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5 QUESTIONS WITH CPCF BOARD MEMBER > BEN BALLOU

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's back to school time! And for many students, it means the opportunity to advance their education to pursue their passion at their dream college or university. And thanks to the incredible generosity of caring donors who have established a scholarship fund or contributed to one, the high cost of postsecondary education will be lessened.

MARY B. NIELSEN  
PRESIDENT

In this issue, you'll learn about one of these donors, a family who established a scholarship fund to keep their son's memory alive and find healing by inspiring others and providing hope to students who have overcome adversity.

Beginning on page eight, you'll learn of those receiving scholarships to help them on their way of developing the critical skills necessary to become tomorrow's transformative leaders who together will support and influence social and economic change.

Also in this issue, on page five, you'll learn of the many projects, programs and community needs being supported through the Foundation's grantmaking efforts that help to create a better quality of life for those residing in South Lake County.

As you read the stories inside and learn of how these grants are making a difference in our communities, I encourage you to share this newsletter with a friend to introduce them to our work. If they have a cause they care about in the community, we have a Fund to support that interest! Our door is always open and I'd love the opportunity to talk with them about their philanthropic goals.

Together we can continue to create a better future in South Lake County...  
*now and forever!*

Thank you for your continued support and partnership,



MARY B. NIELSEN



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THIS SCHOLARSHIP WAS QUITE THE UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE. THERE WERE MULTIPLE INSTANCES WHERE I FELT VERY DISCOURAGED AND AS THOUGH MY HARD WORK WAS IN A SENSE POINTLESS.

TO BE GIVEN SUCH AN AWARD JUST MADE EVERYTHING FEEL AS THOUGH IT WAS WORTH IT: ALL THE SLEEPLESS NIGHTS AND COUNTLESS TEARS. TO ME, IT WAS THE RAINBOW AFTER ALL THE RAIN.

**MARTINA TRAJCEVSKA**  
 2019 DEAN AND BARBARA WHITE  
 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

ON THE COVER  
**ALEC MATALIN MEMORIAL  
 DOPE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



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^ PICTURED ABOVE (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): TIFFANY ANDERSON, PAULA FENDER, VALERIE KRUTZ, SUMER EVANS, LYNN MATALIN, LYNETTE GILMACK, DANA SPOOLSTRA AND JENNIFER SUSLOWICZ



