturi, a seventh grader at Shaker Heights Middle School, tied for 8th place out of 100 contestants at the Ohio Geographic Bee. Also representing Shaker at the state level was sixth grader, Andrew Mohar, winner of the Woodbury Geo Bee for the second consecutive year in January.
- ◉ Several student writers, Carl Berner, Alexandra Harris, Elana Herbst, Lucas Marr, Maria Suresh, Adelle Walker, and Isabel Wang, qualified to represent Shaker Heights Middle School at the Regional Power of the Pen Tournament in March. Shaker’s seventh grade team placed second out of 16 schools in the district-level contest in February.
- ◉ The Woodbury School Science Olympiad team won first place Elementary Science Olympiad at Cleveland State University after competing in 24 events against other local schools. Woodbury students received medals in 21 of the events including 8 first place awards. Team members included Anushree Aneja, Gautam Apte, Krysta Aulak, Justin Bai, Colin Boyle, Sophia Calabrese, Colin Conn, Henry Crampton-Hays, Charlie Gustafson, Robert Hegler, Audrey Himes, James Hubbard, Jeff Hubbard, Nick Lorenzo, Max Millette, Ike Moore, Charlie Morgan, Asher Pollack, Trisha Roy, Anjali Sharma, Sophia Solganik, Sriram Sundararajan, Jocelyn Ting, Anna Walker, Kendall Wood, Sarah Weeks, and Caroline Wollman.
- ◉ Eighth grade members of the Middle School’s Model UN club, Kareem Agag, Danny Kilroy, Anav Sood, Brendan Sullivan, Zane Steiber, Bhavani Srinivas, Marissa Hofstetter, Allison Kao, and Mariel Lustig, made a number of outstanding contributions at the Junior Ohio Model UN competition held in Columbus in March.
- ◉ Forty-four members of the High School and Middle School Latin Clubs earned more than 200 awards at the Ohio Junior Classical League State Convention in February, taking first place in academic and creative contests as well as the second place total sweepstakes award. High School students, Sameer Apte, Brian Gao, Ben Robertson, Ben Shafran, Narayan Sundararajan, and Ezra Zigmond, and two Middle School students, Anav Sood and Bhavani Sirinvas, earned perfect scores on the National Latin Exam. Fifty Middle School and 104 High School students received recognition for their performance on the National Latin Exam.
- ◉ Twenty-two High School students received awards for their excellent scores on the National Greek Exam including Blue Ribbons (highest award) to Greek I students Sameer Apte, Brian Gao, Ben Robertson, and Narayan Sundararajan and Greek II students Anna Hundert, Kerstin Niedermaier, Yixuan Wang, and Ezra Zigmond. Shaker is the only public high school in Ohio to offer a four-year course of study in Greek.
- ◉ Forty-two High School students placed in the top 20 percent in the 2012 National French Exam. Students were evaluated on their written, oral, and listening comprehension skills. The contest is sponsored by the the American Association of Teachers of French. A partial list of awards includes French V: Abigail White, rank 9 in the nation, 2 in Ohio; Lauren Vanden Broeck, rank 11 in the nation, 4 in Ohio; Patrick Zempolich, rank 12 in the nation, 5 in Ohio; Maneesha Pimplikar, rank 13 in the nation, 6 in Ohio. French IV: Ian Clark, rank 8 in the nation, 5 in Ohio; William Gyurgyik, rank 14 in the nation, 11 in Ohio; Sophie Borione, rank 15 in the nation, 12 in Ohio; Alexandra Rich, rank 15 in the nation, 12 in Ohio. French III: Yixuan Wang, rank 3 in the nation, 1 in Ohio; Laura Fernandez, rank 9 in the nation, 7 in Ohio; Benjamin Goodman, rank 10 in the nation, 8th in Ohio. French II: Micaela Richter and Ari Smith, rank 6 in the nation, 6 in Ohio; Kevin White, rank 7 in the nation, 7 in Ohio; Lyndsi Powell, rank 8 in the nation, 8 in Ohio. French I: Annalise Bennett and Anna Herrera Rullan, rank 4 in the nation, 3 in Ohio; Mariana Digiannantonio, rank 5 in the nation, 4 in Ohio; Omar Mohamed, rank 6 in the nation, 5 in Ohio.

