Ten Kalamazoo High School Seniors Awarded Full-Tuition Heyl Scholarships to Kalamazoo College

Ten high school seniors from Kalamazoo Central and Loy Norrix High Schools have been named 1998 Heyl Scholars. They will receive full-tuition scholarships from the F.W. Heyl and Elsie L. Heyl Scholarship Fund to attend Kalamazoo College.

Heyl Scholarships are awarded annually to graduates of Kalamazoo Central and Loy Norrix High Schools to pursue the study of science (biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, computer science, or health science) at Kalamazoo College.

In addition, Jesse Rinehart, who will graduate from Kalamazoo College in 1998 with a major in biology, has accepted a Heyl Fellowship to Yale University, where he will be studying in the department of molecular biology and biophysics. Rinehart, the son of John Rinehart and Diane Karlis, both of Portage, is a graduate of Portage Central High School.

The recipients were honored recently at a dinner at Kalamazoo College. Among those representing the College were President James F. Jones, Jr.; Dr. Bernard Palchick, acting provost; and Dr. Sally Olexia, executive director of the Heyl Science Scholarship Fund.

Also present were members of the faculty and administration from Kalamazoo Central, Loy Norrix, the Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center, and Kalamazoo Public Schools. In addition, representatives from Pharmacia & Upjohn were present.

The Heyl Scholarship Fund was established through the will of the late Dr. Heyl, a former Upjohn Company vice president and director of research.

In 1913, F.W. Heyl was hired as the sole research chemist at The Upjohn Company (now Pharmacia & Upjohn). When he retired in 1945 as vice president and research director, Upjohn's research effort had become a multi-million dollar operation. For his accomplishments, Dr. Heyl was awarded a doctor of science degree by Kalamazoo College in 1937.

In addition to his devotion to research, Dr. Heyl was deeply interested in the education of young scientists. From 1923 until his retirement, he was the director of the Upjohn Scholars Program at Kalamazoo. By his encouragement, many of Kalamazoo College's graduates went on to do advanced work at Yale University.

The first full-fledged Heyl Scholarships were awarded in 1971. Since that time, the funds have grown so that more than $1 million per year is spent on the scholarships.

The Heyl's daughter, Dorothy H. Heyl, also was a lifelong supporter of Kalamazoo College. Miss Heyl continued the legacy begun by her parents until her death on Oct. 19, 1989.

Full tuition scholarships to Kalamazoo College have been awarded to the following students. All are from Kalamazoo, unless otherwise noted. Those students with an *asterisk following their names also attended the Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center (KAMSC):

HEYL SCHOLARS

Kalamazoo Central

Erika Anderson, daughter of Candace Anderson of Nashville, Tenn., and David Anderson of Kalamazoo

Jobn Coston, son of Meredith and James Coston

John Han, * son of Haiyan Wu and Fusen Han
Christopher Lawson, * son of Rebecca and Gary Lawson

Christopher Wilson, * son of Gracella Wilson of Kalamazoo, and Kermit Wilson, of Wilmington, Del.

Loy Norrix

James Cekola, son of Melinda and George Cekola

Jennifer DeZwaan, daughter of Janet and Jack DeZwaan

John Einspahr, * son of Susan and Gary Eckert

Andersen Scholl, * son of Laura Andersen and Jackson Scholl

John Thomas, * son of Doreen and Edward Thomas

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