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Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne Announces 2011 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars

Five Allen County students will receive full-tuition, four-year scholarships as the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne 2011 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars.

Tyler Clark, Tanner Crandall, Sandra Jones, Amelia Roebuck, and Stuart Schnelker will receive full tuition to the Indiana College of their choice and an \$800 yearly book stipend for required books and equipment.

- **Tyler Clark**, Snider High School, plans to attend Valparaiso University to obtain a degree in music. Tyler participates in various school activities, such as the Spanish Club, Academic Team, and Rock Strings. Additionally, he is employed at Kroger part-time. Tyler notes, “Because of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, I can enjoy my time spent in college and not have to worry about paying for it later.”
- **Tanner Crandall**, Homestead High School, plans to study at Butler University. Tanner has been active in numerous school activities such as Varsity Tennis, Varsity Bowling, and the Marching Band. He is also a member of the National Honor Society. During the spring and summer, he works as an umpire for Time Corners Little League. While he has not officially decided on a specific field of study, he has a strong desire to work in the dental field, “I want to fulfill my passion for dentistry and someday open my own firm.”
- **Sandra Jones**, Bishop Luers High School, is planning to study biology at Indiana University, Bloomington. Sandra is employed at Hollister Co. part-time and is active in extracurricular activities such as soccer, softball, and swimming. She is also a member of the National

Honor Society and Student Council. Sandra is genuinely interested in medicine and hopes to become a doctor, “I have wanted to be a doctor for many years now and because of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, I can focus on caring for people instead of paying off college debt.”

- **Amelia Roebuck**, South Side High School, plans to obtain a biology degree at Indiana University. In addition to participating in various community activities, she is also a member of the National Honor Society and is involved in a number of school activities such as tennis, vocal jazz, speech, and Key Club. Amelia is interested in human biology and cognitive neuroscience, “I am fascinated with the science behind the way our bodies function, as well as the mechanisms of the human brain. I believe my passion of this subject will fuel my motivation to learn and discover new, innovative ideas.”
- **Stuart Schnellker**, North Side High School, plans to study biological engineering at Purdue University. Stuart is active in various school activities such as cross country, swimming, and track & field. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council. Stuart is passionate about math and wants to pursue a career in chemical engineering, “This scholarship takes a huge weight off my chest and allows me to be devoted to studying.”

Sixty students applied to their high schools and 25 applications were forwarded for review by the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship 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 bachelor’s degree. There were 142 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 \$101.7 million at December 31, 2010 and awarded over \$8.8 million in charitable grants and scholarships in that year.

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