

# 2015 Young Achiever Award

**Chair: Dick Cai**

The Young Achiever Award (YAA) is one of the flagship programs of CIE/USA-DFW Chapter. The YAA is designed to encourage the younger generation of CIE members to achieve high academic performance, develop leadership skills, develop strong interest in science and engineering, and excel in extracurricular and community volunteer activities to enable them to achieve the greatest possible impact in our community. These well-rounded skills will enable them to become strong leaders in this very competitive global market place.

CIE/USA-DFW is honored to have the professionals from various industries to serve as judges in selecting the YAA recipients. All the 20 award recipients were recognized to be truly outstanding based on their extraordinary achievements in academic performance, demonstration of exemplary leadership and voluntary involvement in community activities.

**Impressive accolades of the 2015 award recipients include:**

**Science and Engineering Achievement:**

- ✓ Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) – 1<sup>st</sup> Place and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- ✓ Four recipients are multiple time American Mathematics Competitions (AIME) qualifiers
- ✓ Exxon Mobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place
- ✓ VEX Robotics US and World Champions
- ✓ Two recipients having published a total of nine research papers

**Community Service and Leadership Achievement:**

- ✓ Fundraised \$12,000 & 2,000 meals for a homeless shelter
- ✓ Three recipients have received Gold President's Service Awards
- ✓ Future Business Leaders of America – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place state and national qualifier
- ✓ Business Professionals of America – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in State and National Finalist
- ✓ DECA International Testing Finalist and State Champion

**Academic Achievement:**

- ✓ One recipient has received a perfect SAT score
- ✓ Three recipients are ranked first in their respective schools

**Special Talent and Interest Achievement:**

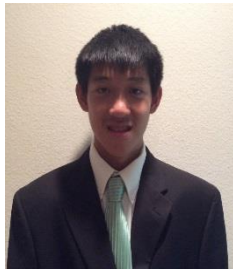
- ✓ AAU Junior Olympic Table Tennis 1<sup>st</sup> Place and medalists
- ✓ Gymnastics State and Region 3 All Around champion
- ✓ Three recipients are part of the Texas All-State Orchestra
- ✓ HOSA State Bronze Medalist and International Qualifier

The YAA trophies and scholarship were presented to the recipients during the evening banquet at the Annual Convention.

# 2015 Young Achiever Award Recipients



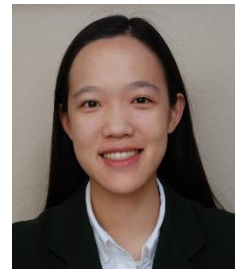
Max Bu  
Shepton High School



Brandon Chow  
Coppell High School



Colleen Dai  
Texas Academy of Math and Science



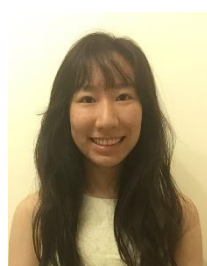
Amy Jia  
Hockaday School



Bihan Jiang  
Colleyville Heritage High School



Janna Jiang  
Plano West Senior High School



Megan Li  
Clark High School



Sabrina Peng  
Liberty High School



Danny Siu  
Lamar High School



William Tian  
Plano West High School



Helena Wu  
Texas Academy of Math and Science



Kevin Wu  
St. Mark's School of Texas



Tiger Yang  
Southlake Carroll Senior High School



Jocelyn Yiu  
Clark High School



Michael Yuan  
Texas Academy of Math and Science



Emily Zeng  
Liberty High School



Shoshana Zhang  
Texas Academy of Math and Science



Alice Zhao  
Shepton High School



Vivian Zhou  
Hockaday School



Richard Zhu  
Jasper High School