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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.

Andrea Pegg and Katelyn Vierk were chosen from a pool of 84 applicants from throughout Wayne County. Each recipient will receive a four-year, full-tuition scholarship and \$900 annual stipend for required books and equipment.

Andrea is a senior at Richmond High School. At the end of her junior year she had a 4.35 GPA and plans to graduate with an Academic Honors diploma. Andrea has participated in Devilettes Dance and Color Guard, Red Devil Mentors, National Honor Society, Science Academic Team, and French Club. She has served in several leadership positions including the Teen Advisory Board at Morrison Reeves Library and was chosen as one of forty students nationally to attend the Duke Energy Academy at Purdue University. Andrea plans to major in Tissue Engineering at Purdue University. She is the daughter of Keith and Beverly Pegg.

Katelyn, a senior at Richmond High School, completed her junior year with a 4.385 GPA and plans to graduate with an Academic Honors diploma. Katelyn has participated in Business Professionals of America, Social Studies Academic Team, Pierian Yearbook, varsity track, Red Devil Mentors, RHS Movement, and National Honor Society. Katelyn founded Red Devil Mentors for College, a partnership

between Earlham College and Richmond High School where Earlham students mentor Richmond High School students toward college. She has volunteered for United Way, been active with Richmond Young Life, and attended the Indiana University High School Journalism Institute. Katelyn plans to attend DePauw University and double major in economics and history and become a civil rights attorney. She is the daughter of Debra Vierk and Ronald Vierk.

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, 43 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, 2017.

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