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Ten selected as USI Presidential Scholars

Ten high school graduates have been selected as the 1998 Presidential Scholars at the University of Southern Indiana in a competitive program that provides a guarantee of full tuition and fees for students who show academic excellence, practice leadership, and graduate from an accredited Indiana high school. The new scholars are:

Amanda S. Bahls, North Vermillion High School, Cayuga
Heather M. Dant, Central High School, Evansville
Brandi S. Elpers, Tecumseh High School, Lynnville
Anna M. Green, Lapel High School, Lapel
Jamie L. Kennedy, F. J. Reitz High School, Evansville
Christian L. Lindy, Benjamin Bosse High School, Evansville
Stephanie L. Moll, Oldenburg Academy, Batesville
Michael W. Sanford, Mt. Vernon High School, Fortville
Kelly L. Steiner, F. J. Reitz High School, Evansville
Whitney R. Tyree, Mitchell High School, Mitchell

Bahls is the daughter of Karen and David Bahls, 10806 N. 100 W., Perrysville, and plans to major in secondary education at USI. She graduated valedictorian and served as president of the National Honor Society; vice president of her junior and senior classes, and Peer Leader for four years. She was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students for three years. Bahls was a member of the Business Professionals of America for four years, The Student Leadership Academy, and the Academic Super Bowl Team her senior year. Bahls also belonged to the Spanish Club for three years, the Swing Choir her senior year, and was on the yearbook staff. She played volleyball for four years and basketball for two years, and ran track for two years. Bahls was named Academic All-Star by both the Indianapolis Star and the Terre Haute Tribune Star, received student recognition awards in art and math, and was named to the Academic All-State Volleyball Team this year.

Dant is the daughter of Randy Dant, 1135 Millbrook Court, Evansville, and will major in radiologic technology at USI. She graduated salutatorian and received the President's Award for Educational Excellence and the Evansville North Civitan Valedictorian Award. Dant performs community service through the Junior Civitan Club and in aiding the handicapped.

Elders is the daughter of Sara and Robert Elpers, R. R. #2, Dale, and will major in accounting at USI. She graduated valedictorian and served as treasurer of both the National Honor Society and the Business Professionals of America. Elpers received the Mid-west Grocers Scholarship and the Kentucky Grocers-Wallace T. Gleaves Scholarship.

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Green is the daughter of Nancy and Robert Green, 4674 W. Eighth Street, Lapel, and will major in accounting at USI. She graduated valedictorian and served as president of her class for three years, president of the National Honor Society, copy editor of the yearbook, and captain of the cross-country track team. Green was nominated Homecoming Princess and named a Hoosier Scholar and an Indiana All-Star Candidate. She also received an Academic Achievement Award in basketball.

Kennedy is the daughter of Lorie Mercer, 14601 Martin Station Road, Evansville; and Richard Kennedy, 2325 E. Tennessee, Evansville; and will study graphic design at USI. She graduated valedictorian and received the Academic All-State Award in both basketball and volleyball and the Wayne Weller Award for volleyball. Kennedy served as captain of her volleyball and basketball teams.

Lindy is the son of Ingrid and Stanley Lindy, 213 S. Thomas Avenue, Evansville, and will enter the pre-medicine program at USI. As a senior, he received the President's Education Gold Award, the Kiwanis Academic Award, NHS Scholarship Program Award, the U.S. Army Scholar Athlete Award, and was named the state of Indiana Hoosier Scholar, and the Tandy Technology Scholar. Lindy served as president of the National Honor Society, vice president of the French Club, captain of the golf team, and section leader of concert choir. He received the Kiwanis Golf Award and was named to Academic All-City and the Indiana State Solo and Ensemble Contest First Division.

Moll is the daughter of Maria and Paul Moll, 927 Central Avenue, Batesville, and will enter the pre-medicine program at USI. She graduated valedictorian and served as Student Council president, school newspaper editor, co-president of Students Against Drunk Drivers, and Kairos Retreat Leader. Moll was named a Hoosier Scholar and received the Four Year Award in both cross-country and track.

Sanford is the son of Diane and Brian Sanford, 5141 W. Tumbleweed Court, New Palestine, and will enter the pre-medicine program at USI majoring in chemistry or biology. He graduated salutatorian and is a member of the National Honor Society and served as Student Council vice president and captain of the tennis team. Sanford was named All-American Scholar and is listed among Who's Who Among High School Students. He was named the tennis team's Most Valuable Player.

Steiner is the daughter of Jean Steiner, 321 S. Barker Avenue, Evansville; and Tim Steiner, 11708 St. Wendel Road., Evansville; and will major in accounting at USI. She graduated valedictorian and is listed among Who's Who Among High School Students, Who's Who in Sports, and was awarded both the Academic All-City Award and the Academic All-State Award. Steiner was named Kiwanis Youth of the Day and received the Scholarship Achievement Award. She also lettered in soccer and softball and was named to the Second All-City Soccer Team.

Tyree is the daughter of Debbie and John Tyree, Route 4, Mitchell, and will major in chemistry at USI. She graduated salutatorian and served as class vice president and Student Council treasurer. She was named the Rotary Club Student of the Month and named to the Academic All-State Volleyball Team.