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### Foundation announces Lilly Endowment Community Scholars

The Wayne County Foundation is pleased to announce the selection of two area high school seniors who will receive the prestigious Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

Kristen Kramer and Kiersten Merida were chosen from a pool of 41 applicants from throughout Wayne County. Each recipient will receive a four-year, full tuition scholarship and \$900 annual stipend for required books and equipment.

Kristen, a senior at Richmond High School, maintained a 4.0 GPA while participating in Student Council, academic teams, and Mayor's Youth Council throughout her high school career. She has served in several leadership positions including captain of the varsity tennis team and president of the National Honor Society. She also volunteers at her church and as a credit recovery tutor at her school. Kristen plans to major in biology at Indiana University Bloomington and continue her studies to become an orthodontist. She is the daughter of Anthony and Teresa Kramer.

Kiersten, a senior at Lincoln High School, maintained a 4.0 GPA while participating in varsity tennis, National Honor Society, Key Club, Lincoln Teens, Student Council, and Spanish club throughout her high school career. She has also held several leadership roles including captain of the varsity volleyball team and president of BPA along with volunteering at her church and as a teacher's assistant. Kiersten plans to major in pre-pharmacy at Purdue University. She is the daughter of Derek and Nanette Merida.

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This year a total of 142 scholarships were awarded statewide by the Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment Inc., in conjunction with community foundations and Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. (ICI). ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 31 regionally accredited degree granting, nonprofit, private colleges and universities in the state.

Since 1998, 39 students have been awarded Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships through the Wayne County Foundation. This year's awardees will be recognized, at the Wayne County Foundation's Annual Report to the Community dinner in June.

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