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The Wayne County Foundation announced today that a special memorial scholarship is being established to honor the memory of Rebecca R. Lanter. A 2007 graduate of Hagerstown High School, Becca was a Lilly Endowment Community Scholar at Indiana University. She was killed in a car accident in Bloomington on May 15, 2010.

“Becca was a special person,” said Joe Backmeyer, Superintendent of the Nettle Creek School Corporation. “She was known throughout the Hagerstown community as someone who was determined to succeed and someone who valued education deeply.”

The new scholarship fund was initiated with a gift from Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI), who agreed to make available the unused portion of Becca’s Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. It will benefit Hagerstown graduates with a strong determination to succeed despite adversity; express a dedication to educational achievement; and demonstrate financial need.

Steve Borchers, Executive Director of the Wayne County Foundation said, “We are grateful to ICI and Lilly Endowment for allowing this distribution and enabling the Foundation to create a local fund that will benefit Hagerstown students for years to come. We thought it was a very appropriate way to honor her achievements and keep her memory alive.”

Contributions from Becca’s friends and others in the community are being asked in her memory to raise the balance of the fund to a level that will sustain a permanent distribution. Checks can be mailed to the Wayne County Foundation at 33 South 7th Street in Richmond, or gifts may be made electronically at www.waynecountyfoundation.org.