

# KOSCIUSKO YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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This marks the fifth year for the Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy and once again it has proven to be both a challenging and exciting year of discoveries for all who have been involved. The future leaders profiled on this page have demonstrated that getting involved in the community can be rewarding in so many ways.

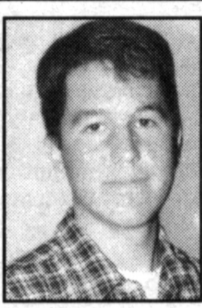
Our students, juniors from five local area high schools, have spent the last several months learning about various aspects of the community along with leadership and communication skills. The Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy Class of 1997-1998 is now preparing for the concluding event for the year - graduation! The annual graduation banquet will take place on Wednesday, May 6, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. at the Center Lake Pavilion. We believe that the experiences the students will have gained from involvement in the Academy will be lasting and will serve as a foundation for continuing friendships and commitment to community needs.

On behalf of the Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy Board, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all who have contributed to the success of Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy throughout the year. 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 has done to make this year a successful one, and look forward to working with you again next year.

We wish the best to each of our graduates and look ahead to the time when we see them taking on further leadership roles in the community. These very special individuals represent the future, and we are confident it will be a bright future indeed!

Karen Bender, President



**Ben Ashpole**  
Leesburg  
Wawasee High School  
**White Paper Title:** KEYS  
**Education:** Undecided college; business major, computer minor  
**Activities:** Band, Academic Super Bowl, KYLA  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Computers, snow skiing, being outdoors, being with friends

## KYLA 1997-1998 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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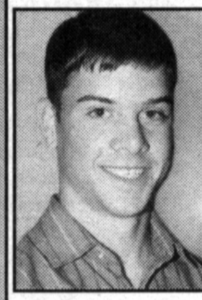
**Jena Bessinger**  
Tippecanoe  
Triton High School  
**White Paper Title:** SADD Chapter  
**Education:** Nursing, college-undecided  
**Activities:** NHS, FBLA, Science Club, KYLA, Trojan Singers, Spanish Club, Musical, Choir  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Music (singing & piano)



**Kristi Brandon**  
Syracuse  
Wawasee High School  
**White Paper Title:** KEYS (Kosciusko Endowment Youth Services)  
**Education:** College undecided but perhaps St. Mary's. I would like to major in English or literature  
**Activities:** School Musical, Kosciusko Endowment Youth Services (KEYS), Speech Team, Academic Super Bowl, Key Club, Band, Church Choir, Jazz Band  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Music, reading, Internet, being with friends



**Lindsey Boyer**  
Bourbon  
Triton High School  
**White Paper Title:** SADD Chapter  
**Education:** Accounting, College - Manchester  
**Activities:** Cheerleading, Musical, All-State Choir, Choir, KYLA, NHS, FBLA, Science Club, Trojan Singers  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Piano, swimming



**Brandon Chapman**  
Bourbon  
Triton High School  
**White Paper Title:** SADD Chapter  
**Education:** Attend college in architecture  
**Activities:** Football, Wrestling, Baseball, KYLA, Science Club  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Playing sports and working with hands, building models



**Emily Brown**  
South Whitley  
Whitko High School  
**White Paper Title:** Manchester College International Fair  
**Education:** I plan to go to college and major in elementary education  
**Activities:** National Honor Society, Sunshine Society, Spanish Club, FHA, SADD  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Spending time with friends and singing



**Adam Goble**  
South Whitley  
Whitko High School  
**White Paper Title:** Firemen Benefit  
**Education:** Interested in studying aerospace  
**Activities:** Football, Basketball, Baseball, Student Council, Youth Group  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Sports



**Amanda Hatton**  
South Whitley  
Whitko High School  
**White Paper Title:** Manchester College International Fair  
**Education:** I plan to attend Indiana University  
**Activities:** Cheerleading, Tennis, National Honor Society, Sunshine Society, Art Club, Spanish Club, Frontline Leader, FHA, Who's Who  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Spending time with friends



**Marissalyn Hicks**  
South Whitley  
Whitko High School  
**White Paper Title:** Manchester College International Fair  
**Education:** I plan to attend Indiana University & major in nursing or attend Columbus State & major in Deaf Education  
**Activities:** Cheerleading, National Honor Society, Sunshine Society, Art Club, Spanish Club, Who's Who  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Spending time with family & friends, cheerleading, swimming, caring for animals



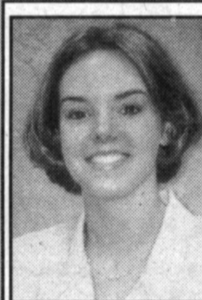
**Tabatha King**  
North Webster  
Wawasee High School  
**White Paper Title:** SADD at Wawasee High School  
**Education:** Plan to attend Ball State University and major in elementary education  
**Activities:** Soccer Manager, FEA, KYLA  
**Interests and Hobbies:** I like to travel, shop, spend time with my friends and going to games at school



**Kacey Kottkamp**  
Akron  
Tippecanoe Valley High School  
**White Paper Title:** SADD Chapter  
**Education:** Going on to college, major undecided  
**Activities:** Cheerleading, Drama, Spring Musical, Sunshine Society, National Honor Society, 4-H, RR Donnelley Intern, Student Government  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Reading, tennis, shopping, having fun



