

News Release



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CFMC Announces 2015 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program Recipients and Finalists

Morgan County, Ind. – Two Morgan County students have been named this year’s Community Foundation of Morgan County 2015 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars. These scholarships are the largest awarded each year by the foundation.

Jacob Mock and Michelle Poindexter will each receive full tuition for four years to the Indiana college of their choice and a \$900 yearly stipend for required books and equipment.

Jacob is the son of Kevin and Jennifer Mock of Martinsville. He attends Martinsville High School where he is team captain of Varsity Tennis, co-captain of Spell Bowl, a member of the National Honor Society, a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity Restore and The Haven, and a leader in his church youth group. It was also announced on Wednesday that Jacob has been named an Indiana Academic All-Star, as well as a National Merit Scholar, both prestigious academic recognitions.

He plans to study Engineering and has been accepted at IUPUI, Purdue University, Trine University, and Colorado School of Mines.

Michelle is the daughter of Dr. Mark Poindexter and Rebecca Poindexter of Martinsville. She attends Martinsville High School, where she is a member of Spell Bowl, Academic Super Bowl, a leader in her church youth group, and an active volunteer with the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America, Compassion International, Soles 4 Souls, and the Humane Society.

She is interested in studying International Service, and has been accepted to Earlham College, Hanover College, and Valparaiso University.

From the initial pool of applicants, Mock and Poindexter were selected from the eleven finalists nominated by the CFMC Scholarship Advisory Committee in February. The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program for Morgan County criteria is weighted and based on academic performance, financial need, school/community activities and/or work experience, essay questions, a personal interview, and personal characteristics.

In addition to Mock and Poindexter, there were nine other finalists in this year’s application cycle for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. Finalists included: Nicholas Firsich (Martinsville High School), Peter Gegg (Covenant Christian School), Ashley Hale (Martinsville High School), Jillian Holt (Mooresville High School), Zacharias Hunsucker (Monrovia High School), Katherine Neese (Martinsville High School), Jennifer Nelson (Martinsville High School), Mark Rawlins (Martinsville High School), and Kaitlyn Wampler (Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics, and Humanities).

All will receive scholarships awarded by the board of the Community Foundation of Morgan County to honor their achievements.

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The CFMC Scholarship Committee recommended the two nominees and alternates to the Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. (ICI) which manages the selection of the recipients for the Lilly Endowment. ICI is a non-profit corporation that represents 31 regionally accredited degree-granting, non-profit, private colleges and universities in the state.

The scholarships are the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education within the state. Indiana ranks among the lowest states in the percentage of residents over the age of 25 with a bachelor's degree. There will be 142 scholarships awarded statewide.

More information on the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. is available online at cfmconline.org or by calling the foundation toll-free at (855) 280-3095.

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Head shots of all 11 finalists are available upon request (high resolution)