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Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Pulaski County Community Foundation, Inc. March 2011



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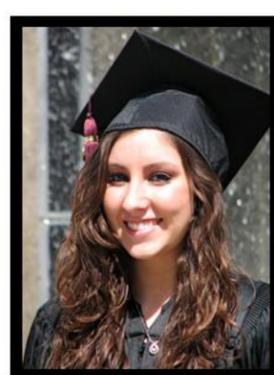
The Pulaski County Community Foundation and Independent Colleges of Indiana are required to stay in contact with Lilly Endowment Community Scholars for 10 years after graduation. It is amazing to see how far they have come in their careers, with some getting married and starting families as well.

Caitlin Hochstedler and **Blair Neihouser**, 2006 Cohort, are this year's newest college graduates. Caitlin graduated from Purdue with a major in Youth, Adult, and Family Services and just finished up an internship at Riley Hospital. Caitlin received academic honors and was also nominated for the Outstanding Senior Award, graduating with Highest Distinction (top 3% of her class). She passed her exam in Phoenix, AZ in June and is now a Certified Child Life Specialist.

Blair also graduated with honors from Purdue last May with his major in Building Construction Management. Blair was involved in a Design-Build Competition and is very active in church activities. Blair is married and he and his wife reside in Illinois. He is employed as a sales consultant in architecture, design, and planning.



Blair Neihouser
2006 Pulaski County Cohort



Caitlin Hochstedler
2006 Pulaski County Cohort

WHO RETURNED TO PULASKI COUNTY?

Many of the Lilly scholars would like to return to Pulaski County or the surrounding area to find employment after they graduate and raise their families here. One graduate did just that.

Adam Huber, 2004 Cohort, graduated from Franklin College in May of 2008 with an Elementary Education Major. Adam married in August 2006, and he and his wife have two little boys. After graduation they lived in Winamac, where his wife is currently employed as an RN. They now reside in Culver where Adam teaches sixth grade. He and his wife are youth sponsors at their church in Francesville and Adam plays the guitar in the worship band two days a week. Adam also enjoys helping his father build houses in and around Pulaski County.

Adam states, "I could never say thank you enough for what the Lilly Scholarship has done for me and my family!"



It has truly been a blessing that has allowed us to pursue goals and achieve things that would have otherwise been impossible for us at this time in our lives."

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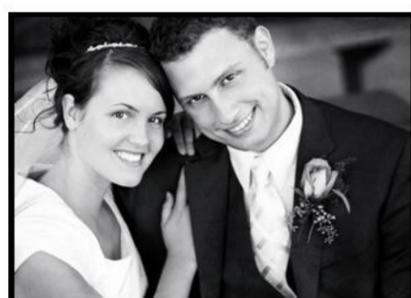
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OUR FIRST YEAR AT COLLEGE

PCCF's 2009 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars completed their first year at college in Spring of 2010. Tabatha Halleck and Joel Putt faced many challenges as they adjusted to college life.

Tabatha's first year consisted of crowding all her belongings into her little dorm room, going through the formal recruitment process at Purdue, becoming a member of the Delta Gamma sorority, and becoming involved in the newly established Lilly Scholarship Network chapter. Along with the many transitions, Tabatha states, "I have faced many academic and personal challenges throughout the year but it has helped me find my place within the university." She has enjoyed the environment and the courses she has taken. Tabatha shared her first year experience at PCCF's Scholar Recognition Banquet in June of 2010.

Joel's first year started off with a stressful move to Purdue, discouraging and upsetting days with professors and classmates, and physical and emotional challenges. He turned things around and surpassed his expectations by overcoming challenges and attending his biggest highlight of the year, the Agricultural Future of America Conference. Joel was named one of the most outstanding freshmen within the College of Agriculture, joined the Farm Management and Agribusiness Club, and received a position in the Agricultural Council. Joel had an "amazing" year at college and was married in June. Pictured is Joel and his new bride, Wendy.



"GIVING BACK" SCHOLARSHIP

Don and Margaret Good and Paul and Brenda Gilsinger established the Giving Back Scholarship in 2008. The **Giving Back Scholarship** is awarded to a deserving Pulaski County student who attains finalist status in the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship process.

Parents and families of Pulaski County Lilly Endowment Scholars have demonstrated their support for the fund along with past scholars who also have contributed to its growth over the past two years. This opportunity allows families and Lilly Scholar recipients to give back to the community and recognize the finalists at the same time.

Would you like to join others in "giving back"? Gifts may normally be made to PCCF funds at any time in any amount; however, to contribute toward the 2011 Giving Back Scholarship award, we ask that you deliver your gift by **March 31st**. Contributions may be mailed or donated online through our website at www.pulaskionline.org. What a great way to pay it forward!

NEW IN 2011

The 2011 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program is underway. Going into its fourteenth year, the scholarship program has assisted almost 3,500 Indiana high school graduates in pursuing Baccalaureate degrees at Indiana colleges and universities. 29 of those students are from Pulaski County.

Because the average cost of tuition has doubled in the last 13 years and the Endowment continues to seek ways to maximize the effectiveness of the program, there will be just one scholarship award for Pulaski County in 2011. The Endowment estimates the number of scholarships to be awarded for 2011 will be 142, compared to 216 scholarships in 2010. This year's recipient will be notified by March 31, 2011.

If you would like to update others on your recent accomplishments send your stories and photos to PCCF for the next issue! Don't forget to forward this newsletter to a friend!

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