- ◉ Twenty-three High School students received gold, silver, bronze, and achievement awards in the National German Exam. A partial list of winners includes: Olivia Oreh gold, book award recipient, and qualified for the national level of competition; and Silver award winners of Mary Fowler, Sasha Rae-Grant, Max Hersch, Phillip Maciejewski, Annelies Schweitzer, Risha Shine, Evan Siegel, Annie Strnisha, Benjamin Walker, and Lauren Woyczynski.
- ◉ Fifty-seven High School students received gold, silver, bronze, and honorable mentions awards in the National Spanish Exam. The following is a partial list of recipients: gold medalists include Spanish II: Ben Robertson and Zane Weltman; in Spanish III: Evan Seballos; and in Spanish V: Kristine Amaddio, Spencer Seballos, and Lana Sims.
- ◉ Several High School students received honors for their results on the Medusa Mythology Exam, the theme of which was *Malicious Monsters & Monstrous Mortals*. Sameer Apte, Ben Robertson, and Narayan Sundararajan won gold medals; Anna Hundert and Emma Snape, silver; Alex Cullina and Evelyn Ting took bronze; and Noah Pollack and Isabel Robertson earned *Corona Olivae* certificates.
- ◉ Twenty-three High School students of Latin and Greek received gold medals; 12 won silver medals, and 14 took bronze medals in the National Classical Etymology Exam for the first time this year. A partial list of recipients includes: gold medalists 11th-12th graders: Grace Clements, Terence Conlon, Nicholas Haubrich, Clara Kao, Nicholas Murray, Isabel Robertson, Nathan Steinberg, Cara Sutherland, and AJ Yule. Gold medalists 9th - 10th graders include Sameer Apte, Pieter Block, Alex Cullina, Rachel Elson, Brian Gao, Zach Hofstetter, Anna Hundert, Anna Katz, Kerstin Niedermaier, Ben Robertson, Maggie Steinberg, Narayan Sundararajan, Colin Yule, and Ezra Zigmund.
- ◉ OMEA (Ohio Music Educators Association) state contests for bands and orchestras yielded great results for Shaker's musical groups -- High School Chamber and String Orchestras and the 8th Grade Orchestra achieved the highest rating of Superior. Of the 5 High School concert bands, 1 received a Superior, 4 Excellent and of the 5 Middle School concert bands, 3 Superiors and 2 Excellent.
- ◉ Woodbury School sponsored the first "Souper Bowl" combining art, cuisine, and community service to benefit local families in need. Every student created, painted, and glazed a unique bowl. A whopping 1000 bowls were sold to benefit local charities!
- ◉ High School Science Olympiad teams -- Team A took 4th place at the Clearview Invitational, and at the CWRU Regional Competition, the team placed in the top 7 in 8 events.
- ◉ Six High School playwrights, Josh Barnett, Barbara Craig, Grant Johnson, Claire Lawrence, Diamond Miller, and Allegra Verlezza, will have their plays staged and produced by the Dobama Theater for being winners in two student competitions in June 2012.
- ◉ Two teams of Woodbury students, Karissa Huang, Sheila Scanlon, Maria Suresh, Isabel Wang, Zachary Brown, Monicamonet Franklin-Kidd, and Rebecca Shankman, were named winners in NASA's WING (What if No Gravity?) Competition for their proposed microgravity experiments in the fall. Winning experiments were carried out by NASA engineers in the spring.

Co-curricular Activities

◉ A high number of Shaker teams were Lake Erie League champions in our last year in the league, and Shaker was awarded the LEL Presidents Trophy for that accomplishment. They include the men's and women's soccer teams (both of which were All-Ohio Team Academic), tennis teams, cross country teams, swimming teams, and basketball teams, as well as the women's golf and men's baseball teams. The men's baseball team made it to the state tournament regionals, the first Sweet Sixteen in nearly 10 years. The women's track team won the Division I regional track championship and came in second in regionals. The women's lacrosse team made it to the second round of playoffs. The men's basketball team, undefeated at home, made it to Division I Regional Semi-Finals, and the women's basketball team was runner-up at District finals for the fourth consecutive year.

◉ Shaker's Women's Varsity crew had an excellent year in 2012. Our Lightweight 4 (Rachel Jensen, Sarah Jackson/Lukun Zhang, Morgan Hammond, Katie Harris, and Leighah Scully, coxswain) was in the top 3 finishers in all five regattas in which they raced in this year, registering a best time of 5:50 for the 1500 meters at the Lindamood Cup Regatta in Marietta. Our Junior 4 (Alex Gaines, Bianca Zarders, Kate Connors, Linda Fan, Leighah Scully, cox'n) medalled in three of the 6 races they entered, with a season's best 5:51, also at Marietta.

