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Hancock County Community Foundation Introduces 2023 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Finalists

GREENFIELD, Ind. (October 24, 2022) – The primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program are 1) to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana; 2) to increase awareness of the roles foundations play in their communities; and 3) to encourage and support the efforts of current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other as educational, nonprofit and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state.

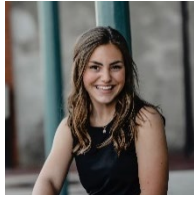
HCCF has the privilege of administering the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship (LECS) in Hancock County. Each year, HCCF applies for the opportunity to recommend two graduating students to Lilly Endowment for the full four-year tuition scholarship award. Should they accept the application, HCCF implements and supervises the process for selection.

To be eligible to apply for the LECS in Hancock County, students must be Hancock County residents, attend one of the four Hancock County public high schools, be ranked in the academic top 15% of their graduating class, and plan to pursue a baccalaureate course of study, to be completed in four years, at any accredited Indiana public or private college or university.

Student applications are submitted online and reviewed blindly (without name or contact information) by third-party professional readers represented by experienced out-of-county evaluators. The third-party evaluators select eight finalists, two students from each Hancock County public high school, who best meet the scholarship criteria. Community service is the primary criterion for qualification. Financial need is not a consideration for the LECS. The eight finalists are interviewed by a volunteer committee identified by HCCF, all of whom adhere to a strict conflict of interest policy. This committee has the difficult task of selecting two students from the talented pool of eight finalists and submitting their recommendation to Lilly Endowment for approval. Pending approval, the awards will be announced in December. The eight finalists will be honored at their respective school corporation's board meetings in November.

Below are the stories of the eight finalists:

Claire Bishop
Greenfield-Central High School



Claire is the daughter of James and Nicole Bishop of Pendleton. She plans to attend Purdue University and major in Brain and Behavioral or Psychological Sciences with plans to become an organizational psychologist in a corporate environment.

A variety of organizations and community service work have caught Claire's interest. Her interest and experience in robotics led her to serve through the Robotics Education and Competition Foundation (RECF) as a student ambassador and serving on the Student Advisory Board. She has taught robotics to young girls through the TechPoint Foundation for Youth and hosted a podcast where she interviewed professionals in a STEM-related industry. She also serves as the president of the advisory board. Another robotics-related service she has completed is volunteering at Grassy Creek Elementary School and other local schools as a VEX Robotics team mentor. Since she has competed in VEX Robotics for many years, this has been one of her favorite activities.

Changing Footprints in Greenfield has also been a favorite place for Claire to serve. Her duties range from cleaning and organizing shoes to scheduling other community groups to serve there. The payoff for her is the shoe giveaways where she gets to help children find the perfect shoes for them.

4-H has been an important part of Claire's life, culminating in being the 2022 Hancock County 4-H Fair Queen and the multiple opportunities to serve the community that has come along with that role. She has participated in Hancock County 4-H Junior Leaders since 2017 and has participated in a wide variety of service projects in that role. She is also the president of the Hancock County 4-H Rabbit Club and Country Kritters 4-H Club, as well as serving on the Hancock County Junior Swine Superintendent Board.

Claire utilizes her love for teaching and music to serve her churches as well, by working in the 2-year-old room at one church, and leading worship youth group music at another. Music has also led to her joining the Hancock County Children's Choir Student Council.

Aynslee Dellacca
New Palestine High School



Aynslee is the daughter of David and DeInda Dellacca of Greenfield. She plans to attend the University of Notre Dame and major in anthropology or archeology. Her dream since childhood has been to become an archeologist, after being inspired by a children's book about ancient Egypt.

Church youth group has been an important part of Aynslee's life for the past five years. Through that organization, she has served the community by assisting local food pantries and serving at her church. In addition to youth group, she has also been part of a group called Challenge Girls. Unfortunately, this organization was disbanded due to COVID-19, but before that they volunteered at places like the Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen, St. Vincent DePaul's and Gleaners Food Bank. They also volunteered at nursing homes, made gifts for the homeless, donated gifts to Toys for Toys, caroled for the Salvation Army and helped parishioners with yard work.

