

Albright College Salutes SHIRK SCHOLARS, CLASS OF 2008

Twenty-four Berks County high school graduates have been awarded Eugene L. Shirk Scholarships to Albright College. The scholarships, created in honor of the beloved Albright professor, coach, community leader and mayor of Reading, are awarded to local students for academic achievement and demonstration of character, compassion and commitment to the welfare of others, all qualities embodied by Eugene Shirk.



Eric Bialas
Reading
Historian, Latin club
First seed, chess club
First clarinet, county band
Section leader, marching band
Rotary Club Leadership Camp



Crysten Boyer
Mublenberg
Swim team (4 yrs.), districts and states
Secretary, Student Council
Vice President, Leo Club
National Honor Society
Concert and mixed chorus



Jordon Boyer
Hamburg
Captain, soccer, basketball and baseball
Night of Hamburg Stars, read to elementary students
Trash cleanups
Mission trips to Cayman Islands and Philadelphia
Sunday school teacher
Children's church volunteer



Rachel Cantwell
Wilson
Captain, swimming
Captain, water polo
Class representative, Student Council
Spanish Club
Life guard and assistant swim coach



Yashira Cruz
Reading
President & Regional Secretary, Future Business
Leaders of America
News Anchor, Knight Life Television News
Peer Mediator
National Honor Society
Key Club fundraising



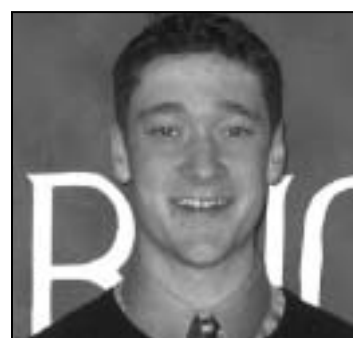
Stephanie Deswert
Wyomissing
Captain, Reading Rage Jr. soccer team
Captain, bowling team
Head librarian, chorus and chorale
Model United Nations, honorable mention
Tutor and soup kitchen volunteer



Melissa Fretz
Governor Mifflin
Captain, football and basketball cheerleading
Berks Gymnastics athlete
National Piano Guild
School and church choir
Volunteer, Sunday school and soup kitchen



Heather Fryzol
Fleetwood
Soccer cheerleader
Spring musicals
Volunteer, Topton Lutheran Home
Band front and chorus (4 yrs.)
Fleetwood's rep. – Outstanding Young Woman



Trevor Getz
Twin Valley
Treasurer, Future Business Leaders of America
Volunteer, Rotary Club (4 yrs.)
National Honor Society
Peer Mediator
Second chair, senior band



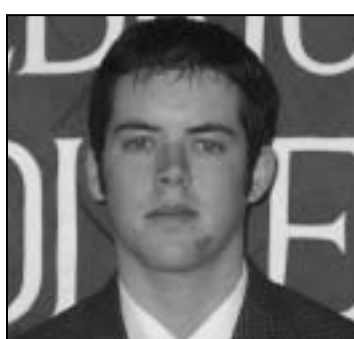
Breanne Gjurich
Daniel Boone
Business Editor, yearbook
Recording Secretary, National Honor Society
Treasurer, 4-H
Daniel Boone Youth Education Association
Girl Scout Silver Award



Erin Helm
Twin Valley
Soccer (4 yrs.)
Cross country
Future Business Leaders of America
Stepple to People Volunteer
Gateway Church Youth Group



Laura Jackson
Holy Name
Editor, yearbook
Treasurer, Respect for Life Club
National Honor Society
Artist for stage sets and school murals
PA Free Enterprise Week



Jeremy Jones
Brandywine Heights
Librarian, section leader and Bugle Corps. captain,
Band
Publicity representative, art club
Assistant manager, jazz band
Eagle Scout & Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
Member, youth council & youth group



Nancy Kozak
Reading Area Community College
Girl Scout Leader
Alternate District Representative, PA Al-Anon
Officer, Twirling Corps
Costume designer and seamstress



Lauren Lezette
Exeter
Writer, school newspaper
Church youth group
Students Against Drunk Driving
Softball
Volunteer, Aerial's Gymnastics



Amanda Loos
Twin Valley
Trombone section leader, band
Soprano for chorus, show choir, county and districts
Volunteer, Reading Emergency Shelter
Thrower, track & field
Sunday school teacher



Chad Mackay
Boyerstown
Counselor, youth baseball camps
Football team (4 yrs.) – captain and Berks County
All-Academic football team
Baseball team (4yrs.)
Legion baseball – PA Region 2 champs
Big Brother football program



Ashley Merkel
Governor Mifflin
Secretary, It's Our World Too environmental club
Spanish tutor
Volunteer, Mifflin Health Care Center
Member, Student Government Association
Senior Executive Committee



Patrick Murray
Wyomissing
Wrestling – all-division and state All-Academic team
Volunteer, swimming and wrestling coach
Cross country
National Honor Society
Reporter for VOICES (3 yrs.)



Lauren Purcell
Reading
Captain, Tennis team (4 yrs.)
TV host, Knight Life
Section leader, chorus and select chorus
Community and school theater
National Honor Society



Carrie Saylor
Oley Valley
Captain, volleyball
National Honor Society
Cello player, string ensemble and orchestra
Reporter, school newspaper and yearbook
Volunteer, Reading Emergency Shelter



Megan Sem
Holy Name
National Honor Society
Service Action Corp, American Red Cross
Respect for Life Club
Volunteer, Reading Hospital
Teaches cultural dance



Taylor Steltz
Conrad Weiser
Captain, soccer and basketball
Acolyte and nursery volunteer
Camp Neidig Leadership Camp
LJ's 5K Fun Run participant



Brian Weiser
Central Catholic
Captain, football team
Vice President, National Honor Society
District champion, swimming
Track & field
Altar server

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