At the Midwest Scholastic Rowing Association Championships in Cincinnati, competing against 55 schools from eight states, two of our boats progressed to the semi-finals: our Junior 8 (Alex Gaines, Bianca Zarders, Sarah Jackson, Jenny Mawhorter, Kate Connors, Sasha Rae-Grant, Linda Fan, Katie Richardson, Natalie Kennedy, cox'n) clocked an excellent time of 5:46 for the 1500 meter time trial and our Novice 4 (Noa Katz, Katie Richardson, Emma Kagan, Leah Greggo, Natalie Kennedy, cox'n) finished the 1500 meters in 6:43.

◉ This spring Shaker Crew started a men's crew program. Fourteen boys participated in the inaugural season and raced in four regattas. In their second outing, the Governor's Cup Regatta in Columbus, one of our men's Novice 4's won a silver medal and another won bronze. The men's Lightweight Novice 4 (Zach Hofstetter, Luke Mesiano, Demond Menefee, Masato Miyagi, Naomi Hill, cox'n) progressed to the semi-finals of the Midwest Championships with a 5:59 qualifying time--an promising start for a new program.

◉ Women's cross country runners, Erin Cullen and Chloe Binczyk, qualified for states this year, and Erin was named league MVP. The team finished third in the district to qualify for regionals, where they finished seventh.

◉ In indoor track, Naleta Andrews won the state championship in the 400, as did the 4 x 400 team of Andrews, Amber Davis, Amber Goins, and Asya Reynolds. The 4 x 800 team placed eighth in the state to earn All-Ohio honors: Claire Lo, Erin Cullen, Chloe Binczyk and Amber Davis. Lo and Binczyk qualified for state championships in the mile; and Cullen qualified in the two mile.

◉ The women's field hockey team made it to the district finals and finished third in the Northeast Ohio Field Hockey League. Becca Christman was named to the All American Academic Squad. Twelve varsity players were Academic All Ohio: Markie Anderle, Kendal Anderson, Shelby Bauer, Maggie Butler, Becca Christman, Grace Gerhart, Kyra Hall, Tia Morrison, Bridget Phelan, Catherine Taylor, Mia Wang, and Lizzie Weingart. Kendal Anderson, Kasidy Anderson, and Maggie Butler were selected for *The Plain Dealer* All-Star field hockey team, and Kendal Anderson and Kasidy Anderson were First Team All-League. Gracie Gerhart was second Team All-League, and Kyra Hall and Marissa Miller were Honorable Mention All League. Kendal Anderson made the All Ohio team. Coaches Hilary Anderson and Jennifer Clarke were League Coaches of the year .

◉ Men's soccer team players Jacob Miller, Terry Conlon, Taylor Henning, Joseph Wain, Andre Roberts, Will Naugle, and Ryan LaMonica were All-LEL selections. Coach Nader Soliman was voted LEL Coach of the Year for the fourth consecutive year. The All Greater Cleveland First Team included Terry Conlon and Second Team, Taylor Henning and Joseph Wain; Honorable Mention included Andre Roberts, Will Naugle, Ryan LaMonica, I'Jaz Abdul Hakim and Patrick Zempolich. All Ohio Academic Awards went to Terry Conlon, Spencer Seballos, Joseph Wain, and Patrick Zempolich, and the team won an All OHio Academic Team award.

• The women's soccer team, LEL champs, made it to the District semi-finals this year. The team has achieved GC-SSCA Team Academic Honors, NSCAA Team Academic Honors, and Elana Curry, Molly Elson, Mary Fowler, Hannah Lyness, Alena Payne & Alissa Poolpol achieved All Ohio Individual Academic Honors. First team All Cleveland honors went to Amber Goin; second team to Alissa Poolpol. All Cleveland honorable mentions include Molly Elson, Mary Fowler, Hannah Lyness, and Alena Payne. First team All Conference include Molly Elson, Mary Fowler, Maura Holcomb, Kathleen Kalafatis, and Hannah Lyness. Molly and Mary also were named to the Cleveland East Side All Star Team.

