Kevin King Named
2017 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar

Kevin King, a member of the Huntington North High School Class of 2017, is this year’s recipient of the four-year, full-tuition Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship in Huntington County.

The scholarship, awarded through the Huntington County Community Foundation, affords King four years of full tuition to Taylor University, as well as an annual $900 stipend for required books and equipment. He is pursuing an undergraduate degree in Applied Physics and Engineering Physics with a minor in History with career plans of working for the advancement of science. He is the son of Denise King of Huntington.

A National Honor Society member and newly-named Eagle Scout, King’s high school career included Class Council, Varsity Singers Brass, Academic Super Bowl, co-founder of HNHS Chess Club, Swim Team, Campus Life, and participant in band, Spring Musical and Variety Shows. Besides participation in various Eagle Scout projects, he also provided community service to the Salvation Army, Love in the Name of Christ, Saint Felix Center and Church of the Nazarene. In addition to his studies and numerous involvements, he can also be found working 25 hours per week at our local Arby’s. King is the 36th Lilly Endowment Community Scholar representing Huntington County.

“I am incredibly honored to have been chosen. It has been extremely humbling to have been considered alongside so many of my peers and fellow students,” said King. “I cannot possibly fully express my gratitude and appreciation both for the opportunities afforded to me by the Lilly Endowment and HCCF and for the support and encouragement that I have received from my family, my teachers, and leaders within my scouting program.”

A total of 32 Huntington County high-school seniors applied this year. After reviewing their applications, with personal information redacted, and scoring them on a point system the HCCF Scholarship Committee, comprised of five community volunteers, invited twelve candidates to be interviewed. After individually scoring each candidates’ interview performance the committee re-tallied total scores to reveal which three students qualified for a second interview. After the second interviews and again scoring and re-tallying, the scholarship committee submitted the name of their nominee and two alternates to Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) for approval of their selection of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipient.

ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 31 regionally-accredited, degree-granting, nonprofit, private colleges and universities in Indiana. Their Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program staff facilitates the entire Lilly Scholarship process, from application to selection approval to paying the tuition bills. The scholarships are the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education. There have been over 4,300 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships awarded statewide since the program began in 1998.
Sam Daugherty Awarded
Irvin & Loretta Murphy Lilly Finalist Scholarship

For the distinction of being one of three finalists in competition for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, Sam Daugherty will receive the Irvin & Loretta Murphy Lilly Finalist Scholarship worth $1,500 for each of his four years of undergraduate study. The scholarship is made possible by the Irvin & Loretta Murphy Community Fund held at the Huntington County Community Foundation.

Daugherty is the son of Deb and Chad Daugherty of Huntington. He has been accepted by Purdue and Ball State Universities and plans on majoring in Engineering and minoring in Communications.

While at HNHS Daugherty has played football, basketball and baseball, including travel baseball, and participated in Campus Life, Sports Broadcasting, Huntington Youth Leadership, YFC Core Student Leaders, Student Athletic Board and as a Math tutor and Junior Rotarian. He also is a member of the National Honor Society. His volunteer activities include Soup Kitchen, Huntington Public Library, Pioneer Festival, HNHS Basketball Camp, Operation Backyard and the Otters Swim Team.

HCCF Lilly Finalist Scholarship Goes to Melanie Lisinicchia

Also receiving the honor of a Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship finalist, Melanie Lisinicchia will receive $1,500 scholarships for each of her four years of undergraduate study. A portion of this scholarship is provided by the Frank & Mary Crosser Community Fund held at the Huntington County Community Foundation.

Lisinicchia is the daughter of Tabatha and Brandon Lisinicchia of Huntington. She has been accepted to attend Indiana University majoring in Biology and Genetics plus a minor in Psychology with plans to pursue a Master of Science Degree in Genetic Counseling and work as a Genetic Counselor in a hospital setting.

A member of the HNHS National Honor Society and graduate of the Huntington Youth Leadership Academy, during her 3-year high school career Lisinicchia participated in Marching Vikes, Winter Guard, Masque and Gavel, Huntington Theater Guild, DEKA Yearbook Club, as well as serving as a Freshman Mentor and Math tutor. Her community service activities included Huntington House Homeless Shelter, Peoples Burn Foundation, Oasis for Us, Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, American Red Cross, Huntington Catholic Schools, Forks of the Wabash, Knights of Columbus and Andrews, Lancaster and Lincoln Elementary Schools.

Endowment Spotlight
Gary W. McCurley Scholarship

After Huntington native Gary McCurley passed away in 1998, his parents, Ken & Dottie, had the desire to memorialize their son by establishing a legacy in his name. A few years later, with the help of their local community foundation, the Gary W. McCurley Scholarship was born.

The McCurley’s worked with HCCF to craft scholarship criteria that fit Gary’s interests. The pursuit of business/law studies, acceptance into Indiana University, and active membership in a Christian church are all preferences within the McCurley Scholarship. To this day, the McCurley’s still sift through applications themselves and provide HCCF with valuable guidance into who they believe Gary would have chosen himself. In addition, annual donations to the fund by family members have increased the scholarship’s impact over time.

