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) – 1st Place and 3rd Place
- Four recipients are multiple time American Mathematics Competitions (AIME) qualifiers
- Exxon Mobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair - 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th 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 – 2nd Place state and national qualifier
- Business Professionals of America – 1st 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 1st 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.
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
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Shoshana Zhang
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Alice Zhao
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Vivian Zhou
Hockaday School

Richard Zhu
Jasper High School