• Men's cross country team athletes recognized as All-LEL League Selections are: Ian Adams* (medal), Jacob Herbst* (medal), Aaron Sadholz* (medal) Kevin Jin*, Alex Schachtel*, Rob Spielman, and Jonah Wienstein*. Terrel Golden* earned the Most Valuable Runner for his performance this season. (These runners were listed previously and designated with a * qualified from district competition to the regional meet.)

• Men's tennis team standout, Peter Smetona, qualified for states for men's singles and reached the second round, losing to the eventual state champion. All seven players of the men's and women's tennis teams were All LEL players: Lauren Woyczynsk, Izzi Nejedlik, Olivia Nejedlik, Luisa Burrull, Clara Medalie, Alex Wagner, Eliza Sindelar, Peter Smetona, Jake Lacks, Jeff Jones, Matt Wood, Tyler Straffon, Kornel Foremski, and Mateo Burrull. Woyczynsk and Smetona were LEL Players of the Year and Smetona was named All-Sun.

• The men's basketball team (21-3) made it to the Division I Regional Semi-Finals as well as being LEL (last time 2007) and District champs (last time 2002) and had an undefeated record at home. Terry Rozier was MVP of the LEL, the First Team All District team, and to Second Team All State. Kash Blackwell made First Team LEL, First Team All -District, and Second Team All State, and Honorable Mention in the LEL. Esa Ahmad and Rosel Hurley made First Team All LEL as well; Mel Leach & Robert Fomby were Honorable Mention All District. Academic Awards were achieved by Jordan Allen, Caleb Beachy, Mel Leach, Jimmie Pope, and Kaleb Roy. Terry Rozier, University of Louisville recruit, finished his career with a record 1,365th points and was voted by the Greater Cleveland Basketball Coaches Associatoin as the unanimous Mr. Basketball 2012! Coach Danny Young was named 2012 Coach of the Year for the LEL.

• The women's basketball team was the District's final runner up (fourth consecutive year) and standouts, Jordyn Peck, Danae Rock, Brianna Gibbs, and Mercedes Hudson all won awards. Jordyn, a Wagner College recruit, was named First Team AP All District Team, Special Mention AP All-State, All Sun East All-Star team, GCBCA All-Star, Lady Raiders MVP, and scored more than 1000 career points, the most in Shaker women's history. Danae Rock, a Lourdes University recruit, was named Honorable Mention AP All District team, GCBCA All-Star team, and won the Lady Raiders "Raider" award. Brianna Gibbs, LaRoche College recruit, was named GCBCA All-Star team and the Lady Raiders Defensive Player of the Year. Junior Mercedes Huston was named Honorable Mention AP All District team.

• Six football players will continue playing at the college level: Antonio Johnson at U of Minnesota; Connor Hall at Davidson; Eric Harris Jr at Hargrave Military Academy; Kristopher Jackson at The College of Wooster; Markus McDonald at Notre Dame College; and Delmar Henderson at Tiffin University. Connor Hall and Delmar Henderson will be playing in the Cuyahoga County East-West All Star game.

• Joan Thompson went to states in the 200 and 500 free, won All Ohio honors, and broke league and pool records in the 500 freestyle, senior Connor Feher broke league and pool records in the 200 freestyle, and the relay team of Connor Feher, Patrick Sullivan, Lin Teng, and Seth Beal broke the league record in the 400 freestyle relay. All LEL selections include: Joan Thompson*-- 200 free, 500 free, 200 free relay, 400 free relay; Connor Feher-- 200 free, 500 free, 200 free relay, 400 free relay; Libby Dixon*-- 100 fly, 100 back, 200 free relay, 400 free relay; Patrick Sullivan*-- 100 fly, 200 free relay, 400 free relay; Anna Russ*-- 100 free, 200 free relay, 400 free relay; Seth Beal*-- 100 back, 200 free relay, 400 free relay; Cherie Lo*-- 200 free relay, 400 free relay; Lin Teng*-- 200 free relay, 400 free relay; August Whitley*-- 400 free relay; Andrew Boyle-- 400 free relay; William Goodall-- 400 free relay; Sam Mitro-- 400 free relay; and David Kilroy*-- diving. (District qualifiers include those previously listed with a * designation plus Casey Crowley, Eleanor Jones, and Conor Matthews).

