

KOSCIUSKO YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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A Letter From The President

Thirteen years have now passed by for the Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy, and once again, this year has provided both the challenge and excitement that accompanies the learning and discovery process for all those involved. The future leaders profiled on this page have demonstrated that becoming involved in the community can be rewarding and beneficial in many ways.

Our students, juniors from six local area high schools, have spent the last several months learning about various aspects of the community along with leadership and communication skills. The Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy Class of 2005-2006 just celebrated the final event for the year - graduation! The annual graduation banquet was held Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at the 2517 Banquet Facility in Warsaw, IN. We believe that the experiences the students have gained from their involvement in the Academy will be lasting and will serve as a foundation for continuing friendships and commitment to community needs, wherever life takes them.

On behalf of the Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy Board, I would like to express my sincere thanks for all who have contributed to the success of Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy throughout the past twelve years. Many of you have volunteered time, resources and facilities to assist us. I would also like to thank the parents and the schools who have supported the students throughout the year. We appreciate your interest and investment in our future.

I would also like to recognize the contributions of the board members. I truly appreciate all that each of you have done to make this year a successful one, and look forward to working with you in the years to come.

Lastly, I'd like to thank each of our students for their year long commitment to the academy and a job well done. Good luck and congratulations Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy students.

Coral Amspaugh-Topolski, President


Scott Harman
Warsaw Community High School



Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Football, Basketball
Hobbies: Basketball, Reading
Future College: Purdue
Major: Engineering (Electrical)
Family Members & Names: Mom (Ann)
Project Proud Topic: Baker's Youth Clubs

Harman, Dad (John Harman), Brothers (Nick, Brent), Sister (Audra)

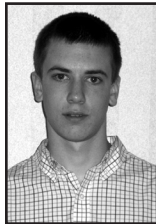
Andrew Nicodemus
Whitko High School



Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: BPA, FFA, Softball Managing, Tennis, NHS
Hobbies: Running, Showing Dairy Cattle, Tennis
Future College: Purdue University Or Manchester College
Major: Business Management Or Banking & Finance
Family Members & Names: Patricia Nicodemus (Mom), William Nicodemus (Dad),
Project Proud Topic: Soldier Thank You's From Elementary Students

Brothers: Jason, Doug, Patrick, Daryl, Adam, Sisters: Anne, Andrea Starkey (Nicodemus), Amanda

Randall Wilkinson
Whitko High School



Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Football, Basketball, 4-H, FFA, Art Club
Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing
Future College: Undecided
Major: Undecided
Family Members & Names: Parents: Rex & Debra Wilkinson, Sisters: Rita, Lisa, And Julie Wilkinson
Project Proud Topic: Letters For Soldiers



May the future hold an abundance of happiness and a long string of successes for you, as you move on through your life and career. Congratulations to all our graduates!

Kylee Brown
Whitko High School



Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis, Art Club
Hobbies: Traveling, Skiing
Future College: IU
Major: Graphic Design
Family Members & Names: Scott Brown (Dad), Kim Brown (Mom), Brothers: Kaleb & Kameron Brown
Project Proud Topic: Letters To Soldiers

Alex Hall
Warsaw Community High School



Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Soccer, KEYS, Prom Committee
Hobbies: Soccer
Future College: Undecided, IU Maybe
Major: Non-Fo-Profit Management
Family Members & Names: Father: Mark,
Project Proud Topic: Spanish/English Children's Book

Mother: Angel, Sister: Stefanie

Joseph David Ahlesmeyer
Warsaw Community High School



Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Football, Baseball, Mathletes, Church Youth Group, SADD
Hobbies: Mountain Biking, Reading, Camping, Weightlifting
Future College: Purdue University
Major: Finance
Family Members & Names: Parents: David & Shelley, Sisters: Abby-21, Emily-19, Brothers: Tim-11, Josh-9
Project Proud Topic: Bridging The Social Gap

Dustin Johnson
Warsaw Community High School




Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Soccer, Spanish Club, Mathletes
Hobbies: Soccer, Mountain Biking, Tubing
Future College: University Of Michigan
Major: Undecided
Family Members & Names: Dad: Paul Johnson, Mom: Laura Johnson, Brother: Nathan, Sister: Amber
Project Proud Topic: Bridging The Social Gap

Brittany Mason
Triton Jr./Sr. High School



Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: KYLA, FBLA, NHS, Spanish/Science/Art Clubs, Student Council, Hoosier Girls State, Golf, Basketball, Dance
Hobbies: Golf, Basketball, Dance, Swimming, Reading, Work/Sandwich Artist (Subway)
Future College: Indiana University, Bloomington
Major: Graphic Design
Family Members & Names: Ralph, Louise, Victoria (Torie), Lewis (LJ)
Project Proud Topic: Boys & Girls Club

Andrea Morales
Whitko High School



Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: FBLA, KYLA, FCCLA, FCS, Spanish Club, Science Club, Guitar Club, Hoosier Girls State Delegate, Student Council, School Musicals
Hobbies: Working On The Farm, Singing, Nippance Missionary Church Youth Group, Reading, Traveling
Future College: Indiana University, Bloomington
Major: Marketing/Advertising
Family Members & Names: David Morales, Ana, Javi, Alex And Andrea
Project Proud Topic: Cultural Connections

Audrey Speicher
Triton Jr./Sr. High School



Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: FBLA, KYLA, FCCLA, FCS, Spanish Club, Science Club, Guitar Club, Hoosier Girls State Delegate, Student Council, School Musicals
Hobbies: Working On The Farm, Singing, Nippance Missionary Church Youth Group, Reading, Traveling
Future College: Indiana University, Bloomington
Major: Marketing/Advertising
Family Members & Names: Dad: Bruce, Mom: Jerrita Rachel, Tim, Ben Speicher
Project Proud Topic: 2-1-1 Advertising

