

KOSCIUSKO YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy is now completing our ninth year of providing a challenge and a learning experience for 25 junior students in our community. The 25 students from five high schools have spent the last nine months learning about various aspects of the community, leadership, and communication. They have volunteered their time in our community for the "White Paper Projects" and have done a fine job. We have seen so many of the young men and women change their leadership styles in the last few months.

As we now prepare for their final event of their KYLA Class of 2001-2002, the graduation banquet will take place on Wednesday, May 1, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. at the 2517 Banquet Facility in Warsaw, IN. I would like to congratulate the 25 students on a job well done and also express my thanks to them for volunteering their time in our community. I hope they will take their friendships and commitment that they have shared from our Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy and reward our community in the future.

On behalf of the KYLA Board, 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. We would also like to thank 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 you have done this year to help make this another successful graduating KYLA Class. We wish the best to each of the graduates and look forward to seeing them in their leadership roles in our community in the future. We had 25 special individuals and the future looks bright for the Kosciusko County community. GOOD LUCK KOSCIUSKO YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRADUATES!

Dean Golden, President

Nick Bruick

Warsaw — Warsaw Community High School

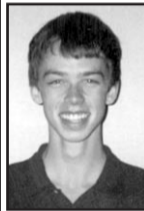


Activities: Soccer, Student Council, Mentor Program
Hobbies: Soccer, Appreciation Of Music, Snowboarding, Golf, Indoor Soccer
College: DePauw
Major: Forensic Sciences
Family: Parents: David & Rhonda Bruick; Siblings:

Lindsay & Ryan
Project Proud Topic: English As A Second Language (ESL)

Adam Hodge

Winona Lake — Warsaw Community High School



Activities: Soccer, Track, Student Council, Peer Mediating, First Methodist Youth Group
Hobbies: Reading, Listening To Music
College: DePauw Or Dickinson
Major: Undecided
Family: Parents: Brian &

Barb Hodge; Sibling: Stuart
Project Proud Topic: English As A Second Language (ESL)

Riley Fuller

Leesburg — Warsaw Community High School



Activities: Soccer, Basketball, 1st Presbyterian Church Youth Group, BPA, Mathletes
Hobbies: Reading, Listening To Music, Playing XBOX, Sports, Watching TV, Dancing, Rapping
College: University Of Notre Dame Or Hanover College
Major: Business Administration

Family: Parents: Dennis & Kim; Siblings: Jordan & Griffin
Project Proud Topic: English As A Second Language

Jessica Leach

Syracuse — Wawasee High School



Activities: Basketball, Volleyball, SRC, Attend Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Teaching Sunday School, KYLA
Hobbies: Watersports & Playing Different Kinds Of Sports
College: Undecided
Major: Somewhere In The Medical Field
Family: Parents: Ken & Janie

Oswald; Siblings: Joey - Brother, Mike - Step Brother, Annie - Step Sister
Project Proud Topic: Lifeline

Beth Sands

Syracuse — Wawasee High School



Activities: Youth Group, School Musical ("Oklahoma"), Band, 4-H, Junior Leaders, IMPACT
Hobbies: Reading, Sewing, Church, Being With Friends
College: Unknown
Major: Teaching Field
Family: Parents: David & Christine Sands; Siblings:

Andrea & Jennifer
Project Proud Topic: Combined Community Services North

Caylyne DeGood

Syracuse — Wawasee High School



Activities: Student Council, Soccer, Cheerleading, Track, Attend St. Martin's Catholic Church, Art Club, Musical, KYLA
Hobbies: Watersports, Snowskiing, Music
College: Undecided
Major: Pre-Med (Going To Be A Pediatrician)

Family: Parents: Scott & Mary DeGood; Siblings: Josh & Cassie
Project Proud Topic: Lifeline

Amanda Wong

Syracuse — Wawasee High School



Activities: Academic Superbowl, IMPACT, Youth Group, Soccer
Hobbies: Snowboarding, Dancing
College: Undecided
Major: Chemical Engineering
Family: Parent: Anna; Siblings: Stephanie &

