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Hendricks County Community Foundation Announces Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Recipients

Two Hendricks County students have been named recipients of full tuition scholarships as the Hendricks County Community Foundation 2009 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars.

Emilee Arnold of Stilesville and James Ropa of Avon will receive full tuition to the Indiana college of their choice and an \$800 yearly stipend for required books and equipment. They were awarded this prestigious scholarship based on significant community service, outstanding academic achievement and leadership skills.

Emilee is the daughter of Karen and Edward Arnold. She attends Cascade High School and is active in National Honor Society and Student Council and plays varsity basketball, softball and golf. She has participated in community service projects such as the Veterans' History Project, Summer Lunch Bunch and tutoring. Emilee plans to attend the University of Indianapolis and major in mathematics and secondary education.

James is the son of Christopher and Stephanie Ropa. He attends Avon High School and is active in Avon School Ambassadors and National Honor Society, and plays soccer and runs cross country. James is an Eagle Scout and has helped with Project A.N.G.E.L. service projects. James has not decided where he will attend college but plans to major in pharmaceutical sciences or biochemistry.

The Hendricks County Community Foundation received 83 scholarship applications from Hendricks County students. After the applications were reviewed, six students were chosen to be interviewed. From this group, two nominees and an alternate were submitted to Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. for the selection of the recipients.

The scholarships are the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education. Indiana ranks among the lowest states in the percentage of residents over the age of 25 with a bachelor's degree. There will be 216 scholarships awarded statewide.

ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 31 regionally accredited degree granting, nonprofit, private colleges and universities in the state.

The Hendricks County Community Foundation has been working to improve the quality of life in our community since 1996. It manages a \$6 million collection of funds that are created by individuals, families and organizations for charitable purposes. In 2008, the Community Foundation awarded over \$800,000 in grants to local organizations and causes and scholarships to local students.

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