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Logan Weilbaker Named 2021 Lilly Scholar



One Scott County student has been named recipient of a full-tuition, four-year scholarship as the Scott County Community Foundation 2021 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar.

Logan Weilbaker of Scottsburg High School will receive full tuition to an accredited public or private nonprofit

college or university in Indiana of his choice, and a \$900 yearly stipend for required books and equipment. He joins 39 other Lilly Scholar recipients from Scott County since 1998.

Logan is the son of Tim and Missy Weilbaker of Scottsburg. He is active in the Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council, EMPOWER, Scottsburg Church of Christ, Student Council, his school's theatre, cross country and more.

He plans to attend Wabash College to major in mathematics with a career goal of becoming an actuary.

"I would like to thank Jaime Toppe and the Community Foundation for the opportunity to explore my future without restraint," said Logan. "It is an honor to know the Committee had such great confidence in my potential, and I am dedicated to returning their investment in service to my community."

"We are pleased to announce Logan Weilbaker as the recipient of the 2021 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship," said Scholarship Committee Chairperson Tinisha Bowles-Densford. "As always, the Community Foundation's Scholarship Committee members were very impressed with the applicants and the finalists should all be very proud of themselves and their academic achievements. We know that Logan will be successful in his future endeavors

and be a great representative of Scott County in all that he does. Congratulations, Logan!"

Students were judged based on community involvement, extra-curricular activities, work activities, academics, financial considerations, honors and awards, letters of recommendation and two essays. Eight students advanced to the interview portion as finalists. After the scholarship committee narrowed the field, the finalists' names were submitted to Independent Colleges of Indiana Inc. (ICI) for the selection of the Scott County recipient. ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 30 regionally accredited degree granting, nonprofit, private colleges and universities in the state.

The primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program are to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana; to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and to encourage and support the efforts of current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, governmental, educational, nonprofit and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state.

There were 143 scholarships awarded statewide, and there have been 4,912 students who were awarded scholarships since the inception of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program. Lilly Endowment has invested over \$424 million into this initiative since 1998.



Permanent Farmers Market Structure Gifted for Bicentennial



Members of the Scott County Community Foundation (SCCF) Board of Directors and staff, Scott County Farmers Market and Preservation Alliance Inc. (PAI) celebrated a groundbreaking ceremony for the future site of a permanent Farmers Market structure. The Scott County Community Foundation is funding the structure as a gift to the community to celebrate Scott County's Bicentennial. It will be located on the grounds of the Scott County Heritage Center and Museum.

"While many of the Bicentennial activities had to be canceled this year due to COVID-19, we wanted to end the year on a positive note," shared SCCF Executive Director Jaime

Toppe. "Scott County has deep agricultural roots, as well as a rich history throughout the community and right here at the Museum. Many families used this land to farm many years ago. We want to celebrate this heritage with a gift that can be used for many years to come."

The gift was made possible by an unrestricted grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. In the fall of 2018, Lilly Endowment notified community foundations of a board engagement grant opportunity to recognize the important role that the community foundation's board of directors plays in both leading the Foundation and serving Scott County. Thirteen

board members met the giving incentive during this time-period, resulting in an amazing return on investment with a grant for \$100,000, shared Toppe. The SCCF Board of Directors voted to use the funds to provide this permanent gift to residents.

Farmers Market Master Sharon Parker and PAI vice president Jimmy Hutton also expressed their appreciation for the project. PAI is the nonprofit which oversees the operation of the Museum. The Farmers Market had tremendous growth this year with their move to the Museum grounds, and hopes to expand the number of vendors and offerings. The Museum will also benefit from the new structure, with potential plans for educational lunches, demonstrations and special events. The planning committee hopes to have the structure in place for the opening of the 2021 Farmers Market. Happy birthday, Scott County!

On hand for the special ceremony were (left to right): Farmers Market vendor Chris Wakeman, SCCF Board Treasurer Daniel Brunner, SCCF Board Chairman Heather White, SCCF board member Ryan Payne, PAI Vice President Jimmy Hutton, PAI board member Mary Beth Comer, PAI board treasurer Lena Lundgren, SCCF Financial Officer Charlotte Boswell, Museum volunteer Janet Payne, Farmers Market vendor David Parker, Farmers Market Master Sharon Parker, SCCF board member Al Riggle, SCCF Executive Director Jaime Toppe and SCCF board secretary Melissa Woods.

