20 students receive NHS awards for University of Montana study

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MISSOULA, Mont.--

Twenty outstanding seniors from Montana high schools Friday, (May 23), received coveted National Honor Society (NHS) awards for undergraduate study at the University of Montana.

At a banquet Friday night at the UM University Center, the students received the $100 awards in recognition of their superior scholastic achievements and leadership activities during their high school years.

Delegations from high schools across the state attended the NHS meeting Friday and Saturday on the UM campus, according to Thomas J. Collins, UM Foundation director.

The award winners, representing a variety of interests and backgrounds, include a Montana Junior Miss, an Outstanding Teenager of America for 1968, four members of Merit Magazine's "Who's Who," five NHS chapter presidents, a student body president, class presidents, three editors of school newspapers, and class valedictorians.

Receiving the awards are Thomas J. Mozer, Patricia Anne Bourne and Diane Clara Davis, all of Great Falls; Dwight Bruce Johnson and Wesley David Winkler, both of Missoula; Marc George Buyske, Troy; Deborah Joyce Clarke, Victor; Thomas P. Eggensperger, Thompson Falls; Thomas Mark Fitzpatrick, Anaconda; Brenda Jean Gilmer, Boulder; Gregory Christian Jergeson, Chinoak.

Stuart J. Johnston, Cut Bank; Phyllis Kay Kovach, Billings; Thomas John Larson, Fairfield; Jane McMaster, Columbia Falls; Susan Jean Schumacher, Kalispell; Glenda Beth Stevens, Whitehall; Bruce Eric Swenson, Havre; James H. Takenaka, Livingston; and Arlene Joyce Todd, Stevensville.

In the event that one or more of the award winners does not attend UM, seven alternates have been chosen--Cindy Joy Armstrong, Geraldine; Jan L. Ayers, Hamilton; Darris R. Flanagan, Eureka; Carol Hannah, Moore; Judilynn Kay Hastings, Brady; Becky Jo Lund, Drummond, and Bridget A. McDonald, Missoula.
Mozer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mozer, 2800 7th Ave. S., Great Falls, ranks second in a class of 470 students at Great Falls High School. He is salutatorian of his class, a member of Montana Boy's State, NHS, National Honor Guard, the band, orchestra and German Club.

He is listed in Merit Magazine's "Who's Who," was second in the National Mathematics Test and has received several superior ratings at music festivals. Planning to major in physics at UM, Mozer hopes to continue on for graduate work.

Miss Bourne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Bourne, 1323-4 Ave. S., Great Falls, was Junior Prom Queen at Great Falls Central High School and a Homecoming princess. She is a member of NHS and received a Knights of Columbus scholarship for her senior year.

A Teen Aide and teacher of a religion study class, Miss Bourne plans to major in elementary education and writes: "I have always admired the devotion and patience of those who dedicate their lives to teaching of the young."

A Montana Junior Miss, Miss Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, 2706 Carmel, Great Falls, is vice-president of the NHS chapter at C. M. Russell High School.

She is a member of Girls State, recipient of the Heisey Award, a member of the District and State Honor Choirs, the National Forensic League, president of the school Science Club and the school's select 16-voice ensemble. She plans to major in radio and television.

Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Johnson, 5 Parsons Drive, Missoula, is a member of the NHS chapter at Hellgate High School.

Planning to major in chemistry at UM, Johnson hopes to go into teaching and says, "I hope to utilize the training I receive to instill in our young people a desire to learn. In doing this, I hope... I will be helping create an even better society, a society which will be able to easily survive the most severe world pressures."

First in his class of 400 at Sentinel High School, Winkler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Winkler, 2113 Charlott Ave., Missoula, also is the recipient of a National Merit Scholarship, and the Bausch and Laumb Science Award Medal.

He was selected Outstanding Freshman Scholar by the Missoula Jaycees, is a boys State delegate, president of the Hellgate chapter of NHS and served as chief justice of the Sentinel
Student Court. Already taking a course in calculus at UM, Winkler plans to major in mathematics.

Buyske, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Buyske, Troy, is valedictorian of his class at Troy High School. He also is the NHS chapter president, was junior class president and a member of the student council.

He holds a letter in basketball and is a senior Councilor with the Order of Demolay. As to his major at UM, Buyske says, "I am leaning toward political science as a preparation for Law School."

An Outstanding Teenager of 1968 award went to Miss Clarke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwane D. Clarke, Victor. Miss Clarke also is first in her class at Victor High School, is an Americanism essay winner, Girls State delegate, a member of the All-State Band and received an American Cancer Society Fellowship grant for summer study at the Rocky Mountain Laboratory, Hamilton.

At Victor High, she has served as secretary-treasurer of the freshman class, president of the junior class, secretary of the band and chorus, president of the Spanish Club, editor of the school newspaper, business manager of the yearbook and secretary-treasurer of the Future Teachers of America.

A member of 4-H for nine years, she has been a state 4-H Congress delegate twice and also attended a Citizenship Seminar this year in Helena. She plans to major in secondary education at UM.

Eggensperger, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Eggensperger, Box 218, Thompson Falls, received letters in both football and wrestling. He also was the recipient of the Bausch and Laumb Science Award at Thompson Falls High School, was a Boys State delegate, vice-president of the NHS chapter and received the Elk's Leadership Award.

He was president of his sophomore class, of the Lettermen's Club and track manager. Active in Boy Scouts, Eggensperger also is president of the State Youth Board of the United Congregational Church.
Fitzpatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus L. Fitzpatrick, 2008 Washoe St., Anaconda, has acquired a good background for his proposed UM major in political science. He is winner of the Daughter of American Revolution's award for highest junior achievement in history, the winner of two speech meets, a member of the U. S. Senate youth program, winner two years in the Voice of Democracy contest and received a degree of distinction from the National Forensic League.

