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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.

Alivia Dwire and Kassidy Olinger were chosen from a pool of 72 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.

Alivia is a senior at Northeastern High School. At the end of her junior year she had a 4.05 GPA and plans to graduate with an Academic Honors diploma. Alivia has participated in National Honor Society, Student Council, Eastern Indiana Model Legislature, and Volleyball. She served in several leadership positions, including Secretary of Future Farmers of America and Junior Leaders 4-H Club, Vice President of Spanish Club, Captain of Cheerleading and Math Academic Teams. Alivia plans to attend Purdue University and study Animal Science with a concentration in Biosciences. She is the daughter of Danny and Amanda Brockman.

Kassidy, a senior at Hagerstown High School, completed her junior year with a 4.0 GPA and plans to graduate with an Academic Honors diploma. Kassidy has participated in 4-H, Business Professionals of America, Eastern Indiana Model Legislature, Epitome (Yearbook), Future Farmers of America, Academic Teams, and Prevention Using Student Help. She has held several leadership positions within these activities. Kassidy plans to attend Purdue University and major in Agriculture. She is the daughter of Chris and Amy Olinger.

“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.

The primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program are 1) to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana; 2) to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and 3) 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.

Since 1998, 49 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, 2020.

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The Wayne County Foundation exists to foster and encourage private philanthropic giving, to enhance the spirit of community and to improve the quality of life in the Wayne County, Indiana, area now and for future generations.