



COMMON GROUND

Summer 2021

Newsletter

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2021 Lilly Scholarship Winner

Clinton Central Jr./Sr. High School student Fife Deck will receive four-year full tuition to an accredited public or private nonprofit Indiana university as the Clinton County Community Foundation 2021 Lilly Endowment Inc. Community Scholar.

Fife, son of Kimberly Deck and the late Michael Deck, also earns a \$900 yearly stipend for required books and equipment.

He is a member of the National Honor Society and served on the student council. He volunteered with the Foreign Language Club and was active in varsity golf, swimming and diving, football, cross country and the hockey club. In the community, he has worked with underprivileged kids through Coach Kids, Youth Wise and his church youth group. He has volunteered with the Knights of Columbus and was involved with Future Farmers of America.

Fife plans to study engineering at the University of Notre Dame.

"The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship allows students to be able to focus on academics and not finances, which is especially important given the challenges and the sacrifices students have made this year," said Alicia Albertson, chair of the Clinton County Community Foundation Services Committee. "It is our hope that the students remain in Indiana and participate in the communities where they reside."

The selection criteria identified by the Clinton County Community Foundation included academic achievement; school, community and work activities; essay; financial need; potential for success; and an interview. Thirty-two Clinton County students applied for the scholarship. A committee of volunteers evaluated the applications and selected five finalists who were interviewed by the Clinton County Community Foundation Services and Scholarship committees.

The finalists' names were submitted to Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) for the selection of the recipient. ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 30 regionally accredited degree granting, nonprofit, private colleges and universities in the state.

Fife Deck

... Clinton Central Jr./Sr. High School. To attend the University of Notre Dame



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2021 Scholarship Recipients

Student photos follow the order of the alphabetical list of names.

The Clinton County Community Foundation has awarded 103 scholarships and renewals from 28 funds with an approximate value of \$512,922 to students, including one Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

A. J. Archibald Memorial Scholarship Fund



Jacob Ransford, Clinton Central High School

Cindy Nichols Bailey Scholarship Fund



Kelli Anthrop, Indiana University Kokomo

Bailey Trucking Co. Scholarship Fund



Odalis Campos, Frankfort High School

Beta Tau Chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority Scholarship

Renewal: Reagan Stroup

Robert Brinson Scholarship Fund



Logan Harris, Clinton Central High School
Austin Orem, Clinton Central High School

Jenny Butler Scholarship Fund



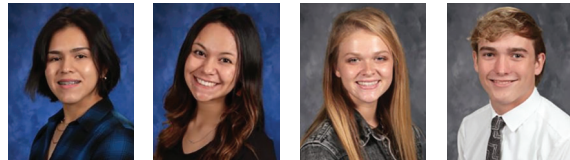
Kailie Burnette, Clinton Central High School
Allison Robbins, Clinton Central High School

Zachary Lynn Caldwell Memorial Scholarship



Ashley Slayton, Clinton Prairie High School

Clinton County Community Foundation Scholarship



Odalis Campos, Frankfort High School
Karina Castaneda, Frankfort High School
Kylee Maish, Clinton Prairie High School
Owen Smith, Clinton Central High School
Renewals: Jessica Akard, Karleigh Bessler, Breawna Caldwell, Kevin Chairez, Keely Dehn, Brenna Gottschalk, Emily Longenecker, Caiden Maish, Katherine Rhoda, Brendan Smith, Larissa Smith

Clinton Central Education Foundation Scholarship



Allison Robbins, Clinton Central High School

Clinton Central High School Vision Scholarship Fund

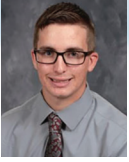


Jasmine Gomez, Clinton Central High School
Riston Quick, Clinton Central High School
Hunter Salem, Clinton Central High School
Addyson Weaver, Clinton Central High School

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Clarence Cochran Agricultural Scholarship



Austin Orem, Clinton Central High School

Ione Dinwiddie Nurses Fund

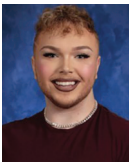
Kelli Greeno
Brad Law
Kayla Malone
Gail Poe

Vincent and Lois Dowden Scholarship Fund



John Dunn, Clinton Central High School

Anna Fudge Field and Mary S. Field Endowment Fund



Mason Hill, Frankfort High School

Louise & Robert A. Hedgcock History Essay Scholarship



Anna Drew, Frankfort High School
Peyton Myers, Frankfort High School
Chase Thomas, Frankfort High School

Vern & Lillian Kaspar Scholarship Fund



Luke Longenecker, Clinton Prairie High School
Jacob Ransford, Clinton Central High School
Renewals: Kevin Chairez, Jaime Garcia Jr.