- Women's lacrosse players, Tia Morrison and Ale Bliss, received National Team Selection. First Team All League selections are Tia Morrison, Elana Curry, Kendal Anderson, Ale Bliss, Shelby Bauer, Alexa Stieber, Kasidy Anderson and Maeve Lyness. Nora O'Connell was the PD McDonald's Player of the Week. Elana Curry also received the John Marshall Award. Men's lacrosse player Eric Sterin received second team All Conference as goalie, and players receiving All-Conference Honorable Mention are Colin Brady, Bijan Gerami, Anthony Kinney, and Anthony Spencer.
- Three men's track student athletes were Regional qualifiers : Jalen Willis, 110HH, 300IM; 4 X 400 relay team: Terry Conlon, Ian Adams, Marlan Thomas, and Derrian White; 4 X 200 relay team: Greg Claytor, Jr, Javon Walker, Marlan Thomas, and Nolan Jackson-Daniel. Thirty of the 38 track and field participants earned Academic Honors. Twelve athletes received All League honors. The "Running Raider Award" in memory of Coach Charles Richards' commitment and dedication to the Shaker Heights track & field program was awarded to Aaron Sadholz and Jalen Willis. In the District I meet, Jalen Willis won the 300 hurdles and took third in the 110 hurdles; the Raider 800 relay took third; 1600 relay placed fourth. Shaker men's team was 8th in the Division I Districts.
- Women's track won LEL and finished fifth in Division I districts, 2nd at Regionals and 22nd at States. In the District I meet, Naleta Andrews took first in the 400; the 4x200 and 4x400 relays second; and the 4x100 relay and Amber Davis, 800, took fourth. At regional finals at Austintown, Andrews, 400, and the 4x400 relay took first; Amber Davis, 800, fourth; 4x200 team, second and 4x100, eighth. All LEL designation includes all previously named plus Phoebe Potiker, Erin Cullen, Nikki Mercer, and Rae Conlon. State results: Amber Davis finished 5th in the 800 and the 4x400 relay team of Reynolds, Davis, Goins, and Andrews finished 4th. Amber Davis was named All Sun and Naleta Andrews, Amber Goins, and Aysa Reynolds were named All Sun East for track and field.
- Wrestling qualifiers for Districts include Andre Lowery, Micah Shorts, and Javon Tolliver. Reginald Lowery and Jovon Tolliver won All LEL honors.
- The softball team finished in second place in the LEL. Starting pitcher, Mia Wang, (Raiders Defensive Player of the Year, had a season record of 7 - 4; an ERA 2.45; with 124 strikeouts in 73 innings pitched and was second in batting average .429) and starting shortstop ,Taylor Turner, (Raiders Offensive Player of the Year, highest team batting average of .568) were named All LEL and All Sun East.
- The men's baseball team were Sectional champions and made a District appearance for the third time in 4 years. LEL All-Conference team and Academic All-Ohio include Spencer Byers (will continue with baseball at Kenyon College), Connor Hall, Mark Lewandowski (who will continue with baseball at CWRU), Alec Coughlin, Jacob Shick, Connor Siwik and Tom Loeffler (will continue with baseball at Baldwin Wallace). Andrew Wood and Zachary Findling were all LEL and Academic All Ohio. Spencer Byers was selected as WKYC-Channel 3 Athlete of the Week along with Connor Hall; and Spencer also was recognized as a PD Player of the Week and was named as one of the top 80 players in the state to the Mizuno All-Ohio All-Star series. Spencer Byers, Tom Loeffler, and Jacob Shick were named All-Sun.
- For women's golf, senior captain Morgan Wright was First Team All-Conference and Asia Hoyett was second team in the Northeast Ohio Girls Golf Coaches League. Morgan also was named Honorable Mention All-Northeast Ohio district and All LEL. Asia Hoyett was All LEL, and Morgan Wright and Maya Boyd were Academic All-Ohio. The men's golf team, 2nd place in the LEL, had Austin Terry as First Team All LEL, and Honorable Mentions All LEL include Caleb Glaser, Daniel Hirsh, and Jacob Shick. Dominic Zagara and Greg Lanese won team awards.
- The rugby team had a great season and competed but lost in Division II State quarterfinals.
- Mike Bartley, who has served for 32 years as coach of the Shaker Men's Hockey team, earned the distinction of having the most wins in Ohio high school hockey history, now over 600. The hockey team finished 24-6-1 and nearly qualified for the state final four.

Please note that this list is representative, but not comprehensive. If you have additional information to share, please contact the Shaker Schools Foundation at 216-295-4329 or wang_h@shaker.org.