

Leaders of Tomorrow

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Indiana Leaders of Tomorrow program generates nominees

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Featured in this section are 14 area students who have been nominated for the Indiana Leaders of Tomorrow program.

This statewide program, sponsored by EMBARQ, the *Herald Journal* and the *Carroll County Comet*, honors area youth in grades 9-12 for their leadership and community volunteerism.

In addition to the students featured in this section, a total of more than 3,000 students from around the state have been nominated for this program. All nominations will be reviewed by a new panel of community leaders.

One of the students pictured in this section will be named a district finalist for this area in mid-April.

There will be a total of 13 district finalists from around

the state.

The finalists and the schools they attend will receive a \$2,500 cash award for college, and his or her high school will receive a \$2,500 donation from EMBARQ.

One of the 13 district finalists will be named the "Indiana Leader of Tomorrow" winner. This person will receive a \$2,500 cash award for college, and his or her high school will receive a \$2,500 donation from EMBARQ.

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Alyssa Billue, North White junior

Alyssa Billue, 16, Buffalo, is the daughter of Michael and Lupe Billue.

The North White junior was nominated by herself.

Billue has volunteered hanging up Christmas lights for the City Park, worked at the Tri-Kappa booth at the county fair, and worked in an ice cream stand at the Monon Food Fest.

She has been on the A Honor Roll every year and is ranked first in her class. Her grade point average is 3.97/4.00.

She won second place in the Voice of Democracy School

Contest. She also attended the HOBY Seminar in the summer of 2005.

She also received the President's Education Award.

Her ISTEP scores were 640 for English/language arts and 661 for mathematics.

Her extracurricular activities are Honor Society, Student Council secretary for three years, German Club, and she has played volleyball and softball in which she received letters in volleyball and softball twice. She danced on the dance team her sophomore year and was on the prom committee.



Veronica S. Beckefeld, NW freshman

Veronica S. Beckefeld, 15, Monon, is the daughter of Julie Beckefeld.

The North White freshman was nominated by her mother.

Beckefeld was in Girl Scouts and sold cookies for three years. She also sold candy bars in elementary from second through the fifth grade. She also jumped rope for the heart while raising money.

She was also a member of the North White Middle School Ambassadors for three years and was in many competitions for ensemble contests, marching in parades, and performing out of state. During that time she applied herself to numerous fund-raisers, sang and danced in public for health care centers and many different organizations.

She has been in 4-H for two years and is currently in the Sunshine Society.

She has been involved in food drives and pennies for Riley Hospital and has an "Ideal Lady."

Her extracurricular activities include basketball since the second grade, softball since she was 5 years old, played volleyball since the seventh grade, and ran track in the eighth grade. She is currently conditioning for softball.

She was also in band for three years, played the oboe and clarinet, and was in pep band during the eighth grade.

Her academic achievements are for Academic Excellence; Top Girl Student; Presidents Education Award; Top Student for science, social studies, and English; Star Program; Perfect Attendance; Honor Society; Hall of Fame award in track, volleyball and Special Recognition for volleyball.



Her grade point average is 10.41.

Brady Logan, Twin Lakes senior

Brady Logan, 18, is the son of Byron and Paulette Logan.

The Twin Lakes senior was nominated by his teacher, Sandra Neireiter.

Logan's volunteer activities include Thanksgiving dinner volunteer; volunteer at the local food pantry; Wednesday night church dinner volunteer; Salvation Army bell ringer; volunteer tutoring, painting, yard work; visiting the elderly church members in nursing homes; and Food-Share pick-up volunteer.

He is on the honor roll and

has achieved Academic Excellence, Academic Honors Diploma, "A" grade point average, multiple AP courses, is on the National Honor Society, and is a Hoosier Boys State representative.

His extracurricular activities include football, basketball, baseball, track, art class, Stage Crew, SAFE Club, Spanish Club, Monticello Christian Church Youth Group, and Monticello Christian Church Junior Deacon.



Alissa L. Clawson, Rossville soph.

