

MVTHS seniors win Oehm Scholarships

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MT. VERNON — Four Mt. Vernon Township High School seniors have won the 2007-08 Frederick Oehm Sr. Scholarship Award — Emily Ann Estes, Elisha Lynn McDowell, Jarod Allen Payne and Sherrie A. Jayne.

The winners were selected based on their submission of an essay on a topic selected by the MVTHS Board of Education, according to MVTHS Principal Ron Daniels.

This year's topic was "The Effect of Immigration on American Culture." Other criteria

for the award were scholarship, career objectives and attendance.

Applicants had to be a graduating senior who will enroll in a college, university or specialized institution of training no later than the fall semester after high school graduation.

Estes will attend Eastern Illinois University next year, while Jayne, McDowell and Payne will attend Rend Lake College. The president of the Board of Education will officially present the scholarship award at the school's Honors Program today.



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OEHM SCHOLARS — Four Mt. Vernon Township High School seniors have won the 2007-08 Frederick Oehm, Sr. Scholarship Award. Students winning the scholarship include, from left, **FRONT ROW**, Sherrie Jayne and Emily Estes. **BACK ROW**: Jarod Payne and Elisha McDowell.