

2012-2013 KOSCIUSKO YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

A Letter From The President

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I congratulate each member of the Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy graduating class of 2013. We have enjoyed a great year together as we learned more about our community, what makes it unique and how we can contribute by becoming more involved. No matter where life takes us, there are always many ways we can serve others. We, as individuals, are blessed by these opportunities and through these shared experiences ...communities thrive.

Carl Lauster, President
Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy Board of Directors



2012-2013 KOSCIUSKO YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY — Back Row: Julianne Haines, Hannah Remington, Mikayla Harker, Mallorie Jennings, JD French, Kelsey Ball, Sara Alexander, Nolan Sponseller, Maggie Holderman, Abigail Schue, Vanessa Malagon, MaryCatherine Mayer
Middle Row: Ashlyn Vitoux, Rachel Jungbauer, Dean Katris, Cristy Garcia, Bryce Smith, Ashley Borg, Christina Baughman, Benjahmin Perkins, Shelby Smiley, Dean Howdeshell, Katy Ashpole,
Front Row: Allie Kann, Ana Batres, Anna Higgins, Holly Stogsdill, Sarah Boyle, Taylor Hatfield, Ashley Helfers

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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!



Holly Stogsdill
Triton Jr./Sr. High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Volleyball, Tennis, Student Council, Spanish Club, Art Club, Science Club, KEY Club, FBLA, FCCLA, Spirit Club, Prom Committee, KYLA

Hobbies: Swimming, Fishing, Hiking, Reading

Future College: IU Bloomington or Butler

Major: Pre-Medicine

Family Members and Names: Mother: Laura Beno; Father: Donald Stogsdill

Project Proud Paper: Food Drive for Helping Hands Food Pantry



MaryCatherine Mayer
Warsaw Community High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Various Church Activities at Nappanee Missionary Church, Member of the Praise and Worship Team, Octagon Club at WCHS, Serve at Our Local Soup Kitchen, Fellowship Plussions


Hobbies: Outside of school I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, singing and playing piano, watching movies and going to church.

Future College: Taylor University or Butler University

Major: Physician's Assistant or Pediatric Nursing

Family Members and Names: Father and Mother: Rod and Shana Mayer, Siblings: Kara, Caroline, and Jack.

Project Proud Paper: Project P.E.O.P.L.E.



Anna Higgins
Tippecanoe Valley High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: FCA, Student Council, National Honor Society, Swimming, Peers.

Hobbies: Swimming, playing the piano, painting

Future College: University of Kentucky

Major: Speech-Language Pathologist

Family Members and Names: Parents: Joel and Jenny Higgins Sibling: Abby Higgins

Project Proud Paper: I am partnered with Sara Alexander and Kelsey Ball and we are working with Cardinal Connections, which is a branch of Cardinal Center. Our purpose for this project is to inform others about Cardinal Center's services, as well as volunteer there and encourage others to do the same.



Taylor Hatfield
Triton Jr./Sr. High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Varsity Basketball, Varsity Cross Country, National Honors Society, Key Club, Spanish Club, Art Club, Science Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Triton Leadership Academy, Principle Service Corps


Hobbies: Any sort of athletics, basketball, spending time with my family camping or spending time out on the lake.

Future College: Indiana University Bloomington or Butler University.

Major: Biology - Orthodontist

Family Members and Names: Mom: Angela, Dad: Harold Hatfield

Project Proud: Myself and my group members, Allie Kann, and Mallorie Jennings are holding a three on three basketball tournament at our school for the Habitat for Humanity organization.



JD French
Warsaw Community High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Swim Team, BPA, School Newspaper


Hobbies: Wakeboarding, swimming

Future College: Undecided

Major: Undecided (pre-med)

Family Members and Names: John & Christine French (parents), Suzanne French (sister)

Project Proud Paper: Dean Katris and I are doing our project proud paper over the shoe drive for Baker Youth Club that we are currently undertaking.



Cristina Garcia
Warsaw Community High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Student Council, Select Chorale, Volunteer at Miller's Merry Manor Weekly, NSHSS, Youth group

Hobbies: Reading, Logic Puzzles, Organizing, Volleyball

Future College: Purdue University - Bolter Up!

Major: BioMedical Engineering, Pre-Medicine, Pediatrics

Family Members and Names: Sarah Garcia-Mom, Polo Garcia-Dad, Rebecca Garcia-Sister

Project Proud Paper: Teen Volunteer Organization/Clothing Closet at WCHS



Dean Howdeshell
Triton Jr./Sr. High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Spanish Club, 4-H, Science Club, Student Council, Principle Service Core, FBLA, FCS, FCCLA, Spirit Club, FFA, KYLA, Key Club, and National Honor Society, Varsity Tennis; Manage Girls Varsity Basketball and Volleyball, Youth Member on the Marshall County Extension Board.