Last year, Aynslee's color guard team began holding clinics for younger students. She was picked by her director to be one of the four girls who choreographed a show for them to learn and then went to the intermediate and junior high schools to promote the clinic. The culmination of the clinic was the group being able to perform during halftime at a high school football game. This clinic led to 20 of the students joining the guard's cadet team.

Another large part of Aynslee's life has been dedicated to Girl Scouts and all the service work that entails. Projects have ranged from collecting and donating toys and clothes for a Miami Indian Reservation to collecting materials and making dog beds for a local animal shelter. She is currently working with Love INC to create and stock a blessing box in New Palestine.

Aynslee's school activities have included winter guard, newspaper, dance performance class, theater, and We the People.

Lillianna Fronek Mt. Vernon High School

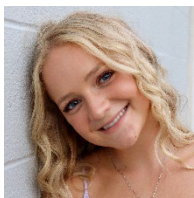


Lillianna is the daughter of Donald and Amanda Fronek of McCordsville. She plans to attend Purdue University and major in horticulture, botany, or plant molecular biology, intending to pursue a career in horticulture.

Lillianna's interest in horticulture is evidenced by her community service work. She was the Student Garden Manager and worked with the Vernon Township Trustee and Community Engagement Director to create a community garden. The garden allowed people to have their own garden plot as well as having a volunteer-run plot that generated fresh produce for the local food pantry. This project ended up donating 300 pounds of fresh produce to local food pantries and creating 25 plots for community members. She also worked with the Fortville Area Resource Mission (FARM) to distribute produce through its pantry. Her food pantry work also extended to volunteering at the Hancock County Food Pantry helping with loading cars and other tasks.

Other hometown activities that have benefited from Lillianna's service include the Vernon Township Fire Department and Fortville Winterfest. Her activities in the fire department have included a wide variety of roles including organizing files, playing a patient or victim in trainings, being a greeter for events, and cleaning the station. During Winterfest, she served in the Kids Corner assisting with activities. In addition to serving the community in these ways, pre-COVID, she also enjoyed playing euchre with a group at Traditions at Brookside.

Mia Griesmeyer Eastern Hancock High School



Mia is the daughter of Troy Griesmeyer and Jasmine Lee, both of Greenfield. She plans to attend Indiana Wesleyan University and major in psychology. She would like to pursue a career in clinical psychology or mental health counseling.

One of Mia's favorite community service projects was a church project helping build the Isaiah House, which will be used to house foster children in between placements. Another church related activity was Community Serve Day where she worked with a team to place gravel in needed places in a nature preserve.

Mia has helped with cleaning, repair work, and outdoor work for several organizations. These have ranged from Hancock County Senior Services to Boys and Girls Club of Greenfield. She has also enjoyed serving meals during the Lisa Muegge Feast of Plenty for the past four years.

One of Mia's largest projects was a part of the Eastern Hancock Leadership Class. She was the event organizer for a reunion of students from the previous 11 years of the class. The event had an attendance of 80 people and raised money for the class. Mia has also participated in other school activities including Ground Zero Bible Study, Student Council, Bring Change to Mind, National Honor Society, and Eastern Hancock Royal Athletic Council.

Sydney Hayes **Eastern Hancock High School**



Sydney is the daughter of Brandon and Rebecca Hayes of Greenfield. She plans to attend Indiana University and major in psychology and American Sign Language. She would like to become a clinical psychologist and provide mental health services to the deaf community.

Love for animals is the theme of some of Sydney's favorite community service. She has volunteered for Agape Therapeutic Riding Service as a side-walker and with special events. She has also volunteered with Hancock County Humane Society caring for animals and the facility. She plans to continue serving at both of these organizations.

Sydney learned about community service by accompanying her mom and grandmother when they served at the Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen when she was young. She has also helped with fundraising fish fries at the Charlottesville Fire Department and Lions Club over the years.