Alissa L. Clawson, 15, is the daughter of Rusty and Amy Clawson.

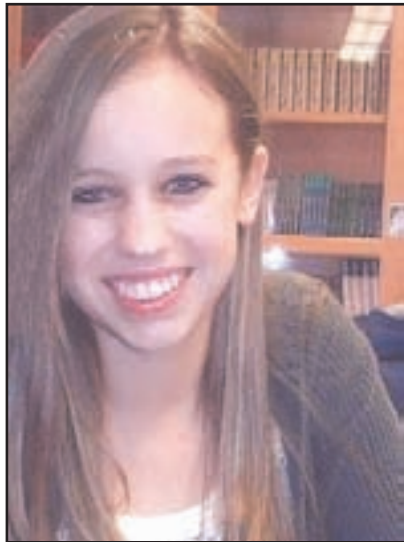
The Rossville High School sophomore was nominated by her guidance counselor, Chylene Price.

Clawson has participated in activities involving school clubs such as FCA and FCCLA, which do work around the community such as picking up trash around our City Park. She won a calendar contest when she attended Piper Elementary School in Kansas City, Kan. This city-wide program brought awareness of air pollution dangers to the people who lived in Kansas City in both Kansas and Missouri. She is actively involved in the safety awareness program at her father's workplace. These programs include an annual safety calendar contest, Christmas card safety awareness, and most recently, a program in which artwork is transferred to trash dumpsters around the plant to raise awareness to employees of how important it is to work in a safe manner.

She has won several awards for these activities.

She is also part of the Learning to Lead program for Clinton County and is currently working on a TATU presentation for the Rossville Middle School seventh grade and another county-wide program, Taking It To The Streets activity on "Kick Butts Day" as part of the VOICE group. Both of these programs address the dangers of tobacco use among pre-teen and teenage children.

Her academic achievements are as follows: A Honor Roll recognition many times, as well as A-B Honor Roll recognition; 3.8 grade point average and she ranks fifth in her class; President's Award for Academic Excellence; Science Enrichment, top five students in English, social studies, and math; "Euclid" Award twice for achievement in math; English Honors student; included in the Rossville High School Academic Banquet; high marks in math and science and was invited to study at



the Indiana Academy for her junior and senior years.

Clawson enjoys art class, and has been recognized for several of her art projects in which one of her pieces was featured on the cover of the 2006 Underclassmen Awards program.

Kara Newbold, North White senior

Kara Newbold, 17, Monon, is the daughter of Glenn and Tamara Newbold.

The North White senior was nominated by her health career's teacher, Ingrid Miller.

Newbold has volunteered her time at the Tri-Kappa and Lions Club food stands at the fair for four years; the Red Cross Blood drive for two years; Scrubby Bear, an educational device for teaching kindergartners the importance of hand washing; Senior Bingo; Toys for Tots; school blood drive, and will be

assisting in the North White Drug Education Program for the middle school in March 2007.

Her extracurricular activities include cheerleading, girl's golf, German Club, and Sunshine Society.

She is on the honor roll and her academic achievements include U.S. History Academic Award, Health Careers Academic Award, Health Academic Award, P.E. Academic Award, Child Development Award, and AHA CPR-HCP.



Michelle Burke, Twin Lakes junior

Michelle Burke, 16, is the daughter of Tim and Julie Burke.

The Twin Lakes junior was nominated by her friend, James D. Mann.

Burke has been involved in the Helping Hands program assisting an elderly lady, has been in the Carroll County 4-H for nine years, works at the White County Food Pantry, and helps at the Monticello Church "Soup for the Soul."

She has been on the all "A" Honor Roll since sixth grade and carries an 11.3 grade point average. She is ranked fourth in her class out of 197 students. She also placed second in the Rotary Speech Contest and placed fifth in the Sons of the American Revolution Speech contest.

Her extracurricular activities include cross country, and swim-



ming, diving, and softball for three years. She has also participated in the fall and spring school plays for three years. She is in the Singations choral group, Student Council, Spanish Club, History Club, Stock Market Club, Winter Dance Committee, Prom Committee, and the "Roadies" Student Fan Club.