Michigantown H.S. Alumni Scholarship Fund



John Dunn, Clinton Central High School
Owen Smith, Clinton Central High School

William & Doris Mohr Scholarship Fund



Odalis Campos, Frankfort High School
Karina Castaneda, Frankfort High School
Logan Harris, Clinton Central High School
Luke Longenecker, Clinton Prairie High School
Erik McCarty, Clinton Central High School
Yahir Ruiz-Roman, Frankfort High School
Jackson St. Myer, Rossville High School
Montgomery St. Myer, Rossville High School
Chase Thomas, Frankfort High School
Elijah Vote, Clinton Prairie High School
Renewals: Robin Blackwell, Breawna Caldwell, Isabelle Casey, Kevin Chairez, Keely Dehn, Katherine Faulkner, Jaime Garcia Jr., Brenna Gottschalk, Riley Grasham, Andrew Grismer, Matthew Haan, Jacob Habegger, Nina Harshman, Margaret Kelly, Lauren Kollar-Niko, Brice Lawrence, Ashley Leach, Josie Mattingly, Mackenzie McWhirt, Yaquelynn Pozos, Emily Ragsdale, Katherine Rhoda, Blake Richardson, Chloe Roberts, Courtney Rodkey, Jaylen Shelley, Lucy Smith, Madeleine Thompson, Samuel Wilson

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Mulberry High School Alumni Assn. Scholarship Endowment Fund



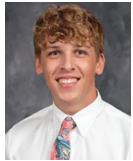
Kylee Maish, Clinton Prairie High School
Ashley Slayton, Clinton Prairie High School

Charles and Cecelia Nichols Scholarship Fund



Kelli Anthrop, Indiana University Kokomo

Julia Pearson Scholarship Fund



Erik McCarty, Clinton Central High School

Jaden Quick Memorial Scholarship Fund



Owen Smith, Clinton Central High School

Wilbur T. Rule Team Player Scholarship Fund



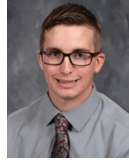
Jacob Holton, Clinton Central High School
Owen Smith, Clinton Central High School

Greg A. Scofield Scholarship Fund



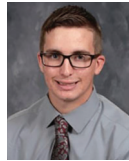
Addyson Weaver, Clinton Central High School

Barbara K. Siegfried Scholarship Fund



Austin Orem, Clinton Central High School
Renewal: Emily Ragsdale

Strange Family Scholarship Fund



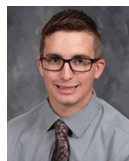
Austin Orem, Clinton Central High School

Phyllis M. Widener Music Scholarship



Mattalyn McBee, Frankfort High School
Renewal: Katrina Stitsworth

J. Allen Wyrick Memorial Scholarship Fund



Austin Orem, Clinton Central High School

A Pioneer Perspective

Scholarships an important part of history and mission

Kent Ryan on 25 Years of the Clinton County Community Foundation

Since 1996, the Clinton County Community Foundation has established itself as a trusted organization providing valuable leadership in the community.

As an affiliate of the neighboring Community Foundation of Howard County Inc., almost from the start Clinton County's Foundation was able to position itself to continue a rich heritage of local philanthropy and to provide new opportunities for donors.

Today, the Foundation has made grants of more than \$11.3 million to help make Clinton County a better place. This amount includes approximately \$8.7 million in grants and \$2.6 million in scholarships, with an additional \$2.8 million in Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships.

The Foundation has been able to support a range of programs and local organizations through strong leadership and the sustaining commitment of community-minded volunteers. Through their vision, effective organization and good stewardship, the Foundation for 25 years has been a catalyst for stimulating and funding initiatives that improve the quality of life for citizens of Clinton County.

Longtime Frankfort, Indiana, attorney Kent Ryan was part of the pioneer group who organized the Foundation, and we asked him about his thoughts on the first 25 years.

What was the impetus for creating an affiliate foundation for Clinton County in 1996?

At the time, the guiding light was the late legendary Bill Beard of Frankfort, Indiana, a successful local business leader and a devoted champion of Clinton County. Bill spearheaded the effort to see how the community could benefit from a Community Foundation. Based on his research, our volunteer action committee decided the best course was to seek to join an existing foundation. We were very glad when Steve Alley of the nearby



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Community Foundation of Howard County welcomed us as an affiliate.

What was funding like from the start?

We started with \$30,000 and some generous seed money from members of the community. We had a great board of directors made up of several community leaders, who helped organize fundraising and steered the Foundation to really maximize the Lilly Endowment Inc. Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) Initiative.

Was there a specific need being addressed for the community?

Well, we really positioned the Foundation to be an adjunct to the United Way in our community. The idea was the United Way would be the checkbook, and the Foundation would

be the bank account.

What were some of the early success stories?

From a community donor perspective, ongoing support of the Boys and Girls Club of Clinton County has been a significant source of pride for the Foundation. In terms of scholarships, Clinton County's very first Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipient was able to attend Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana. Coincidentally, the current chair of the Clinton County Community Foundation Services Committee – attorney Alicia K. Albertson – was a Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipient from Huntington County, Indiana, in 2008.

Any other thoughts about the milestone?

From the start, the Foundation was well-thought-out, well-planned, and well-accepted. The completed projects after 25 years are amazing. That it continues to thrive speaks to the tremendous group of leaders who have donated their time and talents through the years.

Invest in the Youth of our County

... through a Gift to a Scholarship Fund

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of Scholarship Fund: _____

If you would like to make your gift in tribute or in memory of a special person or event, we will send a gift card to the person you designate to acknowledge the tribute. I want my contribution to be in tribute/memory of:

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____



To make a tax deductible contribution to one of the scholarship funds listed in this newsletter, please complete the form and return it with your check to:

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