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Ten Indiana high school seniors will attend
University of Southern Indiana as Presidential Scholars



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Two men and eight women are receiving Presidential Scholarships to the University of Southern Indiana for the 1999-2000 academic year. Ten students are selected for the competitive scholarships each year. Students ranked first or second in their senior class at the end of the fall semester from an Indiana high school are eligible to compete for the scholarship. Each scholarship covers tuition, fees, room and board, and books and is valued at more than \$25,000 during the four year period.

The scholars are Derek James Adams, Veedersburgh; Jamie Carie, Washington; Gena Marie Elpers, Evansville; Monica Jean Fischer, Huntingburg; Kristina Marie Kavanaugh, Montgomery; Kendra Renae Maasberg, Evansville; Jessica Marie Miller, Valparaiso; Erin Oxendine, Oakland City; Michael Christopher Shockley, Indianapolis; and Lori Thyen, Huntingburg.

Individual information on each student follows.

Derek James Adams, 513 N. Main Street, Veedersburgh, is a graduate of Fountain Central High School. The son of Larry and Susan Adams, Derek may study accounting or business management. He is a member of the National Honor Society and in his senior year he served as vice president of student council. He was captain of varsity tennis team, a member of the varsity basketball team, and Spanish Club vice president. He was active in his church youth group for four years.

Jamie Carie, 16 E. Walnut, Washington, is a graduate of Washington Catholic High School and the daughter of David and Sharon Carie. She is considering academic programs in law, teaching, and accounting. A member of the National Honor Society, Jamie is vice president of the senior class, vice president of student council, and vice president of Beta Club. She was active in volleyball, basketball, and tennis for four years.

Benjamin Bosse High School graduate Gena Marie Elpers, 1128 Lodge Avenue, Evansville, plans course work in paleontology and geology. Elpers is the daughter of Eugene and Carol Elpers. In her senior year she participated in the fall play, Girl Scouts, Academic Super Bowl team, and the National Honor Society.

Monica Jean Fischer, 3418 W. 750 Street, Huntingburg, is the daughter of Roger and Pat Fischer and a graduate of Southridge High School. She plans to major in occupational therapy. Her activities in high school included the National Honor Society, Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD), Spanish Club, Teens for Live, Odyssey of the Mind, and Business Professionals of America. She was also active in the choir and participated in the school musical her freshman and sophomore years.

Kristina Marie Kavanaugh, R. R. 1, Montgomery, is a Barr-Reeve High School graduate. She is the daughter of David and Cleta Kavanaugh and will study business administration with an emphasis in management. A high school athlete, Kavanaugh played tennis, softball, basketball, and volleyball during her high school career. Other activities included Beta Club, Spanish Club, Future Homemakers of America, Peers Education Peers, SADD, chorus, and Academic Bowl. She was treasurer of her senior class.

Kendra Renae Maasberg, 15465 Big Cynthiana Road, Evansville, is the valedictorian of Francis Joseph Reitz High School 1999 senior class. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Cynthia Maasberg. Her senior year she was vice president of the student council, vice president of Business Professionals of America, president of local 4-H Club, and member of the National Honor Society. Active in 4-H during her high

school career, she received a Leadership Award, Field Crops Award, Citizenship and Civic Award, and Education Award her senior year. At USI she will major in mathematics education and business education. Jessica Marie Miller, 391 W 100S, Valparaiso, is a graduate of Boone Grove High School. She is interested in physical therapy. The daughter of James and Jeanette Miller, Jessica was active in soccer, basketball, and volleyball at Boone Grove. She was a member of the National Honor Society, the Rotary Club, and Natural Helpers. She tutored in algebra, geometry, and Spanish and helped in community and school food drives and fundraisers for the needy.

Erin Oxendine, 620 W. Oak Street, Oakland City, is a Wood Memorial High School graduate. She is the daughter of Roxanne Mills of Oakland City and Donnie Oxendine of Huntingburg. She plans to major in English and social work. In her senior year she was president of the Student Council and a member of the National Honor Society. A student athlete, Oxendine participated in track and cross country and was named academic all-state and all-county for cross country her senior year. She received the Kiwanis Mental Attitude Award and was named the most improved runner for cross country.

Michael Christopher Shockley, 41 N. Oxford Street, Indianapolis, is a graduate of Beech Grove High School and plans to pursue a degree in business administration. He is the son of Kenneth and Karen Shockley. He was an officer in French Club and International Club and a member of the student newspaper staff. He played varsity hockey his junior and senior years and served as an after-school tutor.

Lori Thyen, 8296 S. U.S. 231, Huntingburg is a graduate of Southridge High School who plans to major in biology and pre-veterinary medicine. She is the daughter of Rich and Karen Thyen. She was a member of Business Professionals of America and National Honor Society. Other activities were concert and marching band, Spanish Club, musical cast member, Teens for Life, and Students Against Drunk Driving.

The Presidential Scholarship program was begun 1988 to attract outstanding Hoosier students to the University. To date 106 Presidential Scholars have graduated from USI with six scheduled to graduate in December 1999.

The University of Southern Indiana, located in Evansville, Indiana, is a comprehensive public university established in 1965. Over 60 majors are offered through five schools. A liberal arts and science curriculum serves as the foundation of knowledge for USI programs and complements undergraduate study leading to careers in business, engineering technology, government, health professions, education, and related fields. USI offers an educational experience with close interaction between students and professors dedicated to teaching. There is an institution-wide commitment to student success.