Destiny Hughes, North White senior

Destiny Hughes, 18, Monticello, is the daughter of Kevin and Lori Raderstorff.

The North White senior was nominated by her teacher, Ted Titus.

Hughes has helped make blankets and set up bingo for senior citizens, volunteered at White County 4-H Fair at the Tri-Kappa booth, helped with school-sponsored blood drives and flu pandemic vaccinations, participated in the Scrubby Bear Program, volunteered for church food drives, and has tutored younger kids and peers.

She has been on the A Honor Roll throughout high school and ranks first in her class with a grade point average of 3.98. She has received the DAR Good Citizen Award, the "I Dare You" Award, won the VFW Voice of Democracy Essay Contest, participated in the Richard Lugar Symposium, and received



Who's Who Award.

She has been elected to the National Honor Society and is member of the C-team. She serves as class representative for the German Club, Captain of Science Academic Team in 10th grade and has received two first place ribbons. She is a member of the Math and English Academic Teams and the Academic Quiz Bowl Team, and has received sixth place in the Midwest Math Conference.

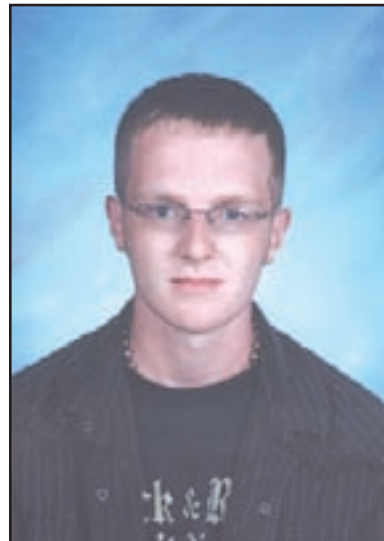
Logan Dean Warf, Twin Lakes freshman

Logan Dean Warf, 15, Monticello, is the son of Richard J. and Jennifer Holmes.

The Twin Lakes freshman was nominated by his father.

Warf volunteered helping the Monticello Rotary Club with projects in building wheelchair ramps, constructed cover bridge and removed trees and brush for the new parking area in the lower park. He also helped remove dirt, weeds and debris from the parking area and sidewalk of the former Kentucky Fried Chicken and cleaned the city parking lot behind Wells Fargo.

His extracurricular activities include wrestling team, working at concession stands at sporting events, and playing guitar and



trumpet.

He also attends First Baptist Church of Burnettsville and liturgies in sermon and attends Monday evening study group and Rotary functions when available.

His grade point average is 8.429 and he is job shadowing for auto business.

Kira Reisert, Frontier senior

Kira Reisert, 18, Chalmers, is the daughter of Dennis and Carol Reisert.

The Frontier senior was nominated by her the school's guidance secretary, Kimberly McCutchan, who also serves as the Sunshine Society Sponsor at Frontier.

Reisert has worked in the hospitality room during basketball games and helped with the school's senior breakfast for three years. She helps the community by planting and weeding flower beds for the town. She also volunteers at the White County Food Pantry every Monday for two hours and makes favors for the nursing home in Monticello.

Her extracurricular activities include Sunshine Society, president for one year; band for four years, treasurer and president for one year each; Student Class Officer, treasurer junior and senior year; Student Council and super mileage representative for one year; FACS Club; 4-H Junior Leaders for four years and Ag Association Representative for three years; 10-year 4-H Club member; and during the summer of 2006 was a temporary Lab Technician at the Purdue



University Animal Science where she ran energies, phosphorus, and nitrogen on samples, ground samples, collected samples, and fed chickens that were used as samples.

Her activities include volleyball and softball for two years.

Her academic achievements include Hoosier Girls State Delegate, Presidential Award for Academic Excellence, Patrick S. Gilmore Award, and Honor Roll for four years. She is beginning her second semester with a grade point average of 3.72 on a 4-point grading scale. She ranks fifth out of 56 in her class.