

2017-2018 KOSCIUSKO YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

A Letter From The President

On behalf of the Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate each member of the 2018 graduating class on a job well done and also express my gratitude to them for their philanthropy within this community. This marks the 25th year of providing an opportunity for juniors from six area high schools to be involved in KYLA. This year 30 students have spent the last nine months learning about various aspects of the community, leadership, and how they can contribute by becoming better leaders. They have volunteered their time to serve their community as well as complete an altruistic community initiative called Project Proud. The Project Proud presentations this year were impressive and showed each student has ingenuity, creativity and willingness to identify a cause and work to be part of the solution. Great job! I would like to express my sincere thanks for all who have contributed to the success of KYLA throughout the year. Many business leaders volunteered time, resources and facilities to assist us. Also, many thanks to the parents and the schools who have supported the students throughout

the year. We appreciate your interest in the future of our community. I would also like to recognize the contributions of the KYLA Board Members this year. I appreciate all they have done to help make this another successful KYLA class. We wish the best to each of the graduates and look forward to seeing them in leadership roles in our community in the future.

Carl Lauster,
President
Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy

KOSCIUSKO YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
25th Anniversary

Warsaw Wawasee
Tippecanoe Lakeland
Triton Whitko



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KYLA Class of 2018: Front Row (Left to Right) Morgan Adkins, Olivia James, Makenzie Oldham, Miriam Hagg, Rachel Boyle, Lauren Starrett, Tyleana Hoffer, Alysha May, Lesley Tayagua
Second Row (Left to Right) Sarah Tucker, Hannah Jansma, Emily Peterson, Lynae Dawson, Annie Carter, Mercedes Winkelman, Sarah Hewitt, Kaitlin Frank, Karianne Dunifin, Abigail Powell
Back Row (Left to Right) Sasha West, Dominic Smith, Alex Cook, Isaiah VanPuffelen, Royce Smith, Bobby Smith, Aaron Stichter, Anthony Bass, Elijah Holder, Valerie Messmore, Mary Yeo

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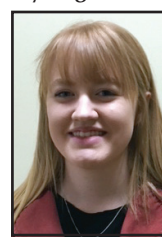



















