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### **240 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to be honored Saturday**

The third “class” of Lilly Endowment Community Scholars – 240 strong from every county in the state – will join their more than 350 predecessors when they start classes this fall on 27 college and university campuses across Indiana.

To celebrate their selection and their successful high school careers, the community scholars will be honored Saturday (June 17) with a dinner at the Indiana Convention Center. They will be joined by family members, special people in their lives (teachers, coaches, mentors), representatives from their colleges, and representatives from the community foundations across the state which selected them.

During the day before the dinner, the scholars and their guests will be able to visit the attractions in White River State Park: the Indianapolis Zoo, White River Gardens, the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, the IMAX Theater and the NCAA Hall of Champions.

The dinner audience of nearly 900 will hear featured speaker Ralph Appelbaum, the internationally renowned exhibit designer who is masterminding the exhibition space at the new Indiana State Museum, now under construction in White River State Park. His work for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the American Museum of Natural History and The Newseum (cq) has won every major design award. He has received more than 75 awards, including the Presidential Award for Design Excellence,

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the Federal Design Achievement Award and the *Interiors* “Designer of the Year/2000” Award. After graduating from the Pratt Institute, he joined the Peace Corps and served in South America. He formed Ralph Appelbaum Associates in 1978.

Indiana Gov. Frank O’Bannon and Indianapolis mayor Bart Peterson also will welcome the scholars.

“Once again, the more than 90 community foundations in Indiana, through their own selection procedures, have not only produced a class of outstanding scholarship recipients, but they also have helped raise awareness in their communities of the importance of higher education to our state’s future,” said Sara B. Cobb, Endowment vice president for education. “The Endowment is pleased to offer them the opportunity to extend their education and help them realize their dreams. With this new class, 33 colleges in the state will have almost 600 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars in their student ranks.”

The students – 104 men and 136 women – dream of becoming doctors, teachers, engineers, pharmacists, computer scientists, psychologists, lawyers, journalists. They have excelled in student government, on athletic fields, in scholastic competition, in their school theater and musical productions, and as newspaper and yearbook editors.

They have volunteered at local hospitals, for youth groups, in church mission work; they have served in soup kitchens and youth centers. They have been waiters, farm workers, lifeguards, roofers, bank tellers, corn detasselers, window washers, store managers, newspapers carriers, cashiers, baby sitters, theater ticket sellers.

Their teachers and advisers describe them as industrious, intellectually curious, responsible, hard-working, funny, talented, creative, compassionate, enthusiastic, self-confident, reflective, determined, studious, motivated, energetic.

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Come this fall, the 240 community scholars will scatter to campuses all over the state:

Anderson University – 5  
Ball State University – 9  
Bethel College – 1  
Butler University – 28  
DePauw University – 11  
Franklin College – 3  
Grace College – 1  
Hanover College – 6  
Indiana State University – 6  
Indiana University Bloomington – 34  
Indiana University Southeast – 2  
Indiana Wesleyan University – 3  
Manchester College – 1  
Marian College – 1  
Oakland City University – 2  
Purdue University – 35  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology – 27  
St. Joseph's College – 1  
St. Mary's College – 4  
St. Mary-of-the-Woods College – 3  
Taylor University – 10  
University of Evansville – 10  
University of Indianapolis – 3

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University of Notre Dame – 21

University of Southern Indiana – 6

Valparaiso University – 2

Wabash College – 5

Each Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides full tuition, required fees and a special allocation of up to \$700 per year for required books and equipment for four years of undergraduate study leading to a baccalaureate degree at any accredited college or university in Indiana.

Each community foundation in Indiana has established scholarship criteria in its own county and manages the local selection process. The Indianapolis-based Independent Colleges of Indiana administers the program. The Endowment has invested \$30.6 million in the first two classes and has allocated \$12.2 million for the 2001 program.

The community scholarship program is part of a multiyear, focused effort to address Indiana's low ranking (48<sup>th</sup>) in the percentage of its residents 25 years old and older who hold a baccalaureate degree. The Endowment's efforts in the educational-attainment arena have included grants to virtually all of Indiana's colleges and universities (capital improvement; recruitment, retention and placement programs; college preparatory programs), the community scholarship program, and significant grants to Indiana University and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology to enhance efforts to develop new technology-based initiatives. Since 1996 the Endowment has invested more than \$300 million in these initiatives and programs.

Under way also is the Community Alliances to Promote Education (CAPE) initiative which asks community foundations in the state to work with their communities

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to identify their areas' most compelling educational needs and, with public and private support and participation, devise plans to address them. Twenty-two planning grants have been awarded, and the CAPE implementation grants will be approved later this fall. The Endowment has earmarked \$50 million for CAPE.

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**Note** – The scholarship recipients and their guests will assemble at the Convention Center Saturday for a 5 p.m. reception. The dinner program should begin about 5:30 p.m. in the Sagamore Ballroom, second floor, and conclude by 8 p.m. If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to call me beforehand or ask for me Saturday at the event.