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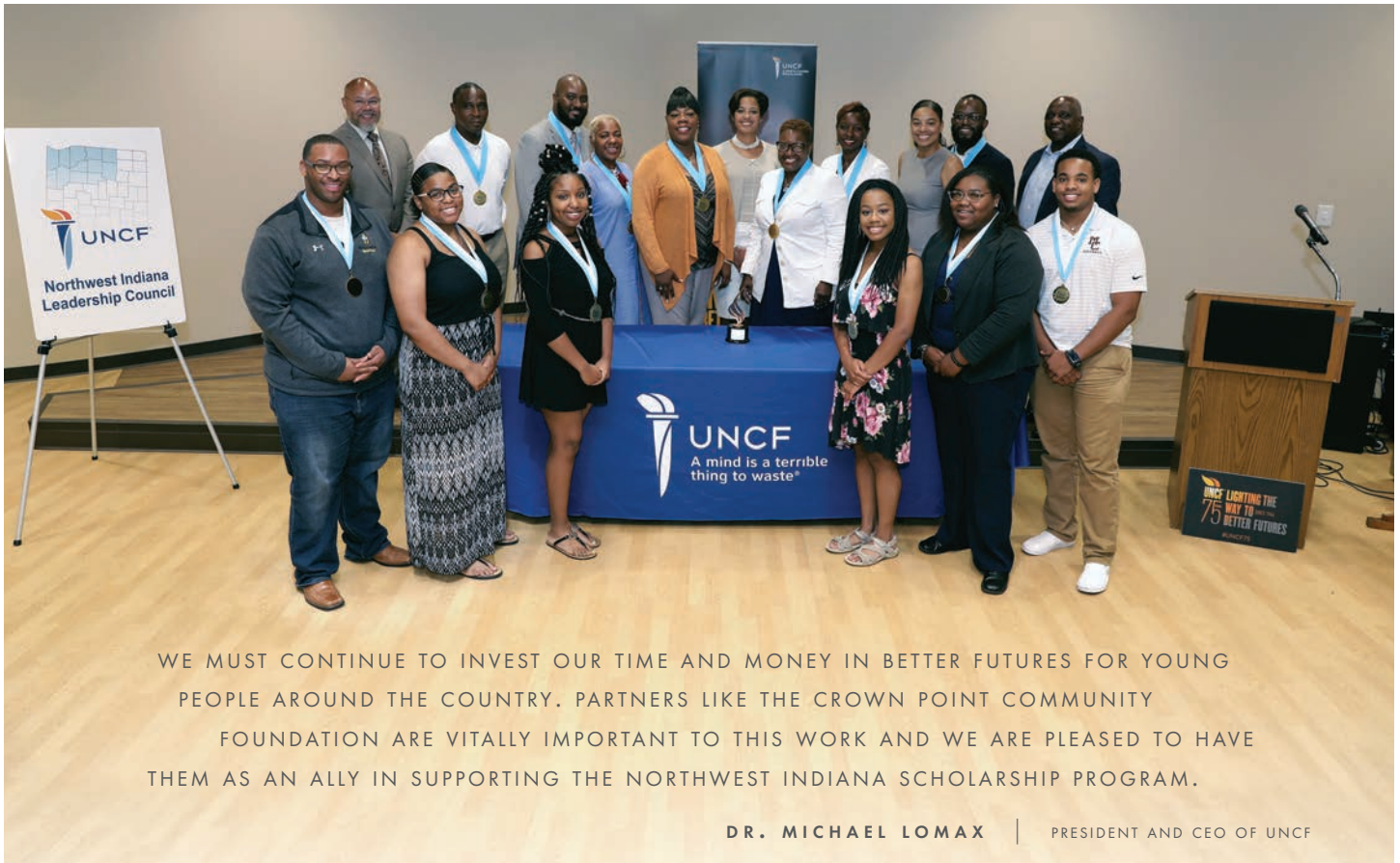
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**CHRISTIAN PARIS**  
 2018 ALEC MATALIN MEMORIAL  
 DOPE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

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[theccpf.org/donate.html](http://theccpf.org/donate.html)



WE MUST CONTINUE TO INVEST OUR TIME AND MONEY IN BETTER FUTURES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND THE COUNTRY. PARTNERS LIKE THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ARE VITALLY IMPORTANT TO THIS WORK AND WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE THEM AS AN ALLY IN SUPPORTING THE NORTHWEST INDIANA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

DR. MICHAEL LOMAX | PRESIDENT AND CEO OF UNCF

UNCF SCHOLAR FINALISTS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE GIVEN MEDALLIONS DURING THE NORTHWEST INDIANA LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING THIS YEAR.

**With your help, students in need helped achieve their dreams of higher education.**

A \$1,500 grant was awarded to UNCF, the United Negro College Fund.

UNCF is the largest minority education assistance organization in the United States. Since its inception, UNCF has raised nearly \$5 billion to support its scholarship program. This year, UNCF celebrates its 75th anniversary.

UNCF awards scholarships to local minority students through its Northwest Indiana Scholarship Program. Through grant awards, special events, and community partnerships, the UNCF Northwest Indiana Leadership Council awards as much as \$30,000 each year to outstanding students at the colleges of their choice, whether in state or at a member HBCU (Historically Black College and University). Since 2007 the local NWI program has awarded over \$530,000 in scholarships to low income students to help them get to and through college.



The greatest barrier to college access today is financial, especially with changes in loan eligibility requirements and the rising costs of higher education. A UNCF study showed that

there is a 70% 6-year graduation rate of African American UNCF scholarship recipients. The Crown Point Community Foundation grant helped to defray the costs of the local scholarship program.

For more information, please visit [uncf.org](http://uncf.org).

I KNOW MY PURPOSE IS TO GIVE MY COMMUNITY AND THE ENTIRE WORLD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET THE CARE THEY DESERVE. I DO NOT BELIEVE I HAVE A MINIMAL ROLE ON THIS PLANET. I WILL MAKE A CHANGE.