**Kathryn Masur**  
Warsaw  
Warsaw Community High School  
**White Paper Title:** Head Start  
**Education:** Undecided  
**Activities:** Student Council, Soccer, Swimming, Track, KYLA, Dare Role Model, Church Youth Group  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Dancing, swimming, spending time with friends and family, playing cards, sleeping



**Shana Miner**  
Piercetown  
Whitko High School  
**White Paper Title:** Manchester College International Fair  
**Education:** Purdue University majoring in business management  
**Activities:** Volleyball, FHA, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Tennis, Sunshine Society  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Volleyball, spending time with friends



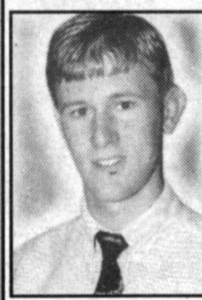
**Stephanie Moore**  
Columbia City  
Whitko High School  
**White Paper Title:** Manchester College International Fair  
**Education:** I plan to attend Indiana University  
**Activities:** Tennis, Volleyball, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, FHA, Sunshine Society  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Spending time with friends and playing sports



**Amanda Morpew**  
Larwill  
Whitko High School  
**White Paper Title:** Manchester College International Fair  
**Education:** College to prepare for a job in the space program  
**Activities:** Band, Spellbowl, Academic Team, Tri-State Honor Band, Drama, National Honor Society, School Literary Magazine  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Music, writing, astronomy



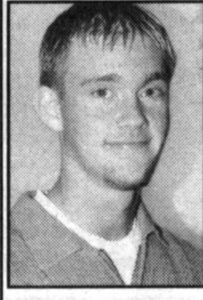
**Teri Neer**  
Akron  
Tippecanoe Valley High School  
**White Paper Title:** SADD Chapter at TVHS  
**Education:** Interested in studying fine arts and dentistry, college undecided  
**Activities:** French Club, Yearbook, Drama, Art Club, Varsity Club, Pep Club, Track, Donnelley Intern  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Enjoy attending games, kickboxing, music



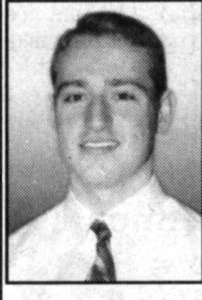
**Chris Osbeck**  
Warsaw  
Warsaw Community High School  
**White Paper Title:** Head Start  
**Education:** I plan to attend a four year college - undecided  
**Activities:** Golf Team, Ski Club, KYLA, Summit Youth Group  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Downhill skiing, fishing, hunting, golf, boating



**Laura Petersen**  
Etna Green  
Triton High School  
**White Paper Title:** SADD Chapter  
**Education:** Planning to go to Indiana Wesleyan University and get a degree in social work  
**Activities:** National Honor Society, Trojan Singers, FBLA, KYLA, FCA, Science Club, Warsaw Wesleyan Youth Group  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Spending time with friends, watching movies, singing



**Andy Price**  
Bourbon  
Triton High School  
**White Paper Title:** SADD Chapter  
**Education:** Attend college and major in veterinary medicine or computer engineering  
**Activities:** Football, Track, Science Club, N.H.S., Quiz Bowl, KYLA  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Sports, skiing, computers, music and television



**Kyle Smith**  
Warsaw  
Fort Wayne Canterbury  
**White Paper Title:** Head Start  
**Education:** I would like to attend college with a pre-med major  
**Activities:** Key Club, KYLA, Spanish Club, Future Problem Solving, Ski Club, Mathletes, Soccer, Summit Youth Group  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Snowboarding, soccer, science, photography, playing guitar, spending time with my friends



**Tamar Stroschein**  
Akron  
Tippecanoe Valley High School  
**White Paper Title:** SADD Chapter  
**Education:** Physical Therapy at IU  
**Activities:** Track, CC, Drama, Musical, FCA, NHS, French Club, Band, Athletic Trainer  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Play flute and piano, babysitting



**Jenny Workman**  
North Webster  
Wawasee High School  
**White Paper Title:** SADD at Wawasee High School  
**Education:** Plan to attend college (undecided) and major in business  
**Activities:** Cheerleading, Dance, SADD, Church Youth Group, KYLA, FCA, Varsity Singers  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Photography, snow skiing, gymnastics, singing, reading



**Ian Webb**  
Huntington  
Whitko High School  
**White Paper Title:** Firemen Benefit  
**Education:** I hope to go to college to major in education and minor in business  
**Activities:** SADD, FHA, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Advisory Council, Frontline Leader, Student Government, Peer Tutor  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Music, cars, kittens, photography



**Stephanie Warner**  
South Whitley  
Whitko High School  
**White Paper Title:** Manchester College International Fair  
**Education:** I plan to attend a junior college and then transfer to a 4 year university to major in the agricultural field  
**Activities:** Basketball, Student Council, Sunshine Society, National Honor Society, FFA, SADD  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Livestock judging and spending time with my family



**Jennifer Young**  
Bourbon  
Triton High School  
**White Paper Title:** SADD Chapter  
**Education:** I plan to attend Butler or Purdue to major in pharmacy  
**Activities:** Cheerleading, Tennis, NHS, FBLA, Student Council, FCA, Trojan Singers, HOBY, Science Club, Church Youth Group & KYLA  
**Interests and Hobbies:** Music, computers, musicals and reading