Scholarship Assistance Available for Seniors, Adults

Over \$73,000 in scholarship assistance is available to graduating high school seniors and non-traditional adult learners. Applications are due Friday, March 5 and must be completed online. The links can be accessed from our website, www.scottcountyfoundation.org under the "Scholarships and Grants" menu.

Applicants are evaluated on a variety of criteria, with each scholarship having its own requirements. Students are encouraged to begin the process immediately, as attachments and letters of recommen-

dation are required.

"We are very grateful for the donors who are so passionate about helping students with their costs of higher education through these scholarships," said Executive Director Jaime Toppe. "Applying for scholarships can be not only financially gratifying for students who are selected, but it is also a learning experience for all students as they go through the application process."

Photo Gallery



Christmas came early for a few nonprofits! Tammy, Michael, and Lydia Wolf presented checks for \$500 each to Cradle Pregnancy Resource Center, the Clearinghouse, and We Care. The grants were made possible through the Wolf Family Charitable Fund.



Ten nonprofits were represented at our inaugural "Nonprofits at Noon" event. This was a chance for nonprofit staff, board members, and volunteers to network, share ideas and challenges, seek advice, and celebrate successes.

Scottsburg Lions Club member Aaron Bressler presented a check for \$250 to the Scott County Heritage Center and Museum. The grant was awarded from the Scottsburg Lions Club/Donald Q. Reid Memorial Fund. The Lions Club also awarded \$250 to Scott County Kids First, We Care, and CASA.



It's an annual tradition for Community Foundation and United Way staff to ring bells for the Clearinghouse!



SCCF Board Chairperson Heather White presented a check for \$2,805 to Clearinghouse Director Beth Barnett. The grant was awarded from the Scott County Hunger Fund.



SCCF board member Steve Gwaltney presents a check for \$5,640 to Humane Society of Scott County board member Robert Stanbary. The grant was awarded from the Dr. William and Diann Scott Memorial Fund, which is a donor-advised fund.



Scottsburg Kiwanis Club President AI Riggle awarded grants to United Way of Scott County and The Refuge, from the Scottsburg Kiwanis Club Endowment Fund. United Way received \$1,000 to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and The Refuge was awarded \$2,000 for their children's home. Shown with AI are Nancy Riley and Steve Gwaltney.



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YGC Continues With Service to Community

Members of the Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council (“YGC”) had a few less community service projects during the holidays, due to the postponement and cancellation of auctions and other events. However, youth still managed to volunteer 124 hours just in bell ringing for the Clearinghouse alone! They also purchased Christmas presents for eight children in foster care. Giving back to the community is important to the youth, and we’re thankful that they’ve been able to find ways to still give their time, talent, and treasure to Scott County during the pandemic.

Applications are now available for youth-related projects. The maximum amount per request is \$1,000, and grants are available for schools, nonprofits, and other charitable causes that benefit youth. YGC has at least \$4,836 available to award to the community, and may award more depending on the need from applicants. Applications are available from the Foundation’s website and are due Feb. 26 at 1 p.m.

YGC members would like to thank everyone for your support of the alumni donation competition fundraiser. Due to COVID, they were unable to host their annual alumni game, but they turned it into a donation competition instead, with donors choosing which teams they wanted to support. Scottsburg girls and Scottsburg guys both won, and will have their team name engraved on the traveling trophy. The event raised just over \$3,000. YGC greatly appreciates Event Sponsor Joshua M.D. James/Bill C. Brown Associates, and Friends of the YGC Sponsor Stop-



light Liquor/Greg and Andrea Gibson. Students in Ms. Lee Anne Hahn’s class at Austin Middle and High schools sold bagged snacks at school to raise \$376 for the fundraiser. There were many generous donations from the community as well!

The YGC is participating in the nationwide Souper Bowl of Caring campaign for the 12th year. Monetary donations, hygiene items and canned food can be given to any YGC member by Feb. 7. All donations will be given to the Clearinghouse. They are especially in need of mashed potatoes, seasonings, pasta sides, cereal, and hygiene items.