At Anaconda Senior High School he was president of the NHS chapter, president of the student council, secretary and vice-president of the National Forensic League, president of the camera club, chairman of the Social Problems Club and held two offices as a Boy's State delegate.

Miss Gilmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton O. Gilmer, Box 247, Boulder, was the 1967 winner of the Crisco Award for an Outstanding Home Economics Student and the Francis McKinnon Citizenship Award. She also has been a delegate to Girls State, the Model UN and a Presidential Classroom for Young Americans at Washington, D. C.

At Jefferson County High School she was a cheerleader, vice-president of Future Homemakers of America, a member of band and NHS, treasurer of the student council, prom princess and Christmas Ball princess. Miss Gilmer plans to major in sociology at UM.

Jergeson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jergeson, Clear Creek Route, Chinook, is listed in Merit's "Who's Who Among American High School Students," holds a letter in football at Chinook High School, was a semifinalist in the Outstanding Teenage Award contest, and was a delegate to "A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans" at Washington, D.C. He is a member of NHS, co-salutarian of his class and holds a speech award.

He also was president of the freshman class Pep Club and the Political Action Group, editor of the annual, president of NHS and a member of the Student Council. He plans to join VISTA after four years in political science at UM.

Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Johnston, 17 East Main St., Cut Bank, plans to major in journalism at UM and indicates a talent in writing by being one of five Montanans to have a poem published in "Young America Sings," a National Poetry Press anthology. He also was editor of the school newspaper at Cut Bank High School and a sports reporter for the "Cut Bank Pioneer Press."
Also a musician, Johnston received two superior ratings for the Boy's Quartet at the dis-
trict music festival, was vice-president of the school choir and a member of the All-State
Orchestra. He also is a member of NHS and the student council.

Miss Kovach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew L. Kovach, 2110 Mariposa Lane, Billings, plans to major in speech therapy at UM and writes: "As a result of my work in forensics, I have
discovered the absolute necessity for communication between people. The ability to communicate
effectively is essential to the exchange of one's knowledge and ideas. Without this free
exchange between people, a fruitful society cannot survive."

She was third place winner at the State Speech Meet, received a degree of excellence in the
National Forensics League and an honorable mention for the DAR Good Citizen Award.

Larson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Larson, P.O. Box 337, Fairfield, received a Lions Club
scholastic award, was a Boys State Delegate and editor of the school paper at Fairfield High
School.

He also was president of both the sophomore and senior classes, vice-president and president
of the Future Teachers of America and a member of student council. He plans to double-major in
Spanish and journalism at UM and to become a foreign correspondent.

Miss McMaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. McMaster, 373 6th Ave. N.E. Columbia Falls,
was a member of the district band festival, the all-state band festival and played first flute
with the all-regional band.

She plans to major in mathematics and music at UM and is a member of the student council and
NHS at Columbia Falls High School.

Miss Schumacher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schumacher, 614 1st Ave. W., Kalispell,
plans to major in secondary education with emphasis on science and mathematics at UM. She has
acquired experience in this field by working two years as a secretary at an elementary school
in Kalispell and by tutoring.

Listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students," Miss Stevens, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Glen A. Stevens, Rt. 1, Whitehall, also has been chosen for inclusion in "Who's Who
Among High School Leaders."
At Whitehall High School, she is salutatorian of her class, a member of NHS and participate in the district and state music festivals. She plans to major in history at UM.

Swenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Swenson, 806 6th St., Havre, was president of the Havre High School chapter of NHS. He was also awarded the Elks Scholarship Award, received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship and was first in his class of 243.

He was vice-president of the National Forensic League, secretary of the Key Club, a member of student council, a delegate to Boys State and the Model UN, and an exchange student to Medicine Hat, Alberta. He plans to major in liberal arts and then attend Law School at UM.

Takenaka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Takenaka, 403 South 7th, Livingston, holds a letter in football at Park Senior High School and received an honorable mention in all-conference football.

The recipient of the A.L. Brown Scholarship Award, he also was an Elks Scholarship winner, president of the student body, and a member of NHS.

Miss Todd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Todd Sr., Rt. 1. Stevensville, says "What I enjoy most is studying. And, living on a farm where most of our food is home-grown, I have become truly interested in botany," which is her planned major at UM.

At Stevensville High School, Miss Todd was president of NHS, first in her class of 43, local Better Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow and received the Elks Scholarship Award. She has won superior ribbons at district science fairs for two years and good and superior ribbons at state science fairs. She also was awarded an American Cancer Society scholarship for summer study at the Rocky Mountain Laboratory.

Miss Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Armstrong, Geraldine, was salutatorian of her class at Geraldine High School. She plans to major in drama at UM.

A member of NHS at Hamilton High School, Miss Ayers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ayers, Hamilton, plans to major in History at UM.

Flanagan, son of Raymond D. Flanagan, Eureka, was president of the senior class at Lincoln County High School. He plans to major in journalism at UM.
First in her class at Moore High School, Miss Hannah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Hannah, Moore, received an outstanding Teenager of America Award and is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." She plans to major in history and political science.

The recipient of a Betty Crocker Award, Miss Hastings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Hastings, Conrad, plans to major in home economics at UM after graduation from Brady Public High School.

Miss Lund, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Lund, Hall, plans to major in psychology and music at UM after graduation from Drummond High School. She is a pianist and organist with the Methodist Church.

Miss McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Patrick McDonald, Grant Creek Road, Missoula, was a member of NHS at Sacred Heart Academy. She plans to major in art at UM and hopes to become an art teacher.

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