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CFMC Announces 2010 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program Recipients and Finalists

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Morgan County, Ind. – Two students have been named recipients of four-year scholarships as the Community Foundation of Morgan County 2010 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars.

Michael Schiff and Isaac Smith will receive full tuition for four years to the Indiana college of their choice and an \$800 yearly stipend for required books and equipment.

Schiff is the son of Shawn and Melissa Schiff of Waverly. He attends Mooresville High School, where he is the student body president and has been on the student council for four years. He is a member of National Honor Society, Project Ignition, and Letterman's Club. He also served on the Service Learning Youth Advisory Board and the Student Handbook Revision Committee. He is active in his church and has been a volunteer there for four years.

Schiff plans to attend Rose Hulman Institute of Technology to study Chemical Engineering.

Smith is the son of Chris and Kimberly Smith of Monrovia. He attends Monrovia High School, where he is the senior class vice president and has been a member of the student council for four years. He is a member of the National Honor Society, marching band, concert band, jazz band, show band, spell bowl, and theatre. He is a volunteer with the Morgan County Humane Society and Salvation Army. He was also involved in basketball, track, cross country, and 4-H. He is active in his youth group at church.

Smith plans to attend Purdue University to study pre-pharmacy.

From over 50 initial applications, Schiff and Smith were chosen from eight 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 Schiff and Smith, finalists for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship were Ariel Crouse and Grant Warmoth of Eminence High School, Heather Passey and Taylor Oswalt of Mooresville High School, Rebecca Saucerman of Monrovia High School, and Kathleen Houppert of Martinsville High School. Crouse was selected as the alternate in the event that Schiff or Smith is

unable to accept the scholarship. Crouse, Warmoth, Passey, Oswalt, Saucerman, and Houppert will receive a scholarship from the Community Foundation of Morgan County honoring their achievements.

The CFMC Scholarship Committee recommended the two nominees and an alternate to 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 were 216 scholarships awarded statewide.

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