

KOSCIUSKO YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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A Letter From The President

It is hard to believe that another year has passed and we are once again on the threshold of graduation for our Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy students. It is exciting to look back and see where we started and to look forward to where our future leaders will go. This year we were honored to host twenty-seven high school juniors from area schools including, for the first time, students from Lakeland Christian Academy. It is our hope that all students took great benefit from their involvement in the Academy and take with them life long lessons commitment, leadership and lasting friendships.

On behalf of the Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy Board, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of this past year. Speakers, hosts, schools and parents are a vital part of our success each year. We deeply appreciate your dedication to our future leaders. I would also like to personally thank the board of directors who unselfishly give of their time and expertise to maintain and grow a successful program for our area youth.

Finally, to each and every student that took their time and effort to complete their commitment to the values and expectations of the academy a sincere thank you. I believe that our community is and will be a better place to live and work due to your efforts now and in the future. Congratulations and best wishes to all of you!

Kristi Manwaring, President

Kristin Conley Warsaw High School



Jodi; Siblings: Kacie & Mikaela
 Project Proud Topic: Headstart

Activities: Volleyball, Softball, Student Council - Body Secretary, 4-H, Jr. Secretary, Employed @ Courthouse Coffee, Freshman Mentor
Hobbies: Sports, Reading, Chatting Online, Spending Time W/ Friends, Watching Movies
College: IU
Major: Communications
Family: Parents: Mark & Jodi

Lauren Cooper Warsaw High School



Family: Parents: Guy & Shayna; Sibling: John
 Project Proud Topic: Headstart

Activities: Cheerleading, Class Secretary, Youth Group, Yearbook, Academic Super Bowl, Freshman Mentor, Latin Club
Hobbies: Friends, Reading, Disney Movies, Traveling
College: Undecided
Major: Communications/ Business, Chemistry
Family: Parents: Guy & Shayna; Sibling: John

Elizabeth Myers Whitko High School



& Isaac
 Project Proud Topic: Senior Centers

Activities: Volleyball, National Honor Society, FCA, Youth Group, Employed At Corner Cafe.
Hobbies: Reading, Being With Friends And Family, Activities With Youth Group
College: IFTW
Major: Dental Hygienist
Family: Parents: Nate & Lynn; Siblings: Jacob

Justin Kranzman Warsaw High School



Medicine
 Family: Parents: Tawnya & Zach; Siblings: Simon & Chere
 Project Proud Topic: Columbia City Humane Society

Activities: Track & Field (Sprinter), Academic Social Studies Bowl, Academic Social Studies Super Bowl, Academic Decathlon, Spell Bowl, Boy Scouts, Spanish Club, Octagon Club, Mathletes, Youth Group, NSHS, Red Cross Disaster Relief Volunteer
Hobbies: Running, Reading, Watching James Bond Movies, Spending Time With Friends, Weight Lifting, Camping, Hiking, Volunteering
College: Cornell University
Major: Biochemistry (Pre-

Melissa Lang Lakeland Christian Academy



Lorie; Siblings: Matthew & Megan
 Project Proud Topic: Grace Village

Activities: Preschool Sunday School Teacher, NHS, Worship Team, Class Secretary, Banquet Committee
Hobbies: Singing, Baby-sitting, Reading, Watching Movies, Spending Time With Friends
College: Undecided
Major: Elem. Education
Family: Parents: Keith & Lorie

Robyn Baker Triton Jr./Sr. High School



American Red Cross

Activities: Youth Group, NHS, Spanish Club, Choir, Musical
Hobbies: Piano, Watching Movies, Reading, Spending Time With Friends
College: Undecided
Major: History
Family: Parents: Gary & Rebecca; Sibling: Adam
Project Proud Topic:

Brittany Cook Triton Jr./Sr. High School



Family: Parents: Mike & Christine; Sibling: Brady
 Project Proud Topic: American Red Cross

Activities: Volleyball, Tennis, Art Club, Spanish Club, NHS, Choir, Theatre, Student Council
Hobbies: Writing, Music & Music Composition (Guitar, Piano, Vocal), Spending Time With Friends
College: Duke University
Major: Business & Communications
Family: Parents: Mike & Christine; Sibling: Brady

