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### Foundation announces Lilly Endowment Community Scholars

The Wayne County Foundation is pleased to announce the selection of two area high school seniors who will receive the prestigious Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

Molly Coomes and Joseph Lahmann were chosen from a pool of 92 applicants from throughout Wayne County. Each recipient will receive a four-year, full-tuition scholarship and \$900 annual stipend for required books and equipment to attend an accredited public or private nonprofit college or university in Indiana.

Molly is a senior at Centerville High School. At the end of her junior year she had a 4.10 GPA and plans to graduate with an Academic Honors diploma. Molly has participated in National Honor Society, 4-H, Students Against Drunk Driving, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Basketball. She served in several leadership positions, including Senate Floor Leader of Model Legislature and Class Secretary. Molly plans to attend Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and major in Health and Fitness Management and a minor in Nutrition. She is the daughter of Andy Coomes and Kevin and Renee Westover.

Joseph, a senior at Seton Catholic High School, completed his junior year with a 4.80 GPA and plans to graduate with an Academic Honors diploma. Joseph is very active in local community theatre where he performs and volunteers. He also participates in

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track and field, National Honor Society, and Student Council. Joseph plans to attend Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and major in Engineering. He is the son of Margaret Lahmann and Patrick Lahmann.

“The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship is an amazing opportunity for students to continue their education after high school, without incurring the debt most students experience,” said Lisa Bates, the Foundation’s program officer.

This year a total of 143 scholarships were awarded statewide by the Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. in partnership with community foundations around the state. ICI is a nonprofit association that represents Indiana’s 30 private, nonprofit colleges and universities and serves as the statewide administrator of the scholarship program.

Since 1998, 47 students have been awarded Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships through the Wayne County Foundation. This year’s awardees will be recognized, at the Wayne County Foundation’s Annual Report to the Community dinner in June, 2019.

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