Hobbies: Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball, Swimming, Hanging out with Friends, Learning new Languages!

Future College: Valparaiso University, Indiana University, or Purdue University.

Major: Biology or Nursing to become a Nurse Anesthetist or a Cardiologist.

Family Members and Names: Mom: Elaine Howdeshell Sister: Megan Howdeshell Dad: Greg Howdeshell

Project Proud Paper: My Project Proud Paper is titled March Madness for Helping Hands.



Dean Katris
Warsaw Community High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Diving (Team Captain), KYLA, Science Academic Super Bowl Team, Octagon Club, BPA, Head Altar Boy, and Working at Midwest Xtreme

Hobbies: Wakeboarding, Snowboarding, and Spending time with friends and family.

Future College: Dartmouth College or Northwestern University

Major: Biology or Neuroscience

Family Members and Names: Mom: Cindy Katris, Dad: Chris Katris, Sisters: Krista, Stephanie, and Jennifer

Project Proud Paper: JD French and I are doing our project proud paper over the shoe drive for Baker Youth Club that we are currently undertaking.



Abigail Schue
Warsaw Community High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: High School Women's Soccer and Track teams, FCA (fellowship of Christian athletes), Warsaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church youth group


Hobbies: Soccer, biking, swimming, reading, being outside

Future College: Undecided

Major: Exercise Science (Pre-Physical Therapy)

Family Members and Names: Mom-Denise Schue Dad-the late James Schue, Older Brother-Connor Schue, Older Half Brother- Jason Schue

Project Proud Paper: Designing and Selling t-shirts to raise money for Special Olympics.



Ana Batres
Warsaw Community High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Member and Officer for Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Spanish Club, Peer Tutoring, Staff of the WCHS Student Publication Department for Yearbook

Hobbies: Reading a good book, cooking, baking, writing, blogging, traveling, and cycling.

Future College: Columbia College Chicago or Loyola University Chicago

Major: I will be majoring in Journalism.

Family Members and Names: My family members include my father Carlos Batres, my mother Cristy Batres, and my sister Karla Batres.

Project Proud Paper: Mr. & Ms. Warsaw was the project Vanessa Malagon and I were blessed to be part of.



Kelsey Ball
Tippecanoe Valley High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Prom Committee, Sunshine Society, KYLA

Hobbies: Playing sports, Hanging out with friends, Reading, Spending time with family

Future College: Indiana University or Ball State University

Major: Emergency Nursing

Family Members and Names: Dad-Joe Ball, Mom-Lena Ball, Brother- Evan Ball

Project Proud Paper: I am partnered with Anna Higgins and Sara Alexander in Cardinal Connections. Cardinal Connections is associated with Cardinal Services. For this project we will inform others about Cardinal Services, volunteer our time there, and encourage others to volunteer too.



Mallorie Jennings
Triton Jr./Sr. High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Basketball, Softball, National Honor Society, Key Club, KYLA, FFA, Student Council, Spanish Club, Spirit Club, Science Club, 4-H, Vice President of Junior Class, FBLA, Principal Service Corp., and Triton Leadership Academy


Hobbies: Sports, 4-H, and spending time with friends and family

Future College: Undecided

Major: Business

Family Members and Names: Parents: Scott and Staci Jennings Siblings: Hannah and Courtney Jennings

Project Proud Paper: Three on Three Basketball Tournament for Habitat for Humanity



Mikayla Harker
Triton Jr./Sr. High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Volleyball, KYLA, Yearbook, youth group, food pantry volunteer, art club, spirit club, KEY club, Spanish club

Hobbies: Shopping, spend time with my loved ones, and reading.

Future College: Indiana University of Bloomington.

Major: Marketing/Fashion Merchandising.

Family members: Kim Waggoner (Mother), Eric Waggoner (Step-father), Colin Harker (Father)

Project proud: Food drive for Helping Hands.



Julianne Haines
Lakeland Christian Academy

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Plano, Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Basketball, Drama


Hobbies: Cooking

Future College: Hope College

Major: Nursing

Family Members and Names: Parents - Mark and Lauri Haines - Older Brother - Joel Haines, Two Younger Sisters - Jane and Joy Hanes

Project Proud Paper: Diaper Drive and Fundraiser for Heartline Pregnancy Center.



Sarah E. Boyle
Warsaw Community High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Octagon Club, Warsaw Lady Soccer Team, Warsaw Lady Tennis team, Tiger Student Athletic Board, KYLA


Hobbies: Going to Church, Spending time with family and friends, studying, Running, water sports, and baking.