Through her school career, Sydney has also been active in volleyball and track and field. She has also been a member of the National Honor Society for the past two years. She has served through that organization by helping conduct Halloween Trunk or Treats in the school for younger children.

Ella Hubbell **Mt. Vernon High School**



Ella is the daughter of Jonathan and Lori Hubbell of McCordsville. She plans to attend Purdue University and major in aeronautical or astronautical engineering. She would like to become an aerospace engineer because of her long-term love of aviation.

Her love of aviation has led to her volunteering with Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles Organization. The purpose of this organization is to get children excited about aviation. They provide children with their first flight free of charge. Ella's role is to help with the paperwork and print photos for the kids to remember their experience.

Ella also participates in helping the community through church organizations. She has volunteered at the Giving Garden since it began in 2018. The purpose of this garden is to provide fresh produce to local food pantries. Another church activity is being a part of a week-long Vacation Bible School each summer. Additionally, Ella is volunteering as a preschool aftercare assistant at a Christian school.

Through her high school, Ella has participated in the Marauder Mentor program. The purpose of this program is to help incoming freshman students become acclimated to their new building. She has also been involved in Spanish Club, tennis, Small Smiles Club, Green Team and 4-H at Mt. Vernon High School.

Madelyn Potter
New Palestine High School



Madelyn is the daughter of Austin and Jamie Potter of New Palestine. She plans to attend Taylor University and major in biology. She would like to combine her two loves of science and children to become a Pediatric Physician's Associate.

Serving those less fortunate is a large theme in Madelyn's community service work. She has been serving with Hope Center Indy for the past four years. Her work initially involved working on the Redefined Hope boutique fashion shows. This work led her to become more highly involved with this organization including starting a program that fundraises to provide high-quality hygiene products for the residents there. Madelyn's family became part of Safe Families for Children 2015. Through this program, her family hosted children for up to five months while their parent(s) dealt with a crisis. This led to them becoming a foster family in 2020. This activity has led to her interest in making a career in helping children.

Madelyn is active in her church including leading a small group of younger students, playing in the youth band, and helping with events including Vacation Bible School and camp. These activities have led to her being a part of her church's youth leadership team for the past few years.

Madelyn has found a way to share her love of soccer and arts with community service as well. She has volunteered at local soccer camps to help encourage younger students to have fun while living an active lifestyle. She also enjoys volunteering with the National Art Honor Society to promote the love of art to the community. She also participates in National Honor Society, tennis, soccer, Science National Honor Society, and NP Life at her school.

Trey Smith
Greenfield-Central High School



Trey is the son of Brandon and Kristina Smith of Greenfield. He plans to attend Butler University and major in communications and political science. He would like to pursue a career in communications that allows him to impact his community in a positive way.

Trey has dealt with Celiac Disease since he was in third grade. This led him to explore how research into treatment and prevention of the disease takes place, which sparked his interest in political science. It has also led to him becoming involved in the Celiac Disease Foundation, where he is currently training to become a State Advocate Ambassador. He plans to continue serving in this way for the rest of his life.

A different type of health crisis also led to service work in Trey's life. When his younger brother was diagnosed with cancer, he started a campaign with his own piggy bank called "Pigs Against Cancer" in his elementary. He worked with his parents and school leaders to fundraise and talk

about childhood cancer. He took the winning pig to the cancer clinic at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital for a photo shoot.

Trey has been a faithful weekly volunteer in the children's ministry at his church by running the audio-visual equipment for the worship service. He has also been a member of his school's drama club, where they have volunteered for various community service projects. Other school activities have included Comedy Sportz Improv, International Thespian Society, National Honor Society, and Student Leadership Academy.

HCCF provides philanthropic leadership by encouraging giving, learning, community pride and civic engagement. Working with caring individuals, families, and organizations to create or grow existing permanent endowment funds is critical to the organization's mission. These funds generate income that is distributed in the form of grants and scholarships to enrich and enhance life in Hancock County, as well as support the donor's favorite charitable causes, both at home and afar forever. HCCF has granted millions of dollars since its inception in 1992.

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