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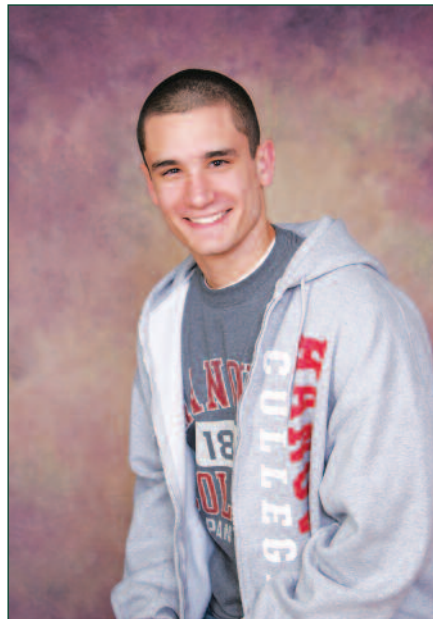
A Community Foundation



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Congratulations to the 2009 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Recipients!



Adam Garringer



Mason Murphy

The Portland Foundation is sponsoring these upcoming events:

Harvest Hoppers - Gifting Grain to GROW dollars!

The **Friends of Jay County Agriculture** will hold the Harvest Hoppers on **October 14 & 20** for soybeans and **November 5 & 10** for corn. See page 5 for details.

Women's Giving Circle Grant Awards Reception

Monday, **October 26**, at 7 p.m. - Jay County Public Library Community Room
After a brief business meeting, the Giving Circle will announce the 2009 grant award recipients. Refreshments will be served.

The mission of The Portland Foundation is to enhance the quality of life for the people of Jay County, Indiana, now and for generations to come, by building community endowment, effecting significant impact through grantmaking and providing leadership on key community issues.



2009 SUMMER GRANT AWARDS

The Board of Trustees of The Portland Foundation has approved grants totaling **\$20,743** for six Jay County projects for the 2009 summer grant cycle.

Community and Family Services - \$2,574 for support of the organization's Heartlite energy assistance program.

Jay Community Center - \$1,800 for upgrade of the Center's website.

Jay-Randolph Developmental Services - \$3,969 for renovation of the organization's Community Fitness Walk.

John Jay Center for Learning - \$10,000 towards purchase of storm windows for the John Jay Center. \$458 comes from the Fund for a More Attractive Community, a field of interest fund dedicated to the beautification of Portland. The remainder comes from unrestricted funds.

LEAD-ECI - \$400 for a partial scholarship for a Jay County resident to attend the organization's leadership training.

Salvation Army Jay County Unit - \$2,000 for basic human needs assistance for Jay County residents.

The next grant application deadline is January 6, 2010 by 5 p.m.

SUMMER TEACHER CREATIVITY MINI-GRANTS AWARDED

The Board of Trustees of The Portland Foundation has approved Teacher Creativity Mini-Grants totaling **\$1,150** for seven projects for the second half of 2009. The mini-grants are to help cover the cost (\$250 or less) of creative learning experiences which teachers feel are important to their students, yet are outside the budget of their school.

This program is funded by the Virgil and Josephine Thomas Educational Fund and serves to allow teachers to become more creative in their teaching styles and methods, without being hindered by cost.

**GENERAL SHANKS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
KINDERGARTEN**

Nora Stephens and Kristin Westgerdes - \$100 for materials to make dog biscuits and sell them as a fundraiser for the Jay County Humane Society.

**JAY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
9TH GRADE**

Dennis Dwiggins, Chrissy Kreig, and Krista Muhlenkamp - \$100 each to purchase items for the Freshman Academy's "Pay it Forward" philanthropy project.

**JUDGE HAYNES
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Gladys Mitchel - \$250 to purchase pedometers for a walking program to promote wellness for her 2nd grade class.

Rex Pinkerton - \$250 to assist in the purchase of a student response system for the 3rd grade classroom, which allows greater student participation.