KENNEDY COLE  
PURDUE UNIVERSITY NURSING STUDENT



# UNRESTRICTED COMMUNITY GRANTS

THE CPCF AWARDED \$74,444 IN COMMUNITY GRANTS IN THE JUNE CYCLE.

\* Grant from Cedar Lake Community Fund

## Animal Related - \$1,250.00

### Lake County Fairgrounds - \$1,250

Purchase pet waste bags for the Fairgrounds.

## Arts, Culture - \$5,000.00

### NWI Symphony Society, Inc. - \$5,000

Provide funding for the five concert series performed at Living Hope Church.

## Education - \$1,500.00

### United Negro College Fund - \$1,500

Support scholarship awards to outstanding high school students from low income families in South Lake County.

## Community Improvement - \$16,300.00

### Cedar Lake Chamber of Commerce - \$2,800\*

Help fund the 2019 Symphony on the Lawn concert in Cedar Lake.

### Friends of the Veterans Memorial Parkway, Inc. - \$5,000

Provide artist fees for 3 monuments at the Lake County WWI & II Veterans Memorials and Holocaust Remembrance site in Crown Point.

### Rebuilding Together of South Lake County. - \$2,000

Funding to help repair home in Crown Point for elderly, disabled or low income families.

### Urban Students of America, Inc. - \$1,500

Program to encourage youth entrepreneurship to help decrease crime rates and drug use.

### Winfield Township Trustee - \$5,000 conditional

Repair and replace siding on the Leroy Community Center and complete a newly installed pavilion.

## Food, Nutrition, Agriculture - \$7,500.00

### Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry - \$2,500

Help pay processing fees on wild game donations to donate meat to hunger relief agencies.

### Meals on Wheels of NWI Inc. - \$5,000

Provide healthy, nutritious meal delivery and wellness check and companionable visit to residents in South Lake County.

## Health - \$4,500.00

### Phil's Friends - \$4,500

Increasing the amount of care packages for the Hope Center in Crown Point.

## Human Services - \$16,256.00

### Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater NWI - \$6,400\*

Fee assistance for 20 Club members to attend Kidstop summer programming.

### Coats for Kids and Families - \$1,000

Purchase, clean and mend gently used and new coats, hats, scarves and gloves for needy families.

### Down Syndrome Assoc of NWI & Chicagoland - \$3,000

Hold a one-day conference with educational experts providing tools, tips and benefits for those that service or support someone with disabilities.

### Paladin Inc./The Arc NWI - \$5,856

Obtain sensory equipment to provide individuals an opportunity to explore and engage in a well versed sensory environment.

## Public Safety - \$2,500.00

### NWI Aviation Search and Rescue - up to \$2,500 match

Funding to purchase equipment for helicopter search and rescue operations.

## Youth Development - \$19,638.00

### Boy Scout Troop #129 - up to \$3,000 match\*

Purchase a new trailer for the growing troop.

### Boy Scout Troop #48 - \$4,500

Purchase a second trailer and gear to support increased membership of Troop #48 and new Troop #48 for girls.

### Challenger Learning Center of NWI - \$3,373

Purchase 30 Magiscopes for mobile learning centers.

### Colonel Wheeler PTA, Inc. - \$2,500

Purchase a long range laser projector for the gymnasium.

### CPCSC/CPHS Internship program - \$1,000

Financial support for students enrolled in the Internship program pursuing certification in EMT, CMA etc.

### Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited - \$2,165

Purchase replacement horse-riding equipment and 60 cubic yards of gravel to improve parking.

### Hanover Jr Wildcat Football & Cheer - \$3,100\*

Cover the cost of helmet re-conditioning.



ALEC MATALIN



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: ALEC MATALIN / ALEC MATALIN AND MORGAN MATALIN / ALEC MATALIN WITH CROWN POINT HIGH SCHOOL'S 2017 IHSAA GIRL'S STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS / CROWN POINT HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOG BASEBALL MEMBERS POSE BY ALEC MATALIN'S MEMORIAL LOCATED AT CROWN POINT VARSITY BASEBALL FIELD DURING SENIOR DAY.

**Alec Matalin always had a positive attitude, no matter life's challenges.** He never let the fact that he was deaf and had to wear a cochlear implant get in the way of his goals. An avid baseball player, Alec played first base for the Cal Ripken World Series Championship Team, which won five consecutive State Championships.

