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Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne Announces 2010 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars

Six Allen County students will receive full-tuition, four-year scholarships as the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne 2010 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars.

Teresa Barcenas, Jade Eguia, Corinne Lambert, Angela Petrie, Lauren Rearick, and Alexander Yaney will receive full tuition to the Indiana College of their choice and an \$800 yearly book stipend for required books and equipment.

- **Teresa Barcenas**, Wayne High School, plans to attend Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne to obtain a degree in hearing and speech therapy. Teresa is active in the French Club, Latin Club, Multi-Cultural Club and Student Council. She is also member of the National Honor Society. Teresa notes that her passion for helping others combined with her strength for learning multiple languages will help her to become a great speech and hearing therapist.
- **Jade Eguia**, South Side High School, plans to study psychology at the University of Saint Francis. Jade has been active in both the Poetry and Key Clubs. She has also participated in several community activities including the breast cancer walk. Of her interest in psychology, Jade hopes to someday open her own practice in art and exercise therapy. She notes that “the ability to properly and productively channel negative emotions is important.”
- **Corinne Lambert**, Bishop Luers High School, is planning to study journalism at Indiana University, Bloomington. Corinne is active in many school activities including Show Choir and Key Club. Corinne notes that there is nothing that holds a place in her heart quite like journalism, “the excitement and thrill of putting a pen to paper or fingers to keys and finding the most concise and interesting way to form a thought is a rush that is unparalleled.”

- **Angela Petrie**, Wayne High School, plans to obtain a mass communications degree at Purdue University. Angela is active in numerous school activities including student council, captain of the cheerleading squad, and opinion editor of the school newspaper. Angela notes that her dream is to have a secure job that she loves and she feels that the communication field can supply her with it.
- **Lauren Rearick**, Northrop High School, plans to pursue a journalism degree at Indiana University, Bloomington. Lauren is active in the Concert Choir and Show Choir at school. She also participates in the Praise Team at her church. Lauren notes “I’m determined to make a positive impact in the world, and no matter what stands in my way I know that I will succeed.”
- **Alexander Yaney**, Bishop Dwenger High School, plans to pursue a biology degree at the University of Notre Dame. Alex is involved in numerous school activities including track and the Key Club. He is also president of Students against Destructive Decisions. Alex’s ultimate goal is to become a doctor. Of his interest in the medical field, he notes that “it remains my lifelong ambition to provide medical expertise and emotional support to individuals and family members of those suffering medical crises.”

Sixty-six students applied to their high schools and 28 applications were forwarded for review by the Lilly Scholars Selection Committee at the Community Foundation. Eligible Allen County students have to demonstrate successfully overcoming an obstacle, financial need, academic performance, work and community involvement, and a personal statement of goals.

After the Community Foundation Lilly Scholars Selection Committee narrowed the field, the finalists’ names were submitted to Independent Colleges of Indiana Inc. for the selection of the recipients.

Independent Colleges of Indiana is a nonprofit corporation that represents 31 regionally accredited degree granting, nonprofit, private colleges, and universities in the state.

The scholarships are a result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education. Indiana ranks among the lowest states in the percentage of residents over the age of 25 with a bachelors degree. There were 216 Lilly Scholarships awarded statewide.

Established in 1956, the **Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne** is a public, charitable foundation serving Allen County for more than fifty years. The Community Foundation had assets of more than \$100 million at December 31, 2009 and awarded over \$11 million in charitable grants and scholarships in that year.

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