Mark Sudhoff Warsaw High School



Project Proud Topic: Headstart

Activities: Football, Baseball, FCA, SADD
Hobbies: Sports, Weight Lifting, Boating, Spending Time With Friends
College: Undecided
Major: Undecided
Family: Parents: Betsy & Steve; Sibling: Katie
Project Proud Topic:

Tyler Skaggs Warsaw High School



Project Proud Topic: Headstart

Activities: Football, SADD, Youth Group
Hobbies: Weight Lifting, Boating (Winona Lake), Spending Time With Friends
College: Purdue
Major: Pharmacy
Family: Parents: Tom & Shari; Siblings: Kelsay (Twin), Ashley & Kylie

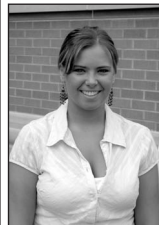
Katie Hileman Tippecanoe Valley High School



Cameron Hileman & Natisha Beam
 Project Proud Topic: Boys & Girls Club

Activities: Volleyball, Peers, KYLA, Spanish Club, Prom Committee, Sunshine Society, Student Govt., Employed At Webb's Pharmacy
Hobbies: Friends, Reading, Shopping
College: Unknown
Major: Social Work
Family: Parents: Dale & Debbie; Siblings:

Andrea Kindig Tippecanoe Valley High School



Sharon; Siblings: Krysta & Nicholas
 Project Proud Topic: Boys & Girls Club

Activities: Volleyball, Tennis, Student Govt., Yearbook, National Honor Society, Sunshine Society, Prom Committee, Spanish Club
Hobbies: Listening To Music, Spending Time With Friends, Dancing At Deb Collier's
College: Purdue University
Major: Unknown
Family: Parents: Chris & Sharon; Siblings: Krysta & Nicholas

Brittany Remington Lakeland Christian Academy



Jan; Siblings: Daniel, Joshua & Hannah
 Project Proud Topic: Grace Village

Activities: National Honor Society, Varsity Volleyball & Basketball, Banquet Committee, Small Groups, Youth Groups
Hobbies: Playing Sports, Shopping, Watching Movies, Reading, Singing, Spending Time With Friends
College: Undecided
Major: Nursing
Family: Parents: William & Jan; Siblings: Daniel, Joshua & Hannah

Karisa Voreis Triton Jr./Sr. High School



Project Proud Topic: American Red Cross

Activities: Basketball, Tennis, NSH, Art Club, Spanish Club, FBIA, Student Council
Hobbies: Music & Art, 4-H
College: Undecided
Major: Undecided
Family: Parents: Daniel & Denise; Siblings: Kreg
Project Proud Topic:

Kelly Rettinger Triton Jr./Sr. High School



Jeanette Rettinger; Sibling: Kyle
 Project Proud Topic: American Red Cross

Activities: NHS, FBIA, Basketball, Student Council Secretary, Band, Spanish Club, Science Club, New Beginning Choir At Church
Hobbies: Basketball, 4-H, Spending Time With Friends, Listening To Music
College: Purdue
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Family: Parents: Jon & Jeanette

Gloria Boesenberg Wawasee High School



Project Proud Topic: Syracuse Community Center

Activities: Track & Field, Cross Country, SRC
College: Undecided
Family: Parent: Christie Davenport; Siblings: David, Alex, Ben, Evelyn, Forrest, Herald
Project Proud Topic:

David Lash Tippecanoe Valley High School



Project Proud Topic: Boys & Girls Club

Activities: Basketball, NHS, FCA, FFA, Youth Group, 4-H
Hobbies: Playing Ball, Showing Pigs, Working, Spending Time With Friends
College: Unknown
Major: Agriculture
Family: Parents: John & Darlene
Project Proud Topic:

Alyssa Autumn Bolt Warsaw High School



& Debbie Bolt, Nancy Bolt; Sibling: Todd
 Project Proud Topic: Grace Village

Activities: Church Youth Group, Spell Bowl, Mathletes, SADD, Employed At CCAC, Two Missions Trips
Hobbies: Reading! Playing Piano, Spending Time With Friends, Watching Movies
College: Undecided
Major: Undecided
Family: Parents: Calvin & Debbie Bolt, Nancy Bolt; Sibling: Todd

