

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS BEING HONORED



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NEWS RELEASE

The 55 Presidential Scholarship recipients -- including 17 valedictorians and six salutatorians who enrolled as freshmen this fall -- will be honored guests for several 25th Anniversary events at the University of Southern Indiana.

The first was a picnic given by President and Mrs. David L. Rice at the University Home on Sunday, August 26. The next major event will be the University's Silver Anniversary Gala at 8 p.m. Saturday, September 15, in the Robert E. Greene Convention Center. Charles McDowell, nationally syndicated newspaper columnist and frequent panelist on *Washington Week In Review* on public television, will be the keynote speaker.

The Presidential Scholarships guarantee up to \$4,600 a year for four years to cover tuition, books, fees, and room and board for students who graduate from accredited Indiana high schools as either valedictorians or salutatorians, score at least 1,000 on the SAT test, and continue to meet eligibility criteria at the University.

The scholarships were inaugurated by the USI Foundation in 1988 to attract the top students to USI. Dr. David L. Rice, University president, said the program "carries a special commitment -- a commitment to bring to our campus young Hoosiers who have shown exceptional academic talent, with motivation and enthusiasm for learning. Having these students on the campus enhances the overall academic climate and thus benefits fellow students, faculty, and eventually, the entire State of Indiana. I believe it is one of the University's proudest achievements."

Presidential Scholarships are funded through private gifts, with more than \$500,000 raised to date. There have been two endowed scholarships (\$75,000 each) -- JARCO - A. Wayne Place Endowed Presidential Scholarship and Robert L. Koch Memorial Endowed Presidential Scholarship -- with a third in process. Full-scholarship funding (\$4,600 a year for four years) has been committed by ten Evansville businesses and individuals. Other contributions came from the community and University employees.

"With the exception of Mr. Place of Jasper, the scholarship support has come from the Evansville area," noted Mrs. Suzanne A. Nicholson, president of the USI Foundation. "We believe there are businesses and individuals throughout southern Indiana who would be interested in supporting this special program for Indiana's finest students and invite them to contact us."

The 1990 campaign goal is \$390,000. The endowed and full four-year scholarships will be named in tribute to the donors. Tickets for the Gala on September 15 are \$50 per person, with \$25 of that earmarked for the Presidential Scholarship program; businesses may reserve a table for eight for \$1,000. Anyone interested in endowing a Presidential Scholarship or supporting the program either by attending the Gala or through a gift may contact the USI Foundation office, 812/464-1918.

(A list of new and returning Presidential Scholarship recipients follows.)

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The 1990-91 Presidential Scholarship recipients (with high school in boldface, USI major in parenthesis) include:

Valedictorians --

Dianne E. Baughn, 4112 Kensington, Evansville - Central (political science)
Robin C. Brunner, RR 1, New Harmony - New Harmony (undecided)
Andrew C. Bush III, 827 Clampet Lane, Memphis - Silver Creek (mathematics)
Julie L. Elkins, RR 1, Dubois - Northeast Dubois (undecided)
Erica L. Hartwig, 178 Boxwood Court, Valparaiso - Morgan Township (accounting)
Lisa M. Jerger, RR 3, Washington - Washington Catholic (nursing)
Duane L. Keitel, 623 E. 10th Street, Mt. Vernon - Mt. Vernon (biology)
Amy D. Lankford, 1105 N Craig, Evansville - Reitz (elementary education)
Amber F. Lucas, 917 E. Sycamore, Vincennes - Lincoln (elementary education)
Craig A. Martin, RR 1, New Salisbury - North Harrison (business administration)
Niki L. Myers, 204 Saddle Drive, Charlestown - Charlestown (nursing)
Brian P. Scoggins, 218 High Street, Charlestown - Charlestown (electrical engineering technology)
David M. Shumaker, 321 N. 10th Street, Gas City - Mississinewa (undecided)
Bonita E. Swartzentruber, RR 1, Montgomery - North Daviess (accounting)
Travis J. Taylor, 215 W. South I Street, Gas City - Mississinewa (biology)
Chad E. Webster, 904 N. Main Street, Sullivan - Sullivan (biology)
Dina R. Young, RR 1, Poland - Owen Valley (biology)

Salutatorians --

Amanda L. Burch, RR 4, Bloomfield - Bloomfield (political science)
Kim A. Defur, 1008 Granary, New Harmony - New Harmony (English)
Robert S. Feldmeier, 228 W. 2nd Street, Lynnville - Tecumseh (accounting)
Ana M. Smith, PO Box 624, Dugger - Union (undecided)
Tina L. Tow, RR 3, Loogootee - Barr- Reeve (electrical engineering technology)
Sondra K. Wolf, 2415 John Court, Evansville - Harrison (biology)

The inaugural (1988-89) Presidential Scholarship recipients who remain in the program are:

Valedictorians --

Paula J. Baughn, 4112 Kensington, Evansville - Central (communications)
Sherry M. Begle, RR 3, Huntingburg - Southridge (accounting)
Mary C. Fanello, 1512 Continental, Evansville - Evansville Christian (business administration)
Melinda G. Grooms, 311 Pioneer, Boonville - Boonville (accounting)
Laura L. Hedrick, RR 1, Oakland City - Wood Memorial (English)
Laura L. Huber, Woodland Heights, Cannelton - Cannelton (elementary education)
Thad M. Immel, 19227 Tarman, New Paris - Goshen Fairfield (elementary education)
William L. Kunkler, RR 1, Tell City - Perry Central (mechanical engineering)
Lisa D. May of RR 3, Spencer - Owen Valley (English/teaching)
Kelly K. Milner, RR 2, Dale - Tecumseh (business administration)
Bethany J. Nuss, 201 W. Summit, Brownstown - Brownstown Central (mathematics)
Stacy Bowman Pierson, RR 1, Marengo - Crawford County (chemistry)
Debra L. Seifrig, State Road 1, Siberia - Perry Central (mathematics)
Lana R. Stoll, RR 3, Washington - Washington (biology)

Salutatorians --

Pamela J. Graper, RR 2, Princeton - Wood Memorial (accounting)
Christopher Green, 2901 Edgewood, Jeffersonville - Borden (accounting)
Anita F. Lengacher, RR 3, Washington - Barr- Reeve (elementary education)
Kimberly L. Matthews, RR 2, New Harmony - New Harmony (business administration)
Patrick E. McDonald, 2181 Stormy, Portage - Portage (biology and pre-med)
Angela R. McGuire, Bruceville - North Knox (psychology)
Kristina S. Small, 116 Oak, Huntingburg - Southridge (biology)
Stacey L. Summers, RR 1, Birdseye - Crawford County (accounting)

The 1989-90 Presidential Scholarship recipients who remain in the program include:

Valedictorians --

Patricia A. Godeke, 851 S. Villa Drive, Evansville - Bosse (biology)
Jacqueline L. Gruber, RR 2, Montgomery - Barr- Reeve (biology)
Mindy A. Knieriem, RR 1, Taswell - Crawford County (mathematics)

Salutatorians --

Dean J. Bromm, RR 3, Huntingburg - Southridge (undecided)
Vickie L. Foster, 3036 W. Franklin, Evansville - Reitz (chemistry)
Lori B. Fuhriman, RR 2, Elberfeld - Tecumseh (English)
Robert Hosmer, 210 Oak Street, Owensville - Gibson Southern (German)
Sherri D. Kozar, 627 N. Polk, Oakland City - Wood Memorial (biology)
Diana M. Stoll, RR 2, Montgomery - Barr- Reeve (accounting)
Mindy S. Vandeventer, 112 N. Washington, Worthington - Worthington- Jefferson (elementary education)