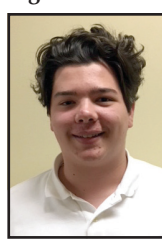





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<p>Morgan Adkins Wawasee Community High School Activities: Basketball, Baseball Manager, and Warrior Leadership Committee Project Proud Title: Hoopin' for a Cause Parents: Randy Adkins & Sherri Adkins Siblings: Logan Adkins & Kennedy Adkins Future College: IUPUI Major: Pre-Dentistry</p> 	<p>Anthony Bass Warsaw Community High School Activities: Cross-Country, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Youth Group, Science and Math Academic Super Bowl, Student Athletic Board, Part-time job Project Proud Title: Serving Those Who Served Us - Parents: Anjali, Andrew and Dawn-Marie Bass Siblings: Jacob Bass and Rebecca Bass Future College: Purdue University Major: Mechanical or Bimedical Engineering</p> 	<p>Rachel Boyle Warsaw Community High School Activities: Octagon club, Key club, National Honor Society, Choir, Tennis Project Proud Title: The Giving Basket Parents: Patrick and Sharon Boyle Siblings: Scott, Michael, Sarah Boyle Future College: Purdue University Major: Business</p> 	<p>Annie Carter Warsaw Community High School Activities: FCCLA, Dream Council, KYLA Project Proud Title: Clear Water Parents: Kevin Carter and Virginia Carter Siblings: Bryce Carter and Kyle Carter Future College: Calvin College Major: Natural Resources and Conservation</p> 	<p>Alex Cook Warsaw Community High School Activities: Swim Team Project Proud Title: Bowling for Baker Parents: Kevin and Missy Cook Siblings: Ethan Cook Future College: Undecided, maybe MIT Major: Engineering</p> 	<p>Lynae Dawson Warsaw Community High School Activities: NHS, Track and Field Project Proud Title: Dare to Bowl for Fellowship Missions Parents: Chris and Kim Dawson Siblings: Kyle, Whitney, Wyatt Dawson Future College: Undecided Major: Occupational Therapy</p> 	<p>Karianne Dunifin Triton Jr./Sr. High School Activities: 4-H, DECA, P7, Student Council, Science Club, Spanish Club, Choir Project Proud Title: 54 Fest Parents: Kimberly and Brian Dunifin Siblings: Iris and Gavin Dunifin Future College: Undecided Major: Business Management/Marketing or Chemistry</p> 	<p>Kaitlin Frank Whitko High School Activities: (NHS), (YFC), CORE leadership, (WCYL), campus life, (YFC MS leader), Peacekeepers, student council, school photography and videography, art club, youth group Project Proud Title: The Giving Basket Parents: Stacy and Joel Frank Siblings: Abbi Frank Future College: The University of Chicago Major: Cellular and Molecular Medicine/Engineering</p> 	<p>Miriam Hagg Warsaw Community High School Activities: Golf, Kosciusko Endowment Youth Services, Philanthropic Ideas, Strategy, and Heart, National Honors Society Project Proud Title: The Giving Basket Parents: Brad and Aimee Hagg Siblings: McKale Hagg Future College: Undecided Major: Speech Language Pathology</p> 	<p>Sarah Hewitt Whitko High School Activities: Student Council, National Honor Society, Special Olympics Committee, Peacekeepers, Volleyball, Basketball Project Proud Title: The Giving Basket Parents: Dana & Julie Hewitt Siblings: Zach Hewitt Future College: Undecided Major: Undecided</p> 
<p>Tyleana Hoffer Triton Jr./Sr. High School Activities: Elem. Teacher's Aid, Art Club, Science Club, Spirit Club Project Proud Title: 54 Fest Parents: Rachel Senff and Todd Hoffer Future College: Purdue University Major: Nursing</p> 	<p>Elijah Holder Tippecanoe Valley High School Activities: Academic Team, Student Council, National Honor Society, Archery, Robotics Project Proud Title: Serving Those Who Served Us Parents: William and Joy Holder Siblings: Tailla and Sienna Holder Future College: Purdue Major: Engineering - Mechanical/Electrical</p> 	<p>Olivia James Warsaw Community High School Activities: WCHS theatre department, thespian troupe, students for life Project Proud Title: Clear Water Parents: Heather and Chad James Siblings: Brady and Ayrton Future College: Ball State University Major: Elementary Education</p> 	<p>Hannah Jansma Tippecanoe Valley High School Activities: Volleyball, Peer Facilitators, Student Council, FFA, National Honors Society Project Proud Title: 4-H Awareness Drive and Open House Parents: Mike Jansma and Rosy Jansma Siblings: Marcus Jansma Future College: Purdue University or University of Minnesota Major: Pharmaceuticals</p> 	<p>Alysha May Triton Jr./Sr. High School Activities: Golf, Track, NHS, FCS, Yearbook, Spirit Club, Art Club, Science Club Project Proud Title: Clear Water Parents: Jeremy and Terri May Siblings: Shayla, Makenna and Javan Future College: Undecided Major: Film Production</p> 	<p>Valerie Messmore Warsaw Community High School Activities: FFA, Student Council, 