Future College: Purdue University

Major: Nursing, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Family Members and Names: Pat and Shari Boyle; parents, Scott Boyle; brother, Michael Boyle; brother, Rachel Boyle; sister

Project Proud Paper: Kolors for Jacobs Kids 5k Powdered Paint Run



Bryce Smith
Warsaw Community High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Warsaw Community High School Soccer team (3 years); K.Y.L.A.; Octagon Club; Tiger Student Athletic Board; Tiger D.J.; Technical Theater; Choir (2 years)

Hobbies: Lawn care, enjoying family time, traveling, being outdoors, helping others, and entertainment.

Future College: Undecided

Major: Business Leadership and Entrepreneurship with a minor in Marketing.

Family Members and Names: Monica and Mike Smith; Quinn-brother

Project Proud Paper: "Kookies For Katherine Alderfer: Cure Juvenile Dermatomyositis" (Cure J.M.)



Ashlyn Vitoux
Warsaw Community High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: KYLA, Latin Club, Outland Travel Volleyball Club, Key Club, Ski Club, Warsaw High School Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity Volleyball, First United Methodist Church Youth Group, Annual 10 day Mission Trips to rebuild homes on St. John's Island, SC, Community Service/Tools for School, Stamp out Hunger, Food-A-Thon, CCS Glass Slipper Charity Event, National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Attendee

Hobbies: Volunteering, Reading - Future College: Butler University, Manchester University, Purdue University, or Ohio Northern University - Major: Pharmacy - Family Members and Names: Mother-Debra Vitoux, Father-Robert Vitoux, Brother-Austin Vitoux - Project Proud Paper: Convert the CCS food pantry into a Client Choice/Healthy Choice Food Pantry.



Shelby Smiley
Whitko High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Student Council, National Honor Society, Plays/Musicals, Gospel Choir, Science, Academic Team, SADD Officer Team, Prom Committee, various forms of community service.

Hobbies: Socializing with friends, listening to music, singing, shopping, and I also work as a waitress.

Future College: Possibly Purdue then continuing on to IU Med.

Major: Biochemistry and minor in business. Then, at med school, I would like to go into dermatology.

Family Members and Names: Mother: Laura Smiley, Father: Brent Smiley, Younger brother: Garrett Smiley.

Project Proud Paper: Animal Warmup



Ashley Helfers
Wawasee High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: WHS Drama, Captain of the English Academic Superbowl Team, 4-H and Junior Leaders, Church and Youth Group, Wawasee Student Council

Hobbies: I love learning, reading, and writing. I also enjoy spending time with my friends and family.

Future College: Purdue University.

Major: Communication Science, so I can be a Speech Pathologist.

Family Members and Names: Parents: Jeff and Michelle Helfers, Sisters: Lacey and Leina Helfers.

Project Proud Paper: Toy Time. Toy Time provides toys for underprivileged children in Kosciusko County at Christmas time.



Ashley Borg
Triton Jr./Sr. High School


Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Track, KYLA, NHS, Key Club, Spanish Club, FFA, FCCLA, and Student Council, Boys and Girls Club of Marshall County

Hobbies: Watching WWE, I'm a huge TV junkie, Play video games Wii and PS2, talking, tweeting, and being loud and fun!

Future College: Ball State University, Manchester University, or Valparaiso University - Major: Elementary Education.

Family Members and Names: Father - Robert Borg, Little Sister - Hannah Borg

Project Proud Paper: "Hemminger House." I organized a clothing drive and then donated the clothes to the Hemminger House, which is a domestic abuse home located in Plymouth, IN.



Hannah Remington
Lakeland Christian Academy

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Cross Country, Basketball, Track, Youth Group, National Honors Society, 4-H, KYLA, and Class Treasurer.


Hobbies: Playing piano, reading, photography, running, cooking, and having fun with friends.

Future College: Grace College

Major: Nursing

Family Members and Names: Bill and Jan Remington (parents), Brittany, Josh, and Dan Remington (siblings).

Project Proud Paper: Diaper Drive and Fundraiser for Heartline Pregnancy Center



Vanessa Malagon
Warsaw Community High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Soccer, Swimming, Track, FCCLA, Family Career & Community Leaders of America, BPA-Business Professionals of America, SADD-Students Against, Destructive Decisions, NHD-National History Day, POL-Poetry Out Loud, KYLA-Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy, Octagon Club, Latin Club, Spanish Club, Key Club (Kosciusko Community Soccer League) - coach/referee.

Hobbies: Staying active in soccer and swimming, my clubs and organizations, volunteering and baking.