**ZION EARLY LEARNING
CENTER PRESCHOOL**

Cindy Strietelmeier - \$250 to assist in the purchase of musical instruments to be used in the Orff Schulwerk method of music instruction.

The next Teacher Creativity Mini-Grant application deadline is February 1, 2010 by 5 p.m.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Portland Foundation awarded scholarships totaling **\$85,270** to the following 61 students for the 2009 winter scholarship cycle:

Amy Alig	Caitlin Hilfiker	Phillip Powell
Michael Ault	Jennifer Hunt	Matthew Price
Shaylynn Bailey	Megan Huntsman	Kelci Reed
Amanda Baldauf	Alexander Ingram	Samuel Richards
Paige Beaty	Amber Kaufman	April Roser
Thomas Bowen	Tera Kelly	Briann Saxman
Jennifer Buckland	Cassandra Laux	Shayla Shirk
Stephanie Byrum	Lance Louth	Dexter Shreve
Ashley Cosner	MacKenzie Loy	Kyle Simmons
Lindsey Current	Brittany Mann	Ivy Simons
Alisha DeWitt	Douglas Mayfield	Tricia Skiver
Michelle Dirksen	Hannah McAbee	Esther Stephen
Thomas Dunn III	Aaron McLaughlin	Corinne Vormohr
Madeline Fennig	Carrie Minnich	Brianne Wellman
Emily Franks	Gina Muhlenkamp	Kylie Wellman
Joseph Franks	Mason Murphy	William Wellman
Adam Garringer	Lauren Murrell	Sarah Westgerdes
Sarah Garringer	Mallory Myers	Cameron Wolford
Ashli Godfrey	Thomasina O'Conner	Joshua Yoder
Lauren Haggenjos	Isaac Poole	
Jaqueline Hein	Amy Powell	

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Board of Trustees of The Portland Foundation has approved scholarships totaling **\$20,540** for eighteen Jay County residents for the summer 2009 scholarship cycle.

The Altrusa Club of Portland Scholarship is awarded annually to a Jay County resident who is a non-traditional student. **Kari Brotherton** will receive a one-time award of \$180.

The Janet B. Arnold Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a Jay County High School graduate who is a college junior or senior and is majoring in elementary education. **Allison Fullenkamp** will receive a one-time award of \$250.

The Alwyn Carder Scholarship is awarded annually to a Jay County resident who is a college junior or senior and is majoring in architecture, history, or education. **Mason Shreve** and **Britney Shawver** will each receive \$3,000 payable at \$750 per semester for four semesters and **Andrew Pinkerton** will receive \$1,500 payable at \$750 per semester for two semesters.

The John Jay Center for Learning Scholarship is awarded to a Jay County resident who is pursuing a degree through the John Jay Center. **Abigail Bushee, Elizabeth Franks, Kari Griffith, Deborah Howell, Dawn Johnson, Susan McIntire, Angela Nichols,** and **Jodi Scott** will each receive a one-time award of \$350.

The Robert and Helen Brown McCreery Scholarship is awarded annually to a Jay County High School graduate who is majoring in either engineering or computer science at Purdue University. **Kelsey Bone** will receive a one-time award of \$200.

The Jerry R. Pierce Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually, with preference given to employees and descendents of employees of W & M Manufacturing, Pier-Mac Plastics, and Accelerated Curing. **Thomas Bowen, David Jones, Kyle McCabe,** and **Phillip Powell** will each receive a one-time award of \$2,400.

LILLY COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Helping Students Build Dreams

Since 1998, The Portland Foundation has awarded 25 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships to Jay County High School graduating seniors. The scholarship provides full tuition, required fees, and \$800 per year for books and equipment for up to four years of full-time undergraduate study. The Foundation recently contacted the 15 recipients who graduated between 1998 and 2004 to inquire about their current status. Information on seven of the individuals was featured in our spring 2009 newsletter. Updates on the other eight Lilly Scholars are listed below.

