NSBE family, meet three of our best! The new *NSBE Bridge* Honor Roll recognizes the outstanding achievements of middle school and high school members of NSBE’s Academic Pyramid of Excellence (APEX). APEX students have verified grade-point averages of 3.0 or higher (http://www.nsbe.org/Programs/NSBE-Programs/APEX.aspx#AcademicPyramidofExcellenceWallofFame). Each issue of the magazine will spotlight several of our NSBE Jr. APEX honorees, to promote Academic Excellence.

**REGION II**

**Evan Brooks**
North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) NSBE Jr. Chapter, Durham, N.C.

- **Grade:** 12
- **APEX Category:** Honors
- **GPA:** 3.753 (unweighted)
- **Favorite Academic Subject:** Molecular and Cellular Biology
- **Chosen Career:** Pharmacist
- **Extracurricular Activities:** Latin American and Contemporary Dancing; Health Occupations Students of America Programs Chair, 2013–14; NCSSM Service Learning Board President, 2013–14; Random Acts of Kindness Club; NCSSM NSBE Secretary 2013–14; NCSSM Legacy Club Vice President, 2013–14

**REGION IV**

**Jasmine Winston**
Northland High School NSBE Jr. Chapter, Columbus, Ohio

- **Grade:** 12
- **APEX Category:** Honors
- **GPA:** 4.1 (ranked first in her class since 9th grade)
- **Favorite Academic Subject:** Math
- **Chosen Career:** Actuarial Sciences or Business (Accounting)
- **Extracurricular Activities:** Marching, Concert and Jazz Bands; STEM Club Treasurer, 2012–14; Try-Math-A-Lon Team Captain; Cheerleader (two years); Link Crew Leader (student mentorship program); National Honor Society; Track and Field (lettered in discus and shot put); The Ohio State University Young Scholar (since 6th grade); 2013 Accounting Careers Awareness Program at The Ohio State University
- **Mentors or Role Models:** Her mother (a school counselor); Sybil Brown, Ph.D. (NSBE Jr. advisor)

**REGION VI**

**Michael M. Simpson**
California Academy of Math and Science NSBE Jr. Chapter, Carson, Calif.

- **Grade:** 11
- **APEX Category:** Honors
- **GPA:** 3.8
- **Favorite Academic Subject:** Mathematics (Numerical Theory, Induction and Pigeon Principle)
- **Chosen Career:** Engineering Major and Math Minor
- **Extracurricular Activities and Hobbies:** Sports (basketball, track and swimming); Renewable Energy (Solar Boat Captain and KidWind Leader); Try-Math-A-Lon Team Leader
- **Mentors or Role Models:** Corey E. Baker, NSBE National Treasurer

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