Ashley A. Czuba Warsaw High School



Czuba
 Project Proud Topic: Grace Village

Activities: Track, (Discus & Shotput), Band, Spell Bowl, Employee At Jones Food Center, Drum Major/French Horn
Hobbies: Spending Time With Friends, Movies
College: Ball State
Major: Elem. Education
Family: Parent: Beth

Julian Ravenscroft Triton Jr./Sr. High School



Siblings: Justina & Jenny
 Project Proud Topic: Senior Centers

Activities: Youth Group At NMC, Tennis, Musicals, NHS, Yearbook, Choir, FCS, FCCLA, And Student Council
Hobbies: Cruising Around Bourbon In The G.C. (Golf Cart), Playing Guitar And Singing, Playing Classic NS4, And Being With Friends And Family
College: Indiana Univ.
Major: Radiology
Family: Parents: Paul & Marian;

Lane Davis Triton Jr./Sr. High School



Project Proud Topic: Heart & Hands

Activities: Basketball, Cross Country, Track, NHS, KYLA, FBIA & 4-H
Hobbies: Playing Basketball, Watch TV, Chat On The Internet, Listening To Music, Eating & Sleeping
College: Indiana Univ.
Family: Parent: Mendy & Mike; Siblings: Austin & Paige

Kaitlin Kessie Whitko High School



Family: Parents: Joe & Darci ; Sibling: Taylor
 Project Proud Topic: Senior Centers

Activities: Class Vice, President, National Honor Society, FCA President, Tennis, Academic Bowl, Youth Group, Employed At Kent Theater
Hobbies: Reading, Tennis, Tutoring Elementary Students
College: Saint Mary's
Major: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
Family: Parents: Joe & Darci ; Sibling: Taylor

Travis Cooper Triton Jr./Sr. High School



Project Proud Topic: Heart & Hands

Activities: Track & Cross-Country, Basketball, School Musical, Youth Group, KYLA, FCS, NHS
Hobbies: Making Movies, Basketball
College: Indiana Wesleyan University
Family: Parents: Brent & Lorie; Siblings: Tyler, Lory & Trent

Jayanna Begley Whitko High School



Engineering
 Family: Parents: Joe & Diane; Sibling: Josanne
 Project Proud Topic: Columbia City Humane Shelter

Activities: BPA, National Honor Society, KYLA, FCA, Basketball, Boys & Girls Golf, Football Stats, Humane Shelter Volunteer, Art Club, Mountain Dew Jr. Golf Tour & AYBT
Hobbies: Basketball, Golf, Going On Vacation, Being With Friends & Family
College: Purdue/Miami University
Major: Marine Biology &

Benjamin Nault Whitko High School



Family: Parents: Nat Nault, Sue & Terry Kreigh
 Project Proud Topic: Columbia City Humane Society

Activities: Student Council Rep., NHS, Peer Tutor, KYLA, Marching, Concert & Jazz Band, Science Academic Bowl, Community Volunteer
Hobbies: Reading, Researching Civil War, WWII, And Science, Playing & Listening To Jazz, Spending Time With Friends
College: Purdue Univ.
Major: Double Major In Chemistry & Chemical Eng.

David Glen Hochsetler Triton Jr./Sr. High School



Project Proud Topic: Heart & Hands

Activities: NHS, Musical Church Youth Group, Band, Football, Job
College: Video Games, Collections, Playing Guitar, Playing Sports
College: Anderson Univ.
Major: Pastoral Ministries
Family: Parent: Jill & Brian Sweet; Siblings: Anna Sweet, Douglas & Andrew Hochsetler

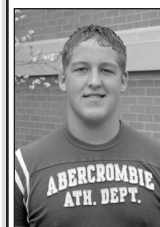
Allison Thornburgh Wawasee High School



Project Proud Topic: Cleanup

Activities: Student Council, Cheerleading, Tennis, Impact, Dance
Hobbies: Spending Time With Friends, Dance
College: Undecided
Major: Medical
Family: Parents: Jeff & Pam; Siblings: Ryan
Project Proud Topic:

Ryan Thornburg Wawasee High School



Cleanup

Activities: Student Council, Football, Wrestling & Track, Impact
Hobbies: Football, Spending Time With Friends, Lifting
College: Indiana Univ.
Major: Medicine
Family: Parents: Jeff & Pam; Sibling: Allison
Project Proud Topic: