

# The *Scholarship* FOUNDATION OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, INC.

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## Scholarship Awards Total \$222,500

One hundred and one women and men of St. Joseph County will receive academic awards from The Scholarship Foundation of St. Joseph County, Inc. for the 2010-2011 school year. The awards total \$222,500: 23 awards to students who graduated from high school this year, 76 renewals and two new grants to students already in school.

### New awardees and the high school from which each graduated:

<b>Adams</b>	<b>John Glenn</b>	Matthew Reisdorf	<b>Saint Joseph</b>
Andrew Byers	Andrew Alexander	Katherine Zeiger	Lauren Hudak
Alexandra Kimm	Kathryn Smith	<b>New Prairie</b>	Ji Woong Jeong
Annah Usabyimana	<b>Marian</b>	Brina Miltenberger	Katherine Schmitt
<b>Calvary Christian</b>	Megan McMahon	<b>Penn</b>	<b>Trinity</b>
Austin Green	<b>Mishawaka</b>	Kristina Jones	Calla Couch
<b>Clay</b>	Cassandra DeWulf	<b>Riley</b>	Mary Feeks
Benjamin Burnett	Katendi Kanema	Heather Enis	Gabriel Griggs
		William Hinnefeld	Katharine Havard

### Upperclass recipients and the school each is attending:

<b>Andrews University</b>	Timothy Fisher	<b>University of Minnesota</b>	Alicia LeRoy
Evan Bujeker	Rachel Geissler	Michelle Grondin	Hayley Racz
<b>Ball State University</b>	Jordon Hamilton	<b>No. Michigan University</b>	Therryn Rassi
Kayla Green	Sarah Louderback	Kimberly Giver	Amanda Stukel
Samuel Green	Mary Jane Slaby	<b>University of Notre Dame</b>	Erika Wallace
Jason Schmidt	<b>Indiana Wesleyan</b>	Felicia Caponigri	<b>Savannah College</b>
Angela Ziolkowski	Ashley Davison	Andrea Etienne	<b>of Art and Design</b>
<b>Bethel College</b>	Erica Schmeltz	Amanda Gray	Abigail Evans
Joshua Lukas	<b>IUPUI</b>	Christine Hamma	Amber Zoellner
<b>Butler University</b>	Elyse Leszczynski	Bryan Keve	<b>St. Norbert College</b>
Emily Blanche	<b>IU-Purdue Ft. Wayne</b>	Michael McMahon	Mark Voelker
Andrew Kazmierczak	Jared Rhodes	Rocio Miramontes	<b>Taylor University</b>
Sergio Madera	<b>IUSB</b>	Katherine Remley	Benjamin Marshall
<b>Cornell</b>	TheaMarie Burns	Alexander West	<b>Tulane</b>
John Hinnefeld	Brenda Garcia	<b>Purdue University</b>	Allyson Knutson
<b>DePauw University</b>	Tyler Mangus	Colleen Barrett	<b>Valparaiso University</b>
Ariella Ford	<b>IVY Tech</b>	Mychal Bolden	Michael Shenefield
Claire Jagla	Terrance Szczechowski	Emily Cook	<b>Wheaton College</b>
<b>Goshen</b>	<b>Marquette University</b>	Katie Hesck	Joshua Walker
Izamar Garcia	Michael Zientara	Lauren Kolecki	<b>Xavier University</b>
Alison Reist	<b>Miami University</b>	Neal Kostry	Monica Uebbing
<b>Hope College</b>	Margaret Voelker	Kevin McMahon	
Calla Summers	<b>University of Michigan</b>	Daniel Morton	
<b>Indiana University</b>	Chang Han Chung	Kenneth Roush	
Kathleen Carney		Helen Waldschmidt	
Andrea Clark	<b>New Upperclassmen</b>	Katie Warnock	
Lauren Deranek	<b>Indiana University</b>	<b>Saint Mary's College</b>	
Michael Dits	Colin Shuman	Christine Dits	
Katelyn Drudge	<b>Rocky Mountain College</b>	Emily Fairchild	
Anne Feeks	Rhiannon Laird	Paige Fairchild	

**The Build St. Joseph  
County  
scholarship  
recipient at Ivy Tech is:**

Audra Mayo

# President's Perspective . . . . . Joe Garrett

To start my first column as incoming president of the Scholarship Foundation of St. Joseph County for 2010/2011, I would like to thank the entire board: executives, committee chairs, and directors, for another year of successful operation. As I view the new awards for this fall's academic year, the growth and impact of this organization in assisting St. Joseph County graduates attend college over the last 50+ years strikes me as nothing short of remarkable. Our total awards since the first grant in 1959 through the spring semester of 2011 will be approaching nearly \$4,000,000p



Special recognition must go to Mary Nucciarone, who has served as president of the Foundation for the last three years. The time and expertise that she has provided during an extremely challenging economic period and our own board's structural changes deserve our special thanks and gratitude. I know Mary will agree with a similar thank you to Cindy Crawford, our assistant at the Foundation, who essentially makes sure everything happens.

Peter Braasch and the Awards Committee have devoted a tremendous amount of time and effort this spring to the difficult task of narrowing down another list of deserving applicants to arrive at our list of outstanding recipients. Many thanks to the Awards Committee and hearty congratulations to our grant winners.

One of the prime initiatives of the coming year will be to fill the role of a development executive for the Foundation. Fully defining and filling the position remains to be completed, but much work has been done in the planning and preparation for this to be accomplished. Anne Hillman and the Long Range Planning Committee and Carol Evans and her ad hoc committee are to be thanked for providing the framework for this. It is clear that getting our Foundation's message and mission in front of the public and potential donors is vital to our continued growth. With tuition and educational costs rising at a rate significantly faster than most living expenses, our ability to assist more students in the future will rely to a great degree on our success in expanding our fundraising efforts and results.

Special thanks and best wishes go to directors resigning from the Foundation, particularly Kay Colten, who has distinguished herself on our board not only for the many years she has served, but also for her depth of knowledge and experience with the Foundation.

We welcome several new members to the Foundation, and I hope to meet all of you at upcoming orientation meetings. As I was organizing some notes to prepare for my new role, I came across a letter welcoming me to the board dated July 30, 1987. It did not cross my mind at the time that I might be welcoming new board members 23 years later! I would encourage you to become active in the Foundation and volunteer for committee work to become more familiar with the workings of our organization. I predict you will find it fulfilling and gratifying.

There are more board members that deserve recogni-

tion, but space and time limits me. Be assured that everyone's contributions to our Foundation's success, whether it is time, experience, or money, helps a lot of talented, deserving high school graduates reach toward their educational and professional potential. We, like others, face some extraordinary challenges: an uneven economic recovery, rising educational costs, competition for charitable giving, and the list goes on. However, we have faced similar challenges in the past, and the persevering nature of our board has seen the Foundation through them. I am confident that we will see the Foundation reach even higher levels of accomplishment in the future.

## Mishawaka Grad Receives Kiel

Katherine Zeiger is this year's recipient of the Bertha Kiel scholarship. Katherine is a graduate of Mishawaka High School with an academic honors diploma. She will attend the Butler University this fall, studying pre-med. "I hope to become a caring, compassionate physician," she says.

Active in community service, Katherine has participated in Logan Run, Habitat for Humanity, MHS's Kids Volleyball camp and the school's Food Drive among others. She served as secretary of her senior class and received the DAR Good Citizenship Award the same year.

Named a scholar-athlete each of her four years, she received varsity letters in volleyball and track and was a member of the Northern Indiana All Conference First Team in volleyball.

The Scholarship Foundation awards the scholarship each year to honor the memory of Bertha Kiel who gave a \$1.8 million gift to the Foundation at the time of her death. Miss Kiel was a language teacher at Riley for many years.

The Kiel award is given in the amount of \$5,000 and is renewable for three years. It is awarded to a student who exemplifies role model characteristics for his peers, taking into account not only academics but also leadership capabilities in extra-curricular and community activities.

### Other Named Scholarships

The Garcia family scholarship was awarded to Katherine Schmidt and the Mary W. Nicholson scholarship to Matthew Reisdorf. The Laidig scholarship recipient was William Hinnefeld and the William E. Ulbricht South Bend Lions Club scholarship was presented to Heather Enis.

## Fourteen Schools

### Seventy-three 2010 Applicants

Seventy-three seniors from 14 schools in St. Joseph County applied for scholarships from the Foundation this year; 27 were awarded grants.

Schools and the number of applicants from each are: Adams (7), Calvary Christian (1), Clay (7), First Baptist Christian (7), Home Schooled (2), John Glenn (2), Marian (8), Mishawaka (5), New Prairie (1), Penn (12), Riley (7), Saint Joseph's (7), Trinity (6) and Washington (1).

# Kay Colten Retires after Thirty-Seven Years

by Ann Molenda

Graduating with majors in math and physics from DePauw University in 1950, prepared Kay Colten for the computer age, though she probably didn't think about it at the time.

Kay just retired from the Scholarship Foundation after 13 consecutive three-year terms – that works out to 39 years for non-math majors. Kay feels, "I'm getting too old to be a mentor. I have trouble getting around." However, she got her first pair of eyeglasses only this past May.

In Kay's class at DePauw she was the solo woman in the higher physics classes. Her future husband Jerry was her lab partner when they were juniors. Jerry

graduated a year ahead of Kay, but stayed on to take classes to get a master's in math – and to keep an eye on Kay. After graduation and marriage, the couple moved to Purdue so Jerry could pursue an engineering degree, and Kay a master's. After a couple of months when Gulf Research offered Jerry a job in Colorado, Kay joined Jerry on his moves to Texas, Utah and eventually Pittsburgh.

In 1955 Kay and Jerry moved to South Bend and had four children: Ginny, Rob, Margi and Tom. After the children had grown, Kay worked for ten years with Floyd Hugus on environmental issues.

In 1970 the South Bend chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) contributed \$100.00 to the Scholarship Foundation, and the Foundation wanted a representative of AAUW on its Board. A past president of AAUW, Kay's name was submitted to the Foundation.

The day Kay joined the Scholarship Foundation in 1971 was the day the Foundation hired its first secretary. Up to that time, directors did all their own record keeping and communication. Kay remembers, "The secretary had a regular full time job and did Foundation work at her home. However, the Board did buy her an IBM typewriter.

"The Scholarship Foundation's goal was to raise \$50,000 so we could

give \$25,000 in scholarships the first year and \$25,000 the second year. The scholarships were based on need and were in small amounts. One year we gave students only \$100.00 in two \$50.00 checks.

"Before Cindy Crawford came on board, I used to spend Sunday afternoons in the fall getting out solicitation letters."

Computers fascinated Kay, and she gave one to her husband in 1982 which used the television screen as the monitor. She bought one for herself in 1984, using money she earned running a phone bank for John Hiler.

Kay has served a couple of times on the Awards Committee. The tedious experience of putting vital information into folders prompted Kay to write a computer program to determine the needs of a student. The program used family income and costs of the school to come up with what a family could provide. Kay remembers, "Jim Wilson and I shopped for a computer." For many years Kay used the original program but when it was decided to switch it to Access, Cindy's husband was able to do the exchange.

Kay became involved with the College Fair early on. "I contacted the colleges. One time MIT came because I knew a counselor for the school. We also included the Michiana Area Construction Industry Advancement Fund.

"I was treasurer for the Fair, as its monies were kept separate from the general fund. South Bend School City was running the Fair at the time. Eventually the Fair became independent of School City and it no longer was associated with MACAIF."

Kay's husband died in 1998, and son Tom has also died. The three remaining children and six grandchildren live out of town and Kay looks back on a host of volunteer activities aside from the Scholarship Foundation.

"Because Hospice in Wilmette, Illinois, was so good to my son Tom and daughter-in-law, I worked with the South Bend Hospice as a computer volunteer," Kay says.

First Presbyterian Church also claimed Kay's time and attention.

She served two terms on the Board of Trustees, including one term as president, two terms on the Session and the Board of Deacons, as well as treasurer.

For ten years Kay taught computer literacy at the Leighton Center for Senior Health. She recalls, "At one time the classes were so crowded it was difficult to get in."

Kay's contributions to the Scholarship Foundation of St. Joseph County have been numerous and important and she and her talents will be missed.

## A Reminiscence . . .

*Principals in this reminiscence are Dagny Diamond, the author and current Board member, and Gil Vance, a former member of the Board who died March 13. Bertha Kiel gave the Scholarship Foundation \$1,8 million from her estate and is remembered with a named scholarship. Jim Hart was president of the Board at the time of the Kiel bequest.*

I had a deep affection for Gil Vance and what he did for the Foundation. He was Bertha Kiel's original trust officer. Miss Kiel's uncle had left his fortune to Miss Kiel and her sister. Bertha Kiel divided her bequest among other institutions and the Scholarship Foundation.

Gil had served on our Board for a long time so I have always credited him with helping Miss Kiel decide to favor us. When I was president, I used to fuss to Gil about where our funds would come from in the future. He always quietly but with authority would tell me, "We're going to be OK." It never entered my head that he had this pot of gold in the bank's pocket! Gil left the Board and others assumed his duties, following much in his pattern. I still fussed.

When Jim Hart announced that Bertha Kiel had left us what seemed to me manna from heaven, I nearly fainted. I recalled Gil's "We're going to be OK." I called him and told him that I sensed his hand in this gift, and how much the members of the Foundation appreciated his dedication. He did not take credit for the gift - just doing his job, but he did not deny his part either.

Gil, I will miss knowing you're around.





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## College Fair 2010 Set for October 5 at Century Center

Tuesday, October 5, 2010, is the date that the Scholarship Foundation of St. Joseph County will host its annual College Fair from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Great Hall of the Century Center in downtown South Bend.

The College Fair is traditionally one of the central events conceived, planned, and implemented by the board of directors of the Scholarship Foundation. It is central to the Foundation's mission because it is intended to directly serve the families of St. Joseph County. In particular, high school students and their parents are cordially invited and encouraged to attend the fair, which last year featured over 90 different institutions of higher education within and beyond the

### — New Officers —

Officers for 2010-2011 are Joe Garrett, president; Tom Leland, president-elect; Janet Horvath, vice president mentoring; Doug March, vice president programs; Tim Batalis, vice president communications; Pat Sloan, secretary; Barbara May, assistant secretary; Christine Lauber, treasurer; Robert Rountree, assistant treasurer; and Mary Nucciarone, member at large (past president).

Twenty-two directors renewed their three year terms of office. They are Tim Batalis, Bill Bollinger, D. Scott Brennan, Suzanne Cierzniak, Myrtie Coleman, James Considine, Susan Devetski, Jack Gordon, Janet B. Hall, James Hart, Jerry Hofferth, Mary Anne Hurst, Genelle King, Ann Korb, Joyce Kuehl, Ray Larson, Thomas Leland, Jeanette Moeller, Rebecca Ruvalcaba, Mary Jane Stanley, John W. Toth and John Yarger. Three directors' resignations were

Midwest region. Over 1,500 people attended last year's fair, one of the largest turnouts in its history.

The fair provides an opportunity for students to connect one-on-one with representatives from these institutions – often admissions counselors – to converse and learn about all aspects, from academics, to housing, to student life.

Parents have also traditionally found the financial aid seminar to be extremely informative, especially in these days of the rapidly-changing scholarship, grant, and loan environment in higher education. This year's financial aid seminar will begin also at 6:00 p.m. in the Century Center's Bendix Theater.

### — New Directors —

received: Kathryn Colten, Mary Finley-Sims and Carol Hedman.

Eleven candidates have accepted directorships on the Scholarship's Board of Directors. On the Governing Board are Jim Connelly, author and lecturer, International Leadership Inc.; Ron Troyer, president, One Source, division of Troyer Group; and Doug Wait, general manager, Manufacturing Technology, Inc.

On the mentoring board will be Liane Albert, former teacher; Jim Guibert, director of Digital Sales, Schurz Communications, Inc.; Ann McGraw, Director of development, IUSB; Elizabeth McLaughlin, asst. professor of communications, Bethel College.

Also, Paula Miller, retired teacher; Sara Miller, VP technology and information, Burkhart Advertising; Al Nelson, retired from International Management, Clark Equipment; and Billy Vail, partner, Generations Financial Advisors, broker for Securities America.