Brenda
Project Proud Topic: Combined Community Services

Rita Berning

Leesburg — Wawasee High School

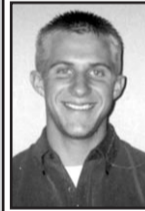


Activities: Marching Band, Cheerleading, School Musical ("Oklahoma"), Church Youth Group, Student Council, IMPACT (School Youth Group)
Hobbies: Church, Reading, Being Outdoors
College: Unknown (Maybe Bethel/Ball State)
Major: Architecture, Ministry (Youth)

Family: Parents: Denise & Mike Berning
Project Proud Topic: Combined Community Services North

Dan Vandewalle

Pierceton — Whitko High School



Activities: Football, Baseball, FCCLA
Hobbies: Sports, Exercise/Weight Lifting, Computers, Playing Nintendo
College: Rose Hulman Or Purdue
Major: Engineering
Family: Parents: Mark & Christine; Siblings: Rob & Ben

Project Proud Topic: Animal Shelter

Taylor Kreider

South Whitley — Whitko High School



Activities: Golf, FCA, FFA
Hobbies: Golf, Racing, Automotive Work, Engineering
College: Kettering University
Major: Industrial Design
Family: Parents:

Tod & Traci Kreider
Project Proud Topic: Animal Shelter

Kylie Edmonds

Bourbon — Triton Jr. Sr. High School



Activities: Plays, Musicals, Swing Choir, Destination Imagination, National Honor Society, Art Club, FCA, 4-H, Youth Group, KYLA
Hobbies: Reading, Music, Art
College: University Of Indianapolis Or Hanover
Major: Undecided

Family: Parents: Kevin & Kerry Edmonds
Project Proud Topic: Heartline

Tara Eberhart

South Whitley — Whitko High School



Activities: Cheerleading, FCCLA, FCA, Academic Team, Art Club, 4-H
Hobbies: Spending Time with My Friends, Shopping, Dancing, Volunteering, Nintendo
College: Butler Or Purdue
Major: Pharmacy (Pharm. D Or Sales)

Family: Parents: Dennis & Cheryl; Sibling: Ashley
Project Proud Topic: The Lighthouse

Linda Weller

Silver Lake — Tippecanoe Valley High School



Activities: National Honor Society, Student Government, Fellowship Of Christian Athletes, Youth Group, Pep Club, Swimming, Tennis, Boy's Tennis Manager, Spanish Club, Varsity Club, Students Against Drunk Driving, 4-H
Hobbies: Spending Time With Friends, Shopping, Singing, Reading

College: Undecided
Major: Undecided
Family: Parents: Mark & Laura; Sibling: Angela
Project Proud Topic: Head Start

Erin Weaver

Rochester — Tippecanoe Valley High School



Activities: Swimming, Singing, Musicals, Prayer Group, FCA, National Honor Society, Pep Club, Girls Bible Study
Hobbies: Playing Piano, Babysitting, Singing, Lifeguarding
College: Undecided
Major: Undecided
Family: Parents: Tom & Jill

Weaver; Siblings: Emily, Adam & Alex
Project Proud Topic: Head Start

Stephanie Buss

Bourbon — Tippecanoe Valley High School



Activities: Drama, Musicals, FCA, Girls Bible Study, Youth Council, Youth Ministry, Peers Educating Peers, KYLA, National Honor Society
Hobbies: Backpacking, Camping, Reading, Drama
College: Undecided
Major: Undecided

Family: Parents: Ken & Lois Buss; Sibling: Kendra
Project Proud Topic: Head Start

Chelsea Stavedahl

Mentone — Tippecanoe Valley High School



Activities: FCA, National Honor Society, Volleyball, Pep Club, Varsity Club, Sunshine Society
Hobbies: Piano, Spending Time With Friends
College: Purdue University
Major: Possibly Nursing
Family: Parents: Rick & Jean Stavedahl; Siblings:

Tonia Emrich & Elizabeth Stavedahl
Project Proud Topic: Head Start

Nathan Vining

Etna Green — Triton Jr. Sr. High School



Activities: National Honor Society, FCA, FFA, Science Club, Spanish Club, Cross Country, Wrestling, Track, A Couple Weekly Bible Studies, Boy Scouts/Eagle Scouts
Hobbies: Playing With My Rubiks Cube
College: Valparaiso University
Major: Meteorology

Family: Parents: Myron & Cindy Vining; Sibling: Justin
Project Proud Topic: Heartline Pregnancy Center

Josh Nifong

Etna Green — Triton Jr. Sr. High School



Activities: National Honor Society, FCA, FBLA, Student Council, Spanish Club, Science Club, Youth Group, Big Brother Volunteer, Tennis, D.A.R.E. Role Model
Hobbies: Tennis, Swimming, Running, Working For My Grandpa, Playing Playstation 2, Watching TV, Spending Time With Friends, Church

College: Manchester College
Major: Accounting
Family: Parents: Bobbi & Everett Nifong; Sibling: Jared Nifong

Angela Wilcox

Etna Green — Triton Jr. Sr. High School



Activities: National Honor Society, Student Council, Junior Class Treasurer, Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis, FUMC Youth Group, Bible School, D.A.R.E. Role Model
Hobbies: Bike Riding, Walking With My Dog, Reading The Bible, Watching Sports, Community Service
College: Manchester College

Major: Accounting
Family: Parents: Randall & Janice Wilcox; Siblings: Kathryn & Bryan
Project Proud Topic: Salvation Army

Kristin Wilson

Winona Lake — Warsaw Community High School



Activities: Band, Theater, SADD, FCA, Future Problem Solvers, GIST, Academic Superbowl, Youth Group, Freshman Academy Mentoring
Hobbies: Playing Oboe, Playing With My Dog, Reading
College: Amherst College
Major: Espionage

Family: Parents: Robert & Brenda Wilson; Siblings: Jen & Megan
Project Proud Topic: Our Father's House

Andrew Miller

Warsaw — Warsaw Community High School



Activities: SADD, Latin Club, Band, Developmental Assets Committee, 1st Presby Youth Group, 1st Presby Christian Growth Team, PAC, Mentoring
Hobbies: Music, Reading, Ceramics
College: Grove City College
Major: Psychology

Family: Parents: Joe & Lara Miller; Sibling: Justin Miller
Project Proud Topic: R.E.A.C.H.

Traci Wells

Bourbon — Triton Jr. Sr. High School



Activities: FBLA, National Honor Society, AA Club, Science Club Secretary, Track, Volleyball, Spanish Club, News Team, Yearbook Editor
Hobbies: Reading, Writing, Poetry, Playing/Singing Music, Art, Photography
College: Harvard Law
Major: Law And Political Science

Family: Parents: Jon & Amy Wells; Sibling: Amanda
Project Proud Topic: Heartline Pregnancy Center

Heather Bonahoom

Leesburg — Warsaw Community High School

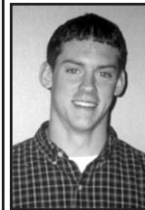


Activities: Church Cantor, Drama Club, Select Chorale, Select Theatre, BPA, SADD
Hobbies: Singing, Acting
College: Milliken University
Major: Theatrical Arts
Family: Parents: Mike & Lisa Bonahoom;

Sibling: Katrina Bonahoom
Project Proud Topic: Our Father's House

Drew Lopshire

South Whitley — Whitko High School



Activities: Football, Student Council, Church Youth Group, National Honor Society
Hobbies: Golfing, Fishing, Spend Time With Friends
College: Undecided
Major: Engineering
Family: Parents: Dave & Sue Lopshire;

Sibling: Mindy
Project Proud Topic: Animal Welfare League

Chelsey Grant

South Whitley — Whitko High School



Activities: FCCLA, FCA, Expect Respect, National Honor Society, Art Club, Spanish Club, KYLA
Hobbies: Dancing, Tennis, Volleyball
College: Undecided
Major: Undecided
Family: Parents: Tim & Cindy Grant;

Sibling: Joseph
Project Proud Topic: Lighthouse