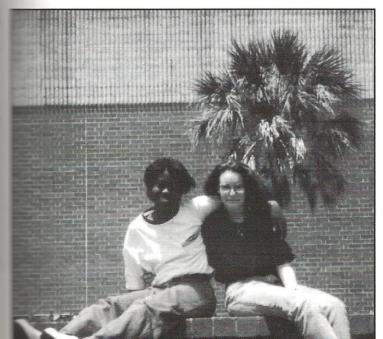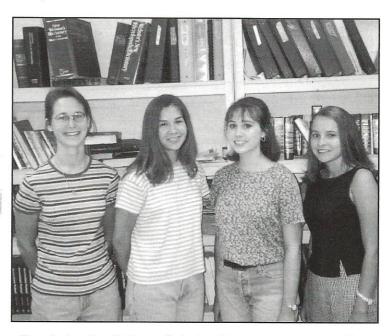# *It All*

Each year the NJROTC unit sends several cadets to the Leadership Academy. Cadets Joe Balafas, Ron Wertz, Robert Kitler, Kendrick Bright, Isaiah Martinez, and Robby Bodison underwent military training in the same manner as recruits in boot camp. While graduation from this program is considered to be a high honor, Cadet Balafas placed first in the class of over 150 cadets. For this accomplishment, Joe earned a special award from the Area 6 Manager. In addition, Cadet Martinez, who had already graduated from the Academy, served as the cadet Commanding Officer for the week-long program.

The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship program recognizes outstanding academic achievement. To b eligible for this award, students scored at least 1180 on the SAT or 118 on the PSAT, were recommended by the guidance counselor, and submitted detailed applications, including a two-page essay and a list of extracurricular activities. Nominees were Matthew Creech, Victoria Cunningham, Mara Davis, Christina Thomas, Michael Turner, Lauren Ulmer, Michael Ward, Wayne Wright, Margaret Young, Elizabeth Kitler, Emily Risher, Jamaal Hudson, Angel Johnson, NíGer Jenkins, Elizabeth Blue, and Ashley Ramsey. Leah Steele, Ashley Heaton, Margaret Young, and Christina Ferrari were selected as recipients for this prestigious award. This scholarship awarded up to $5,000 per year for four years of college education.

Wynnona Haynes and Denise Strickland showed their superior academic skills by being selected for the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and School for Science and Mathematics, respectively. Wynnona's studies will focus on drama, with emphasis on voice projection and body movement in a week-long summer program. Denise will concentrate on advanced mathematical and scientific concepts including computer programming and research for the net two years. Both had to complete extensive application processes, interviews, auditions, and placement examinations.