

# Lake-Lehman High School, Top 10, Class of 1998

**Jennifer Klaips** is the daughter of John and Mary Anne Klaips of Dallas. She is the valedictorian of Lake-Lehman's graduating class. In school, she has been a member of the girls' volleyball team for four years (two varsity). She has been a basketball cheerleader for four years. She served as manager of the baseball team for one year. Jennifer has been active in the school play as a dancer and an actor. She was student director for three years. She has served as a writer and business manager of the school newspaper. She is presently editor-in-chief. Jennifer is a member of SADD, the Key Club, the Foreign Language Club, where she serves as president, and the National Honor Society, where she is secretary/treasurer. She has participated in the PA Math League Contest, the Artifact Exchange Program, the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup, and the Children's theater Festival. She was a member of the JETS team for two years. Jennifer has been taking dance lessons for 15 years at the David Blight School of Dance. This summer she will be employed as a dance instructor at the JCC Day Camp. She is also a correspondent for The Dallas Post. In the fall she will be attending Wilkes University to major in journalism and secondary education.



as this year's president. Brooke is a Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen, one of the Harveys Lake Women's Club Top 10 Seniors, and a Lions Club student of the quarter. She has been a peer helper for two years, a peer tutor and a French instructor for elementary students. Brooke has been involved in the Lake-Lehman theater program throughout high school, taking leading roles during her junior and senior years. Brooke is currently employed as she has been for two years at Ernie's Gym in Dallas. She will be attending the University of Notre Dame in the fall.



**Ryan Mahle** is the son of Marianne and Fred Mahle of Sweet Valley. This year he was secretary of the Lake-Lehman High School band. Ryan has been a member of the band for six years. He is also involved in the Key Club, the PA Math League, the Knowledge Master Open and the Learn and Serve Chemistry Program. He will attend Penn State University at University Park in the fall to study chemical engineering.



**Carrie Race** is the daughter of Byron and Irene Race of Lehman. She is ranked fifth in her class. As a senior at Lake-Lehman, Carrie is very involved within her school. Athletically, she has played field hockey for six years and has cheered for the boys basketball team for four years. As secretary and six-year member of her school's Technology Student Association, she has competed at the district and state levels in a variety of competitions. As a member of the Key Club, she has raised money for starving children, collected food for the needy and donated blood. She is also a member of the Student Council and Students Against Drunk Driving. In addition, Carrie was elected as her class secretary as a junior and also as a senior. She is an algebra tutor and she helps to teach chemistry to children at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School. Being a writer and a copy editor for her school newspaper offers her the opportunity to report on these, as well as other activities. Outside of school, she keeps herself busy with a part-time job, church call committee meetings, and the church choir. Carrie has been honored by the



**Joanne White**, salutatorian, is the daughter of Joseph and Anne White of Harveys Lake. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the gifted program, the JETS team, and the Science Olympiad team which qualified for state competition. Joanne is the student council treasurer, a school newspaper staff writer, a member of the senior peer counseling group, a peer tutor, and a Spanish instructor in the elementary school foreign language program. Athletically, she runs on the track team, and is the goalkeeper for the District Championship and 1996 State Championship field hockey team. She was a captain in both sports, and received First Team All-State and All-State Academic honors in field hockey. Joanne has a part-time job as a lifeguard and swim instructor at the Wilkes-Barre Catholic Youth Center. Her future plans include studying at Stanford University and playing Division I field hockey.



**Brooke Posatko** is the daughter of Atty. and Mrs. David Posatko of Dallas. She is a member of the National Honor Society and serves

National Council on Youth Leadership. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the All-State Academic Squad for field hockey, All-American Scholars, and *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. Recently, she also received a school award for academic leadership. Beyond high school, Carrie plans to attend the Honors College of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she will major in nutrition. Her eventual goal is to become a Registered Clinical Dietician so that she can help individuals with eating disorders and other health problems which affect their diets.

**Valerie Fiore** is the daughter Richard and Christine Fiore of Harveys Lake. She is involved with the Key Club, Student Council, SADD and peer tutoring. Also, she is a member of the Gifted Program, National Honor Society and the PIAA Field Hockey All-Academic Squad. Fiore played softball and



tennis during the course of high school.

Outside of school she is an active member of youth group and works part time at the Ranch Wagon.

She plans to attend either Penn State Wilkes-Barre or Bucknell University, depending on the outcome of recent health concerns. Fiore intends to become a psychiatrist.

**Kelly Cave** is the daughter of Shirley Beck of Harveys Lake and George Cave of Dallas. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for four years. Kelly has been recognized by *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and is an All-American Scholar. In school, she participates in several activities including student council, SADD, Key Club, Foreign Language Club, Spanish Elementary Instruction and peer tutoring. She serves as treasurer of the senior class and is managing editor of the school newspaper.



per. She has been a basketball cheerleader for four years, serving as a tri-captain of the varsity squad. Kelly's future plans include attending Penn State University to pursue a career in secondary education and psychology.