4-H, Business Professionals of America, and Golf Project Proud Title: 4-H Awareness Drive and Open House Parents: Brent and Renea Messmore Siblings: Amanda, Steve, and Shana Future College: Purdue or Butler University Major: Accounting/Finance</p> 	<p>Makenzie Oldham Tippecanoe Valley High School Activities: Student Council, Girls of Grace, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Sunshine Society, Peer Facilitators, Prom Committee, National Honor Society, The Muggle, and Valley Hometown Board Project Proud Title: Go for the Green and Gold Parents: Heather Hartman and Cobie Oldham Siblings: Peyton Oldham Future College: Undecided Major: Elementary Education</p> 	<p>Emily Peterson Tippecanoe Valley High School Activities: KYLA, Student Council, Basketball & Volleyball Project Proud Title: Dare to Bowl for Fellowship Missions Parents: Brian Peterson & Tracy Peterson Siblings: Haley & Abbey Future College: Undecided Major: Undecided</p> 	<p>Abigail Powell Triton Jr./Sr. High School Activities: Varsity Girls Basketball, Varsity Girls Track and Field, Varsity Girls Cross country, Art Club, Marshall County 4-H, Triton FFA Vice President, District 2 FFA Sentinel, DECA Officer, Helping Hands Anti-bullying club, Spirit Club, Kosciusko County Youth Leadership Academy, Purdue Extension Board Youth Member (Marshall County), Hoosier Girls State Delegate, Prom committee Project Proud Title: Critter Crawl Parents: Brandon and Melea Hoffer Siblings: Ivy and Mitchell Powell Future College: Purdue University or Huntington University • Major: Agriculture Finance</p> 	<p>Bobby Smith Triton Jr./Sr. High School Activities: FFA and KYLA Project Proud Title: Critter Crawl Parents: Randy Smith and Jennifer Roy Siblings: Sydney Smith Future College: Indiana University Bloomington Major: Criminal Justice</p> 
<p>Dominic Smith Warsaw Community High School Activities: Student Council, Choir, and Soccer Project Proud Title: Bowling for Baker Parents: Nicole Smith, Michael Smith Siblings: Abigail Smith, Andrew Smith Future College: Purdue University, Indiana University, or Butler University Major: Marketing with a Spanish minor</p> 	<p>Royce Smith Warsaw Community High School Activities: Baseball, BPA, YCC Project Proud Title: Bowling for Baker Parents: Eric Smith, Nicole Smith Siblings: Kennedy Smith Future College: Indiana University Major: Entrepreneurship & Marketing</p> 	<p>Lauren Starrett Lakeland Christian Academy Activities: Student Senate, Soccer, Basketball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Officer- National Honor Society Project Proud Title: Clear Water Parents: Matt and Gloria Starrett Siblings: Rachel and Hannah Starrett Future College: Undecided Major: Nursing</p> 	<p>Aaron Stichter Triton Jr./Sr. High School Activities: Varsity Football Project Proud Title: 54 Fest Parents: Tim Stichter, Evelyn Stichter Siblings: Grant, Heather, and Drew Future College: Possibly Taylor U. or Asbury U. Major: Film Production</p> 	<p>Lesley Tayagua Wawasee Community High School Activities: Golf, Unified Track, Warrior Leadership Committee, Student Council, DECA, and Academic Superbowl Project Proud Title: Hoopin' for a Cause Parents: Rosalia Tayagua and Victor Tayagua Siblings: Brandon Tayagua, Ian Tayagua, and Jazlyn Tayagua Future College: University of Notre Dame Major: Political Science</p> 	<p>Sarah Tucker Tippecanoe Valley High School Activities: Track and Field, FFA, Student Council, National Honors Society Project Proud Title: 4-H Awareness Drive and Open House Parents: Chan and Nicole Tucker Siblings: Karis and Luke Tucker Future College: Purdue University Major: Agribusiness</p> 	<p>Isaiah VanPuffelen Warsaw Community High School Activities: Soccer, FCA, Octagon Club, YCC Project Proud Title: Bowling for Baker Parents: Kelli and Ryan VanPuffelen Siblings: Emma and Noah Future College: Undecided Major: Business related Major</p> 	<p>Sasha West Triton Jr./Sr. High School Activities: Choir, Trojan Singers, Band, Jazz Band, Musicals, and Plays Project Proud Title: Angel with Paws Parents: Ray and Doretta West Siblings: Joseph West Future College: Indiana Wesleyan Major: Music Education</p> 	<p>Mercedes Winkelman Wawasee Community High School Activities: Warrior Leadership Committee, Student Council, Theater, DECA Project Proud Title: Clothes for a Cause Parents: The Late Steve Winkelman and Kari McClain Siblings: Justin Winkelman Future College: Undecided Major: Physical Sciences</p> 	<p>Mary Yeo Triton Jr./Sr. High School Activities: NHS, Helping Hands, KYLA, Project 7 Bible Club Project Proud Title: 54 Fest Parents: Russ and Jennifer Yeo Siblings: Clay, Masen and Cynthia Yeo Future College: Undecided Major: Pre-Law</p> 