Natalie Hosier became a Lilly Scholar in 2002. Natalie attended Butler University and received her degree in 2008. She is currently seeking her Doctoral degree at Butler. She lives in Fishers and is employed as a pharmacist at Walgreens.

Emily Padilla also became a Lilly

Scholar in 2002. Emily attended Huntington University, receiving a degree in biology in 2006. Emily lives in Rochester, Indiana where she is employed as a customer service specialist for Equity Residential Housing in Indianapolis.

Ashley Muhlenkamp Stachler was one of three Lilly Scholars in 2003. Ashley attended Butler University and received a degree in accounting in 2007. She was married in 2008 and is employed in Indianapolis as a public accountant.

Alison Muhlenkamp became a Lilly Scholar in 2003. Alison graduated in 2007 from Indiana Institute of Technology with degrees in accounting and business administration management. She lives in Minnesota where she is employed as an accountant. She is engaged to be married later this year.

Amber Golden Ford also received a Lilly Scholarship in 2003. Amber

received a degree in accounting in 2007 from the University of Indianapolis. She lives in Avon, Indiana with her husband and currently works for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Indianapolis.

Jay Muhlenkamp became a Lilly Scholar in 2004. He attended Purdue University and received a degree in AgriBusiness Management in 2007. Jay is employed in Jay County as a Farm Manager.

Emily Lyons received a Lilly Scholarship in 2004. She received a degree in computer science from DePauw University. She is currently a graduate student and teaching assistant at Indiana University.

Adam Ford also received a Lilly Scholarship in 2004. Adam graduated in 2008 with an engineering degree from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. He is employed as an associate engineer at Rolls-Royce in Indianapolis.

LEGACY SOCIETY

Planned giving allows people to make charitable gifts beyond those which they might give on an outright basis. The Portland Foundation's Legacy Society provides a meaningful way to recognize individuals *now* for gifts that will be realized sometime in the future. While the vehicle for the gifts may differ, the effect is the same - **enhancing the lives of Jay County residents.**

The Portland Foundation understands and appreciates the thoughtful planning that will result in gifts of bequests, charitable trusts, and life insurance policies. Participation is easy. For membership in the Legacy Society, a signature is all that is required. Gifts can be used in a variety of ways to achieve a range of charitable goals. Members will be recognized in Foundation publications and will be invited to participate in special events.

On behalf of future generations, we thank those who have let us know of gifts to be given to The Portland Foundation in the future:

*Carl Bimel, Jr.
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*Donald W. Johnson
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*One
generation
plants the
trees . . . those
following
enjoy the
shade.*

2009 HARVEST HOPPERS

October 14 & 20 and November 5 & 10

Last October, the Friends of Jay County Agriculture introduced the Harvest Hoppers Initiative. Two semi tractor trailer rigs were driven to several farming locations around the county. Farmers had the opportunity to turn their augers on for as long as they wished. Through the generosity of many farmers and farm families, **\$12,300** in grain was contributed to the Friends of Jay County Agriculture funds. The purpose of these funds is to provide support to those organizations which most positively impact the field of agriculture in Jay County.

This year **Harvest Hoppers** will be held on **October 14 & 20** for beans and **November 5 & 10** for corn.



There are three ways to participate in this project:

- **Harvest Hoppers** contribution into our semi
- Gift of grain at one of the local terminals
- Cash gift to the Foundation

Please call the Foundation office at 260-726-4260 to schedule a time for participation in **2009 Harvest Hoppers** on one of the dates mentioned above.

The Friends of Jay County Agriculture group has set a goal of \$500,000 for the initial endowment. If gifts from producers, land owners, and businesses reach this goal, a **\$25,000 grant distribution** could be made to the Jay County Ag Community every year!

As of July 31, 2009, the balance of the Friends of Jay County Agriculture Endowment was \$34,000, while the total in the Friends of Jay County Agriculture Fund was \$3,650.

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