Kirk Bates
Triton Jr./Sr. High School



Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Basketball, NHS, KYLA, Art Club, Spanish Club, Science Club, Class President, Student Council
Hobbies: Basketball, Golf, Swimming, Cars, 4H
Future College: Indiana University Bloomington
Major: Accounting
Family Members & Names: Jon & Kim Bates, Jennifer & Jeff
Project Proud Topic: Boys & Girls Club

Jeanna Sell
Triton Jr./Sr. High School



Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: FCCLA, NHS, Student Council, Spanish Club, Cross Country, Track, Youth Group, Student Council
Hobbies: Running, Play Tennis, Swimming, Daycare Work
Future College: Undecided
Major: Nursing
Family Members & Names: Tony & Jackie Sell (Parents), Toby, Troy, Jana
Project Proud Topic: Boys & Girls Club

Kerissa White
Warsaw Community High School




Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Swimming And Diving, Latin Club, Mathletes, Tutoring
Hobbies: Reading, Shopping, Spending Time With Friends, Watching Movies
Future College: University Of Georgia
Major: Finance
Family Members & Names: Ginny & Steve White (Parents), Sister: Erika
Project Proud Topic: Baker's Youth Club

Alexis Hollar
Warsaw Community High School



Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Varsity Swimming Team, Octagon Club, KYLA, Business Professionals Of America, Mathletes, People To People, Latin Club
Hobbies: Swimming, Hanging Out On The Lake, Wakeboarding & Tubing, Shopping, Spending Time With Family & Friends
Future College: Summer Term 2006 At Georgetown University, Vanderbilt University After High School
Major: Psychology
Family Members & Names: Pamela - Mom, Late Tom Hollar - Dad, Jessica - Sister
Project Proud Topic: Baker's Youth Club

Adam Weaver
Tippecanoe Valley High School




Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: NHS, Drama Club, Marching Band, Musicals, Academic Team, Student Government, Peers
Hobbies: Playing The French Horn, Computers
Future College: Undecided
Major: Undecided
Family Members & Names: Erin, Emily, Alex, Tom - Father, Jill Weaver - Mother
Project Proud Topic: Cultural Connection

Jamie Widman
Lakeland Christian Academy



Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Varsity Basketball And Soccer, Evidence (Select Singing Group), Teens For Life And Steering Committee, AWANA Leader At Church, NHS
Hobbies: Sports, Working Out, Hanging Out With Friends
Future College: Cedarville University Or Indiana Wesleyan University
Major: Nursing & Possibly Missions
Family Members & Names: Jay & Lori And Brother Joel Widman
Project Proud Topic: 2-1-1 United Way

Andrew Rhodes
Triton Jr./Sr. High School




Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Science Club, Trojan Singers
Hobbies: Writing, Reading, Playing Keyboard
Future College: Valparaiso
Major: Music Education/Professional Writing
Family Members & Names: Father: David Rhodes, Mother: Diana Fisher
Project Proud Topic: C.H.A.F.I.A.

Sarah Wilson
Homeschool



Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, AWANAS
Hobbies: Sports, Hanging Out With Friends
Future College: Bethel College & Indiana Wesleyan University
Major: Undecided
Family Members & Names: Tim And Sharon, Sister: Stephanie And Brother: Craig
Project Proud Topic: 2-1-1 United Way

Joshua Wall
Whitko High School




Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: NHS, Venturing, Shooting Sports, Bowling, Academic Team, Youth Group
Hobbies: Camping, Spending Time With Friends, Canoeing, Traveling
Future College: Purdue University
Major: Aerospace Engineering
Family Members & Names: Sister: Kelly, Sister: Jamie, Mom: Angie, Dad: David
Project Proud Topic: Writing Cards For Soldiers Overseas

Erin Weybright
Wawasee High School



Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: IMPACT, NHS, Church @ Nippance: Missionary Church, Academic Super Bowl, Drama/Theatrical Club
Hobbies: Drama, Going To Concerts, Playing Tennis
Future College: Undecided
Major: Business & Finance
Family Members & Names: Andrea Newman - Mom, Sisters: Megan Weaver, Angela & Morgan Weybright
Project Proud Topic: Benefit Concert For Teen Parents Succeeding

Lindsey Drent
Wawasee High School



Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Student Representative Council (Junior Class Vice-President), IMPACT, Youth Group, Piano Lessons, National Honor Society
Hobbies: Running, Playing Volleyball, Baking, Taking Care Of Little Kids
Future College: Undecided
Major: Nursing
Family Members & Names: Dad: Myron, Mom: Krista, Brothers: Adam And Ethan
Project Proud Topic: Benefit Concert For Teen Parents Succeeding

Kristen Zeigler
Wawasee High School



Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Student Council, Cheerleading, National Honor Society
Hobbies: Dance, Skiing, Spending Time On The Lake
Future College: Indiana University - Bloomington
Major: Communications
Family Members & Names: Bryan Zeigler - Dad, Laura Zeigler - Mom, Courtney Zeigler - Sister
Project Proud Topic: Benefit Concert For Teen Parents Succeeding

Candice Gabhart
Triton Jr./Sr. High School



Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: FCCLA, Spanish Club, Peer Mediation, NHS, DI, Youth Group, Church Choir, Praise And Worship Band
Future College: Honor Academy
Major: Ministry
Family Members & Names: Father: James Gabhart, Mother: Lorri Gabhart, James, Cherish, David Gabhart
Project Proud Topic: Chafia Swap Shop