



Community Foundation
of Morgan County, Inc.

Mooresville Seniors Receive 2014 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships

Mooresville High School seniors Jessica N. McDaniel and Ryan W. Crafts have been named this year's Community Foundation of Morgan County 2014 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars. These scholarships are the largest awarded each year by the foundation. Each will receive full tuition for four years to the Indiana college of their choice and a \$900 yearly stipend for required books and equipment.

Jessica is the daughter of Mark McDaniel of Mooresville and Catherine McDaniel. She attends Mooresville High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society, the Gay-Straight Alliance, and the orchestra. She plans to study Pharmacy and has been accepted at Indiana University, Purdue University, and Butler University.



Ryan is the son of Paul and Tracy Crafts of Camby. He attends Mooresville High School, where he is a member of the National Honor Society, the high school orchestra, the Math and Science Academic Teams, and the boys varsity soccer team. He is interested in studying mechanical engineering, and has been accepted to the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, IUPUI, and University of Southern Indiana.

From 75 initial applications, McDaniel and Crafts were selected from the nine finalists nominated by the CFMC Scholarship Advisory Committee in February. Selection 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 McDaniel and Crafts, there were seven other finalists in this year's application cycle for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. Finalists included: Mooresville High School seniors Jaclyn Nichole Harris and Logan Rhiane Mills; Julie Ann Saucerman of Monrovia High School, Stephanie Nicole Schneck, Benjamin James Schoolcraft, and Collin Jeffrey Wampler of Martinsville High School; and Kristin Marie Wietecha of Indian Creek High School.

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. There will be 143 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.



*TOP: Crafts and McDaniel were surprised by family members as well as school and Foundation representatives with the scholarship news:
LEFT: Of the seven county finalists, four were Mooresville students: from left: McDaniel, Crafts, Mills, and Harris.*