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**Vanderburgh Community Foundation
Honors Local Students**

On Wednesday evening, May 18, 2011, the Vanderburgh Community Foundation held its fifth annual Scholarship Awards Dinner, at which seventeen scholarships were awarded. In addition to announcing the recipients of thirteen scholarships administered by the Vanderburgh Community Foundation, three Vanderburgh County students were recognized as recipients of the prestigious Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

The event took place at the Old Court House in downtown Evansville and included dinner followed by the awards ceremony. Invited guests included the families of the scholarship winners, representatives from their high schools, donors of the scholarship funds, and friends and board members of the foundation. Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard was the keynote speaker and offered his congratulations to the students.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship program, fully funded by the Endowment and administered locally by the Vanderburgh Community Foundation, provides full tuition and required fees and up to \$800 per year for required books and equipment. The scholarship covers four years of full-time study leading to a baccalaureate degree at any accredited four-year public or private college or university in the State of Indiana. The 2010-11 recipients in Vanderburgh County are Samantha Laszlo from North High School, Ryan Schultheis from Memorial High School, and Matthew Stewart from Memorial High School. Laszlo plans to attend Indiana University, Schultheis plans to attend the University of Notre Dame, and Stewart plans to attend Wabash College.



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The Vanderburgh Community Foundation also named two students as Lilly Endowment Community Scholar alternates, each of whom will receive a \$2,000 scholarship from the foundation. The alternates are Catherine Fritchley from Central High School and Neel Erickson from Signature School. Fritchley plans to attend Purdue University to pursue a degree in pre-veterinary medicine, and Erickson plans to study economics at Washington University at St. Louis.

Other scholarships awarded were: the Cassin-David Scholarship to Rebecca Muensterman of Mater Dei High School, the Central High School Class of 1943 Evelyn Church Hatfield Scholarship to Catherine Fritchley of Central High School, the Harrison High School Class of 1965 Scholarship to Elayna Dorsey of Harrison High School, the Robert T. "Bubba" Jochum Memorial Scholarship to Chanice Young of Reitz High School, the David A. Koehler Sr. Memorial Scholarship to Stephanie Waller of Central High School, the Russ Mason Memorial Golf Scholarship to Trevor Mullen of North High School, the Rease Henry McDaniel Memorial Scholarship to Sara Tilley of Harrison High School, the Melba Jean Racener Scholarship to Cecilia Oxford of Heritage Hills High School, the Dorothy Rapp Music Scholarship to Jessika Reitz of Central High School, the Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard Scholarship to Alaina Cope of Harrison High School, the Thomas F. Walls Youth Hockey Scholarship to Peter Fink of Mt. Vernon Senior High School, and the Jeremy Weil Memorial Art Scholarship to Lauren Longest of North High School.

The Vanderburgh Community Foundation was established in 1992 to increase the county's philanthropic base and to encourage and promote community-wide efforts to improve the quality of life in Vanderburgh County. It is a member of the Community Foundation Alliance. The Foundation helps donors connect with the specific charitable works that interest them and finds ways for these donors to support that work within our community.

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