**Sara Kasper** is the daughter of Craig and Judy Kasper of Sweet Valley. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the prom committee. She is also a member of the student council where she served as Junior Class president. Sara is a member and captain of the varsity field hockey team and has received many accolades for her performances on the field. She is a three-time WVC first team all-star, two-time first team all-state, first team regional All-American, second team All-American (national team). She was a member of the three-time District 2 AA Championship team and the 1996 State Championship team. She also was



a member and captain of the 1998 District 2 AA championship soccer team for the school. She was a second team WVC all-star and was selected to play in the senior all-star game. Her future plans include attending Penn State University where she received a Division I scholarship to play field hockey. Her major is undeclared.

**Amy Lynn Sorber** is the daughter of Phyllis and Bradley Sorber of Sweet Valley. She is a member of the student council, the senior student peer tutoring group, the school band and the indoor color guard where she was a captain. Amy also participated in the homeless drive and the Adopt-a-Highway program. In her spare time she has a part-time job. She plans to attend Penn State Wilkes-Barre in the fall to major in business.



*Editor's note: Michael Casey, ranked th in the class, was not available for an interview and did not supply a photo.*

## Top 10

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but doing well has always been more of a personal goal for me. The teachers are very supportive and always willing to help."

Klaips is involved in numerous activities, including the school newspaper, member of SADD, Key Club, JETS team and theatre. She had to learn early on how to manage her time. "I found that the more I work inside of school the less I have to do outside," said Klaips.

When asked what advice she would give a sixth grader on what it takes to succeed, Klaips said, "Personal motivation. They should think about the future and try to push themselves and go after what they want in life."

Amy Sorber is ranked 10th with a 95 gpa. "My motivation was to get somewhere my parents didn't. They never went to college and would tell me they didn't want me to have jobs like they had," explained Sorber, who plans to attend Penn State Wilkes-Barre to major in business.

"I had to work hard to get scholarships. It was a goal of mine to be at the top of the class. In ninth grade I slipped a little below the top 10 and worked harder to get back to where I wanted to be. Being on top was a goal early on," she said. "It was definitely difficult to stay on top."

For Sorber there was satisfaction in doing the best she could. "When you do your best and do everything yourself, you know you didn't cheat your way through," she said.

But, she does have some regrets about how she went about her education. "I would've stud-

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**Ryan Mahle**  
Ranked 4th in class

ied the basics a lot harder. When tests would come I would have to relearn things I should've learned the first time."

For Ryan Mahle, the grades always came second to learning. "I want to learn as much as I can. When I was young my parents instilled the desire to read in me and I took it to another level. I've read most of the Back Mountain Memorial Library," he said.

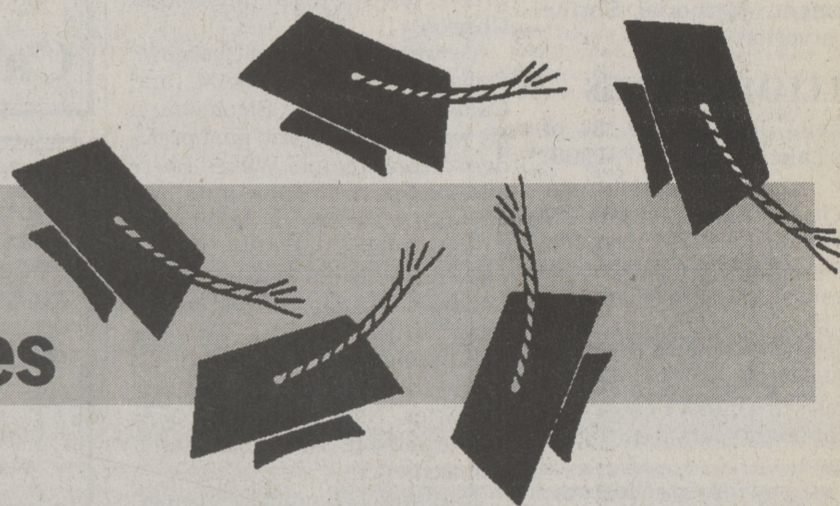
Mahle, who is ranked fourth, said it never mattered where he ranked. He just decided that if he was going to do something, it should be done well.

Mahle credits Lake-Lehman for providing him with an excellent education. "It's not an extremely large school and the atmosphere is nice. The best thing was the teachers. Every teacher I had was great and I loved them all. They are a group of people who really want to teach," he explained.

"I respect the teachers and I hope they respect me. Maybe they'll remember me 20 years from now; I know I'll remember them."

He plans to attend Penn State University at State College to major in chemical engineering. "I like what engineers do. They play with things and make them work.

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