



Congratulations!

2011 Ferguson Scholar

DAVID B. MULLINS

Appleton East High School
Appleton, Wisconsin, Class of 2011

Bound for Marquette University
Engineering Major

David Mullins holds the extraordinary distinction this year of having earned the top average score among all judges out of nearly 80 applicants. Given the accomplishments of the other candidates, this is a noteworthy achievement. David is graduating as the Valedictorian of his class of 408 students. He has maintained a perfect 4.0 unweighted GPA and scored a Comprehensive 29 on the ACT exams, with a high score of 34 in Math and 30 in Science.

In the community, David has several hundred hours of service and activities. He has helped serve food at the Salvation Army, has volunteered at the YMCA camp, is an Eagle Scout and Senior Patrol Leader, and has performed as a song and dance leader for Vacation Bible School and with KIDS from Wisconsin, a non-profit organization that showcases musically gifted youth and develops personal character and leadership. David received a scholarship award from Marquette recognizing him as a leader in his community for his service; to maintain that award he will perform a minimum of 300 hours of community service each year of college.

At school, David is the epitome of a well-rounded student. In addition to his academic achievements he is goalkeeper of the Varsity Soccer team, also being named 2nd team All-Conference, Captain of the Track and Field Team, played Basketball for two years and received the 2010 "Best Field Event Athlete" award. David has performed with the Musical Theatre/Drama Club in six productions, carrying lead roles in five including the All City Musical. He is Co-Founder of a men's Acapella group and has been a six-time concert soloist. David leads a choir called "Sing for Life" designed to get young boys interested in singing. He is a member of the Pep Club and Forensics, a State Semifinalist in Radio Speaking, and a National finalist in Duo Interpretation.

David is in the Spanish National Honor Society and National Honor Society, was chosen by the Appleton Downtown Rotary Club as Outstanding Student of 2011 and received the 2009 Marshall Award for Outstanding Sophomore. The local newspaper named him Scholar of the Week in September and as an Academic All Star in 2011. In both 2010 and 2011, he received an Exemplary State Soloist Award from the Wisconsin School Music Association at the Solo and Ensemble Festival. The full list of David's accomplishments cannot be listed within this space.

David's personal essay detailed his need to raise money to fund trips to New York City and Puerto Rico with the music and theater departments. It took him over a year selling candy bars, but he achieved his goal of \$4,000. David's Choral Director said, "David re-defines the paradigm of what you are looking for in a young man – from leadership, dignity, poise, honesty, self-effacement, focus on learning, to outstanding musicianship and artistry." His Social Studies teacher said of David, "I can say with complete honesty that I believe David is easily one of the top students I have taught in my 13-year teaching career." He went on to say he feared his letter would sound cliché, but he honestly feels that "David is a one-of-a-kind student and person." Perhaps David's highest praise was when his teacher said, "I have two sons and I would be honored if either of them grew up to be half the person that David is."

Lesa Lamers and Tom Mullins are David's proud parents. Tom is in Operations/Business Development at location #2110 in Brillion, Wisconsin.

Best of luck at Marquette University, 2011 Ferguson Scholar

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