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FORMER TEACHER HONORED BY SCHOLARSHIP TO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

A scholarship to honor former Central High School teacher, Miss Mabel Weiss, 97, is being established by Central High School alumni Martha Dunbar (class of 1943) and her brother Paul Dunbar (class of 1947), now residents of Chico, California. The scholarship is being established at the University of Southern Indiana to help a student who plans to pursue a professional career in teaching.

The recipient of the first scholarship is Michelle Gross, a Central High School student, who plans to attend USI this fall and major in secondary education with an emphasis in math. The daughter of Diana and Dennis Gross, Michelle has been active in concert choir, German Club, Drama Club, Pep Club, and Business Professionals of America at Central.

In conjunction with the national Teacher Appreciation Week observance, the scholarship recipient will meet Miss Weiss at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10 at the Protestant Home, where Miss Weiss resides. Thomas G. Sisk, principal of Central High School; Sharon Voight, senior counselor at Central; and David Bower of the USI Foundation staff will be greeting Miss Weiss and Miss Gross.

By establishing the scholarship, the Dunbars are lauding the work of Miss Weiss, a Central High School English teacher for 45 years who retired in 1972. They credit their success to the message of Miss Weiss, "hard work, study, thrift, initiative, and personal responsibility for one's life." Following high school graduation and work on advanced degrees, the Dunbars continued professional careers in education; he in middle-management at Chico State University and she as a teacher and speech therapist in Sunnyvale, California.

Miss Dunbar was awarded the Samuel T. Orr Scholarship upon her graduation from Central and it has been her lifelong dream "to establish a similar scholarship and provide the opportunity for an able student to be educated and to go on to a creative and fulfilling life."