



In the summer of 2004, **Danny Thompson**, a junior at **MARVELL** (576 K-12), was selected to attend the prestigious Yale University's Junior Statesman Program based on his grades, recommendations, and a personal essay.



The 52-member class of 2005 at **GENOA CENTRAL** has four graduates with outstanding college entrance exam scores: **Clayton Martin** (ACT 29), **Casey Hickman** (ACT 29), **Nathan Adams** (ACT 30) and **Chris Holder** (ACT 29).

**Emily Sharp** attended all 13 years at small schools, the smallest being **ST. PAUL** (150 K-12) and the largest **COTTER** (650 K-12), where she graduated. With a 30 ACT score, she received a \$56,000 scholarship to ASU and plans to teach in a rural school.



Tiny **KINGSTON** (200 K-12), an isolated school in the Ozark Mountains, produced two National Merit Scholars in the 2005 graduating class of 14. **Brittany Peyrot** has an ACT score of 32 and is a UA Fellowship recipient and a Governor's Distinguished Scholar. Classmate **Courtney Kovacs**, also a Governor's Distinguished Scholar, scored 32 on the ACT and 1490 on the SAT.



Graduating from **EUDORA** (626 in K-12) in 2003, **DeAndria Green** was a national winner of the AXA Award. She received a laptop computer and printer and \$25,000 for the college of her choice. As a senior in high school, she took over and ran the family business when her mother developed MS. Completing her freshman year at UALR, where she was on the Chancellor's List both semesters, she was accepted into UAMS her sophomore year to major in radiology.



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At **WEINER** (375 students in K-12), **Teryn Wixson**, with a 4.0 GPA and an ACT score of 32, is the third National Merit Scholar in less than a decade.

Classmate **L.J. Bryant** is the National Vice-President of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America that represents 220,000 students nationwide. You can read more on his web site: [www.libryant.com](http://www.libryant.com)



## Holding our schools and communities accountable....



**ALPENA** (501 K-12) has had 6 International Science and Engineering Fair finalists and has had its science program ranked best in Arkansas. Pictured here are **Lisa Ogier**, with Best of Show at the regional science fair and the Arkansas FFA Agriscience Fair and finalist in the FFA National Agriscience Fair, and **Jessa Lale**, whose work was Best of Show at the 2004 Arkansas Science and Engineering Fair. Both were finalists in the ISEF in Portland, Oregon.

**Tiffany Sanders**, a junior at **TURRELL** (389 in K-12), takes a full load of college-prep classes while completing pre-professional medical classes at Mid-South Community College in West Memphis, working 30 hours a week to put herself through high school, and carrying a 3.9 GPA. Tiffany plans to be an OB-GYN.



**Alisa Harrel** from **MT. VERNON-ENOLA** (448 K-12) won the State Beta Club Creative Writing contest, representing her school at the National Beta Club convention in New Orleans in the summer of 2005. As a junior Alisa has already scored 28 on the ACT.

**Sidney Yeager**, 2005 Valedictorian at **SMACKOVER** (649 k-12), was one of 2,000 semifinalists out of 104,000 applicants for the Coca-Cola Scholarship. Sydney has a 28 on the ACT and has won many awards and honors, including placing first and second numerous times in regional and state science fairs and mathematics competitions.



Three years in a row **VALLEY SPRINGS** (937 K-12) produced students who qualified as Governor's Distinguished Scholars. **Christen Hall** (2001, ACT 33), **Sarah Trammell** (2002, ACT 34), and **Wesley Robinson** (2003, ACT 33) have used foreign language skills acquired in high school to travel to 13 countries and participate in mission trips to Mexico, Jamaica, and Panama. The 2005 graduating class of 50 has produced on the ACT a 27, a 28, four 29's, two 30's and a 31 as well as five nationally recognized scholarship winners.



As state Vice-President of Programs in FCCLA, **MT. HOLLY** (175 K-12) junior **Antonio Carroll** helped lead the Arkansas delegation at the national leadership meeting in Chicago and spoke in Washington, D.C., at a FCCLA national program on student health issues. Antonio is an honor student with a 4.0 grade average.



**HOXIE** School District (924 students) has an established tradition of producing scholar-athletes. **Brett Shrable** has a 3.0 GPA and a full football scholarship to Arkansas State University. **Drew Gardner** has a 3.1 GPA and a full football scholarship to Vanderbilt. Former scholar-athletes include Kristen Myers, winner of the Wendy Heisman Award in 2002, and Cy Phillips, who graduated in 2003 with a 3.5 GPA and a full football scholarship to the University of Iowa. Other outstanding graduates include Joey Williams with a 4.0 GPA, a 30 ACT, and a full academic scholarship to the University of Arizona and Stella Phillips with a 4.0 GPA, a 32 ACT, and a full academic scholarship to UALR.



## Holding ourselves accountable.