

Duncan, Weidinger nominated for National Honor Society scholarship

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Megan Duncan and Clayton Weidinger, Maries R-I seniors and members of the Vienna Chapter of the National Honor Society, have been nominated to compete in the National Honor Society scholarship sponsored by the National Association of Secondary Principals (NASSP).

Maries R-I Principal Don Fields announced their nomination, which places Clayton and Megan in the national competition where 200 national winners will be chosen this spring to receive \$1,000 scholarships.

"I am very pleased to be able to recommend these students," said Fields. "They are excellent choices and well deserving of this scholarship. They are excellent honor students, good role models and assets to our school."

High schools throughout the country could nominate two senior high members of the National Honor Society to compete. Nominees were selected based on their leadership skills, participation in service opportunities, employment experience, and academic achievements. They also were required to write an essay about the role of completing a high school education in today's world.

Gerald N. Tirozzi, executive

director, NASSP, cites NHS scholarship nominees for their exemplary achievement in academic work and service to their schools and communities.

"They are fine examples of the outstanding caliber of young people in America's high schools," said Tirozzi.

In recognizing leadership in co-curricular activities as well as academic performance, the NHS scholarship recognizes the importance of a well-rounded education. Co-curricular activities are an essential part of the school curriculum.

Megan Duncan has been treasurer of the NHS and Fine Arts Club; on the 2001 Future Problem Solvers team that reached state finals; a Science Olympiad, Scholar Bowl and Math Contest medalist; and was a member of FCCLA and Choir. She has represented Vienna at Girls State, as a member of the GVC Choir, and as the local National Language Arts Olympiad winner.

She is a four-year recipient of the local Academic Excellence award and local Knights of Columbus essay contest winner; a National Honor Roll, National Leadership and Service Award, and United States National Mathematics Award recipient.

Megan has also been recognized as a USAA All-American Scholar and by the

United States Achievement Academy.

She has been awarded a Missouri Bright Flight scholarship and plans to attend Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield to study psychology and biomedical sciences in preparation for a career in physical therapy.

Clayton Weidinger has served as Student Council representative for National Honor Society, President of Vienna's Future Problem Solvers and as a member of the 2001 state finalist team, and as captain of the boys' cross country team.

He has been a Math Contest and Science Olympiad medalist and won the local 1999-2000 award for Basketball Teammate of the Year.

Clayton represented his school at Boys State and was named the 2001 Prudential Spirit of Community Maries R-I Volunteer of the Year for his park entrance beautification project.

He has been awarded a UMR Curators scholarship, a Missouri Bright Flight scholarship and a UMR Alumni Endowment scholarship. Clayton plans to attend the University of Missouri-Rolla to study nuclear engineering and computer science.