In a letter written in 2008, Ken & Dottie described their son as “a person who loved children but never was blessed with any of his own. He would buy bicycles for children who had none and clothes and toys for others.” Now eighteen years after his passing, Gary’s love for children lives on. Photo provided by Gary’s sister, Kathy Salzmann.
$54,859 in Make a Difference Grants
Invested into 19 Huntington County Nonprofits

You have passions. You can make an impact. You have the opportunity to be part of a legacy right here at home. By becoming a Community Impact partner, you can pool your charitable capabilities with like-minded Huntington citizens to provide a sustainable funding source for local nonprofit organizations. During this past fall grant cycle, HCCF received 27 grant applications requesting a combined total of $200,828. Of the 27 applicants, 19 projects were approved for full/partial funding totaling $54,859. Since 1994, nearly $1.4 million in Make a Difference grants have been awarded to nonprofit organizations seeking to strengthen their services for the citizens of Huntington County.

Huntington County 4-H Robotics $4,600
Our local, national-caliber 4H Robotics team was in need of additional technology to better serve the 45 students and 20 mentors involved in the program. Now with the addition of two laptop computers, seven tablet computers and a 3D printer, the team can create electrical diagrams, marketing artwork, input analytical scouting data and print student-designed robotic parts. The Bippus State Bank and Jim & Nancy Breiner Community Funds co-sponsored a portion of this grant.

Indiana Dream Center $2,039
The Thrift Store provides over 50% of the operational income for the Dream Center and with the need for a new furnace and air conditioning unit, HCCF and the Harrell & Kline Insurance & Investments Community Fund stepped up to fully fund a replacement.

Pathfinder Services $5,000
As part of Pathfinder’s relocation of their Creative Abilities Art Center to the Odd Fellow/UB block in downtown Huntington, these funds will supplement the resources needed to create an overall Community Arts Plan for Huntington County. Both the Fred & Becky Scheiber and Culp & Co. Community Funds provided partial funding towards this project slated to be completed in spring 2017.

Life’s Little Treasures Daycare $2,000
By expanding to a downtown Markle building, Little Treasures expects to be able to double their enrollment capacity and serve an additional 65 children. Help to purchase the building came from the EJ Richards Community Fund.

Oak Hill Farm $1,200
Serving around 30 physically/mentally disabled clients, Oak Hill Farm will use these funds to purchase modifications to saddles and develop sensory boards for use within the horse arena. Partial funding provided by the Jim & Gina Ditzler and Hiner Family Community Funds.

Huntington House Homeless Shelter $3,673
In the need of bed replacements, the Shelter was able to purchase three twin bunks, two twin over full bunks, and bed bug resistant mattresses and pillows. Additionally, a surveillance system was installed as an added security measure for staff and shelter residents. Full project funding was provided by the Boies & Eloise Hart Community Fund.

Warren Health & Fitness, Inc. $5,000
Extra spinning bikes will help more people in the Warren community improve their cardiovascular circulation and weight management/loss. The Jim & Linda Howell and David Daugherly Community Funds teamed up to sponsor the bikes.

Andrews Lions Club $1,649
The Lions plan to purchase a projector and laptop for community movie nights, education on Lion-ism and summer baseball signups. Partial project sponsorship by the Robert & Vera Deal Community Fund.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington County $10,000
The ninth payment towards a $100,000 pledge towards the new Club facility that has boosted daily enrollment over 100%. Partial funding for this payment came from the Purviance Family Community Fund.

Community & Family Services Energy Assistance Program (EAP) $1,000
EAP’s local Community Support Specialist now has the ability to provide on-site service to our local shut-in population with a new laptop and printer. The Mildred Fuller Community Fund provided partial funding for this enhanced service.

Place of Grace $2,650
Teaming up with local Roanoke website developers, Clear Elevation, Place of Grace will have a new website in 2017. Partial project support came from the Bill & Barbara Hancher and Harold & Pauline Bailey Community Funds.

Parkview Huntington Family YMCA $3,000
Partnering with the City of Huntington and HCCSC, this grant will assist in the construction of sidewalks and a crosswalk connecting the YMCA and Crestview Middle School. The Steve & Alyce Zahn Community Fund helped HCCF fund the cost of this grant.

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**Community & Family Services**

**Head Start** $2,895

By implementing one of the DIG: Develop, Inspire, Grow curriculums, Head Start expects to increase their children’s school readiness in math, science, literacy, and letter recognition by over 10%. Partial project funding from the Howell-Ehler-Wiley Community Fund.

**Police Athletic League** $1,301

With increasing program participation, the PAL will use this grant for the excavating/stone needed to add approximately 40 additional parking spots. Project sponsored by the Wallace P. Smith Memorial Fund.

**Victory Noll Center** $1,480

With a busy year of organizational change, the funds will be used to purchase a laptop computer for the new Business Manager position at the Center. The Herb & Corinne Scheiber and Don & Lou Rayne Scheiber Community Funds co-sponsored a part of the laptop cost.

**Historic Forks of the Wabash** $3,250

The 20-year-old pavilion originally built with a HCCF sponsored Lilly Endowment grant was in need of a new metal roof, underside ceiling, staining, and sealing. Partial funding provided by the Dr. Ron & Judy Frischman and Philip & Jackie Karst Community Funds.

**Huntington County Free Health Clinic** $561

Funds were used to replace a broken office chair and create professional signage to better guide patients throughout the clinic. HCCF partnered with the John & Midge Decker Community Fund to complete the grant.

**Quayle VP Learning Center** $1,000

The VP Learning Center plans to create a scholarship fund aimed at providing educational programming for Huntington County students with financial need. Full scholarship funding came from the Hiner Family Fund.

**LaFontaine Center** $2,600

Chairs in the busy Community Room have been worn down and broken over years of service. The Paul & Lois Cook Community Fund helped HCCF furnish the LaFontaine Center with new chairs for daily use by the residents for activities, meals, entertainment, etc.