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## **Kendrick Foundation Selects 43 Scholars for 2016 Banquet to Honor Recipients**

MORGAN COUNTY, Ind. – The Kendrick Foundation Board of Directors have named 43 Morgan County residents as Kendrick Foundation Scholars for the 2016-2017 academic school year.

In 2015, the Kendrick Foundation began to focus their grant and scholarship program on specific health care fields that best met the needs of Morgan County residents. Grants were awarded in the 2015-2016 application cycle to non-profit organizations that met current health care needs relating to suicide prevention, substance abuse, and/or the care and management of diabetes. Additionally, grantees were required to attend *outcome based measurement* training facilitated by the Kendrick Foundation Board of Directors and Zac Kester of Charitable Allies.

In a similar vein, during the 2016-2017 Kendrick Foundation Scholarship season, applications were only accepted from students who had been accepted into a program at an accredited college, university, or other educational institution to complete a course of study in Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Dietetics, Psychology (advanced degree only), and Counseling. Kendrick Foundation Scholars will also partake in a group session at Bradford Woods on June 10, which will include middle school aged youth who participate in programming at The Haven Youth Center in Martinsville, Indiana.

Kendrick Foundation scholars will receive a scholarship for tuition and required fees, up to a maximum of \$15,000 per person per school year to attend the educational institution of their choice. A potential of \$645,000 will be awarded this year.

The Kendrick Foundation's board personally read and evaluated the 69 scholarship applications received this year, making final scholarship decisions as a committee. Members of the Kendrick Foundation board include, Stacy Fitzpatrick; Lynn T. Gordon, Vice President; Greg McKelfresh, Secretary and Treasurer; R. Barry Melbert, MD; Shelley D. Voelz, President and Chairperson; and Eric Wymer, MD.

Qualified students can re-apply for the scholarship each year, and if they meet the eligibility criteria, may be considered to receive the scholarship again. Of the 43 scholars this year, 25 students have received the scholarship for two or more years.

This year's Kendrick Scholars will be honored at an annual banquet hosted at the South Central Indiana – REMC in Martinsville, Indiana on Thursday, June 9, 2016. The Kendrick Foundation board of directors will host the ceremony, with Elisabeth Nicholson, DDS, 2013-2015 Kendrick Foundation Scholar, as a keynote speaker. Nicholson will speak on the academic and professional achievements that were made possible through the support of the Kendrick Foundation Scholarship.

**The 2016 Kendrick Scholars are:** Justin Applegate, Brandon Applegate, Adrienne Bathory, Morganne Belton, Kelsey Benson, Ian Bray, Briana Bray, Elizabeth Brock, Sarah Brown, Shannon Bruce, Ashley Butler, Jackie Farrand, Candace Faulkner, Aaron Gegg, Sara Gilbert, Jeana Gregory, Katy Grismore, Morgan Hacker, Ashley Hale, Hannah Lange, David Lawson, Lance Lawyer, Ruthann Longcor, Sierra Lowe, Charles Matias, Brent McCreary, Rhonda McKinney, Deborah Morris, Amber Ooley, Katrina Polikoff, Haleigh Richardson, Andrea Riffel, Julie Saucerman, Katherine Schnaiter, Ryan Schneck, Cayla Sciscoe, Griffin Selch, Alyssa Shipman, William Spina, Michael Sullenberger, Molly Tieman, Chris Walker, and Anna Weddle.

The 2017 scholarship cycle will begin this fall, and information and applications will be available on the Kendrick Foundation website in late November of 2016. The scholarships are open to all Morgan County residents, including post-high school students and non-traditional students, who are pursuing degrees in one of the above mentioned health care fields. Other restrictions may apply.

### **About the Kendrick Foundation**

Formed with the proceeds of the sale of Kendrick Memorial Hospital in 2001, the Kendrick Foundation was created to support health-related programs in Morgan County. The mission of the Kendrick Foundation is to financially support education and initiatives that improve the physical and mental health of Morgan County residents.

More information on the Kendrick Foundation is available online at [kendrickfoundation.org](http://kendrickfoundation.org). Individuals may also call the Kendrick Foundation at (317) 831-1232 or toll-free at (855) 280-3095, and ask to speak with Hannah Sitz, Interim Program Manager.

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