Future College: Notre Dame University or Butler University - Major: Business and Marketing or pre-med.

Family Members and Names: Juan Malagon-father, Elvira Malagon-mother, Junior Malagon-older brother, Manuel Malagon-younger brother

Project Proud Paper: Mr. & Ms. Warsaw



Nolan Sponseller
Tippecanoe Valley High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Football, Track, Phish, KEYS, Key Club, National Honor Society, Peer Facilitators, Student Government, KYLA, 4-H, and FCA.

Hobbies: I don't have much extra time, but when I do I enjoy raising animals; I have two gerbils, goats, and ducks. I also enjoy collecting sports memorabilia.

Future College: I haven't narrowed it down yet, however, I want to stay relatively close to home.

Major: Evangelical Missions or Non-Profit

Family Members and Names: My parents are Bryan and Lisa Sponseller. I have a sister, Leah, who is a freshman in college and a brother, Isaac, who is a freshman in high school.

Project Proud Paper: Brush with Kindness



Christina Baughman
Whitko High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Soccer, Softball, SADD, FCA, KYLA, NHS, Art Club, Inside-Out Youth Group


Hobbies: Sports, Movies, Reading, Card games

Future College: Undecided

Major: Possibly Accounting, Special Edu., or Elementary Edu.

Family Members and Names: Parents: Jim and Elaine Baughman, Siblings: Joshua, Zachariah, and Stephanie Baughman

Project Proud Paper: Animal Warm-Up



Sara Alexander
Tippecanoe Valley High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Peer Facilitators, Prom Committee, Student Government, Sunshine Society, CIA, Mental Health Awareness Committee, Sunlight Student Ministries, Basketball, Volleyball


Hobbies: Playing the piano, hanging out with friends, Volunteer work, shopping

Future College: Undecided

Major: Forensic Science

Family members: Terry Alexander (dad) Rich Litchfield (stepdad) Rachel Litchfield (mom) Kyle Alexander (brother) Stephanie Abt (host student)

Project Proud Paper: Cardinal Connections. Our project consisted of informing our community about Cardinal Services including taking students from our school on tours and presenting information about Cardinal Services.



Katy Ashpole
Wawasee High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Tennis, Volleyball, TEC (Youth Group), Student Council, and KYLA

Hobbies: Sports, Hanging out with friends, and listening to music

Future College: Indiana University, Purdue University, Butler University, or Manchester University

Major: Psychology or Education

Family Members and Names: Gina Ashpole, Ken Ashpole, Nick Hanlin, Mike Hanlin, Ben Ashpole, and Mickey Ashpole

Project Proud Paper: Toy Time Toy Drive



Maggie Holderman
Warsaw Community High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Dance, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Science Academic Superbowl Team, Church Youth Group, Heartline Volunteer


Hobbies: Dancing, roller blading, reading, hiking, watching movies.

Future College: Undecided

Major: Education or Ministry

Family Members: Parents Bryan & Shelley Holderman, Sister Annie Holderman

Project Proud Paper: Special Tees (Benefiting Kosciusko Special Olympics)



Benjahmin T. Perkins
Triton Jr./Sr. High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Groups-Organizations: 4-H, National Honors Society (NHS), Science Club, Spanish Club, Art Club, Varsity Football, Varsity Baseball

Hobbies: Camping, Kayaking

Future College: Manchester University

Major: Psychology

Family Members and Names: Angel Perkins (Mother), Tim Perkins (Father), Mahrissa Perkins (Sister)

Project Proud Paper: REAL Services for Real People



Rachel Jungbauer
Warsaw Community High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: Lake City Skiers, KYLA, Octagon Club, Heartline Volunteer, WCC Nursery Volunteer


Hobbies: Water Skiing and Traveling

Future College: I have no idea right now.

Major: Pre-Medicine with a Minor in Spanish

Family Members and Names: Dad: Steve Jungbauer, Mom: Erin Jungbauer, Sister: Sarah Jungbauer

Project Proud Paper: Kolors for Jacob's Kids



Alexandra Kann
Triton Jr./Sr. High School

Extra-Curricular Activities/Group Organizations: NHS, Spanish Club, Key Club- President, Science Club, FFA, FCCLA, Art Club, Spirit Club, FCS, KYLA, Student Council, Cross Country, Basketball, and Track.

Hobbies: Riding horses, running, and playing basketball, being in the outdoors and doing anything I can to stay busy.

Future College: Undecided, continue my running career - Major: Physical Therapist

Family Members and Names: Nicole and Jason Kann-Parents, Siblings: Ashley Kann and Autumn Kann.

Project Proud Paper: Raising money for Habitat for Humanity by doing a 3-on-3 tournament.

