

MEDIA RELEASE



\$9,100 Awarded from 2018 Community Foundation Scholarship Funds

May 8, 2018 Vincennes, In May, the Knox County Community Foundation announced recipients of 9 scholarship awards during their annual scholarship breakfast. Held in the Fort Sackville Room in the Student Union Building at Vincennes University and sponsored by First Vincennes Savings Bank, the event celebrated the benefit of scholarship funds established with the Foundation. This year, 8 funds established by generous donors provided scholarships totaling \$9,100.

Foundation Board Vice President, Georgiann Leonard, said since the Foundation was organized in 1996, endowments had reached a milestone in giving back. "An amazing \$171,072 has been given back to our community for education in the form of scholarships. Those scholarships continue to make a difference in the lives of countless students and families in our community today and forever."

Leonard introduced scholarship recipients and recognized founders and representatives of the endowments.

Scholarship awards presented were:

Zack Arnold Memorial Scholarship is a scholarship founded by Dr. Brian Arnold and family in memory of their son Zack. Since golf was important to Zack, the scholarship benefits Knox County seniors who have participated on their school golf team. The \$1,500 award was presented to Mikayla Burch, a senior at South Knox High School.

Heather Bird Memorial Scholarship is a scholarship founded by Robert Bird in memory of his daughter Heather. Heather was a firefighter with the Vincennes Township Fire Department, and the scholarship benefits a student who is a member of or is related to a member of the Vincennes Township Fire Department. The \$1,000 award was presented to Alex Smith, a Vincennes Lincoln High School senior.

McKinley Avenue Presbyterian Church Student Scholarship is an annual scholarship founded by the members of the church. It benefits any student at a Knox County High School pursuing a post-secondary education. The \$500 scholarship was presented to Abigail Kifer, a senior at Vincennes Lincoln High School.

Velma and Herbert Pepmeier Scholarship is an annual scholarship created by Herbert C. Pepmeier to benefit a graduating senior who is affiliated with Saint John's United Church of Christ in Vincennes or Bethel Church in Freelandville. Deaton Grove, South Knox High School, and Rylee Hammelman, North Knox High School, each were awarded a \$1,500 scholarship.

Kathleen W. Rinsch Memorial Educational Scholarship is an annual renewable scholarship created by the past director of the Knox County Community Foundation, Kathy Rinsch. A former English and Latin teacher at North Knox High School, she started this scholarship to encourage students to pursue the field of education. Dalton Nelson, a senior at South Knox High School, was awarded a \$600 scholarship.

Persis McClure Hurst Memorial Scholarship was created by Sarah Keller in memory of her mother. Applicants must demonstrate interest in or plan to pursue a major in English or history. The \$1,000 award recipient was Dalton Nelson, South Knox High School.

Robert Nordhorn Memorial Scholarship was created by Marcia Nordhorn in memory of her mother. It benefits graduating seniors at Vincennes Lincoln enrolled in theatrical and musical productions. The \$500 scholarship was awarded to Seth Arnold, Vincennes Lincoln High School.

The Friends of Knox Fund Scholarship awards students who are considered as alternates for the Lilly Endowment Scholarship. This year, 20 students applied for the Lilly Endowment Scholarship, and as in years past, the alternate scholarships are made possible by local donors who have contributed to the Friends of Knox County endowment fund. A total of \$5,000 was awarded this year. Recipients were Mason Utt, North Knox High School, and Jeremiah Hardig, South Knox High School.

Also recognized at the event was this year's Knox County Lilly Scholar. Nate Kaffenberger, Vincennes Lincoln High School, will receive a full tuition scholarship to the Indiana College of her choice and a \$900 yearly stipend for required books and equipment from the Lilly Endowment Scholarship. The Community Foundation administers the scholarship,, and a volunteer selection committee of community leaders completes the review process for this award, submitting final nominations to Independent Colleges of Indiana.

About the Knox County Community Foundation

Celebrating over 20 years, the Knox County Community Foundation is a charitable resource devoted to the local community.

A partner of the Community Foundation Alliance with oversight by a local 19-member Advisory Board, the Foundation is made up of a collection of over 140 funds, established by caring people who give back to causes and organizations in the community. Gifts to the Foundation leave a permanent legacy through the power of endowment, where earnings are used to make grants and scholarships that benefit the community forever.

The Knox County Community Foundation helps people make a difference where it matters, invest in the future of the community they love, and create greater good together. The Foundation's office is located in at 20 N Third Street, Suite 301 in Vincennes. To learn more, call 812.886.0093 or visit www.knoxcountyfoundation.org.