Unfortunately, Alec, who often used the phrase "dope," passed away at the age of 17 from a rare form of E. coli on July 14, 2017.

"He had a great personality and a great sense of humor," said Steve Strayer, Alec's junior varsity baseball coach. "He worked hard as a player and worked hard at his game. He was a great kid."

"Alec was an amazing son, brother and friend," said his mother, Lynn Matalin. "His wit, smile and ability to make others laugh was like no other. He was suddenly taken too soon but deserves to be honored for the time he spent with us and made our lives more fun and rewarding."

Acting on these wishes, Alec's family established the Alec Matalin Memorial Dope Scholarship at the CPCF. The initial goal of the fund is to award a scholarship each year for the next few years, aligning with the time that Alec would have been a college student.

"The response has been amazing," said Crown Point Community Foundation President Mary Nielsen. "We've received donations from all over the country."

The Alec Matalin Memorial Dope Scholarship awarded two scholarships to Crown Point High School students in 2018 and two more in 2019. So far, a total of \$8,500 has been awarded.

"Applicants are to submit an essay about how they overcame adversity in their life," Nielsen said. Recipients must also have a minimum 3.0 GPA and be involved in a school-related or recreational sport.

Throughout the loss of her son and the establishment of his scholarship fund, Lynn Matalin found comfort and support from a group of women she calls her "Love Tribe."

"These ladies have helped me to execute my vision of keeping Alec's





ALLISON HERKEY



LYNN MATALIN WITH CHRISTIAN PARIS



LYNN MATALIN AND THE "LOVE TRIBE"



MELANIE ALBERS

PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: GOLF OUTING SUPPLIES / GOLF OUTING ATTENDEES, NICK GEISEN AND LIAM OCHI / LYNN MATALIN AND THE "LOVE TRIBE" HOLDING ALEC MATALIN'S BASEBALL / ALLISON HERKEY, 2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT / MELANIE ALBERS, 2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT / THE "LOVE TRIBE" AT THE "LOVE 2 ALEC" FUNDRAISER. BACK ROW (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): VALERIE KRUTZ, HEIDI BIANCO, SUE TUCKER, SUMER EVANS, JENNIFER SUSLOWICZ, TIFFANY ANDERSON, DANA SPOOLSTRA, LYNN MATALIN, KAREN OSTROWSKI AND ALISA MANZO. FRONT ROW (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): PAULA FENDER AND LYNETTE GILMACK. / LYNN MATALIN AWARDS 2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT CHRISTIAN PARIS DURING THE CROWN POINT HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS NIGHT.

memory alive by doing great things in his loving memory," Lynn said. "I miss him so much and it makes me feel like he's still here with us even though he isn't physically here. We were all brought together through a wonderful time in our lives when our boys won the World Series as 12 year olds. And now sadly we are all bonded together again to remember and honor Alec, who was taken away much too soon. He was loved by so many, he deserved the very best, and I hope that we are making him proud by spreading his joy to others in a town and community that he loved to be a part of."

The scholarship is supported by two fundraising efforts. "Love 2 Alec" is an annual event on the first Saturday following Valentine's Day. The event consists of a dinner and dance with basket raffles.

"We sold out in a short period and went to capacity there and couldn't sell any more tickets," said Paula Fender, one of the members of the 'Love Tribe.' "It's pretty evident how great of a kid (Alec) was just by the response we've seen and the outpouring of love."

The other major fundraiser for the scholarship fund is a golf outing at Summer Tree golf course in Crown Point. This year's second annual outing will be held on September 29.

The eventual goal for the scholarship fund, once it reaches the point at which Alec would have graduated from college, is to turn it into a permanent endowment at the CPCF. This would allow the distribution of the Alec Matalin Memorial Dope Scholarship Fund to help students pursuing higher education indefinitely.

For more information, please visit the fund's facebook page at [www.facebook.com/AlecMatalinMSF/](http://www.facebook.com/AlecMatalinMSF/).

I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL FOR RECEIVING A BEAUTIFUL SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF A KIND AND LOVING INDIVIDUAL TAKEN TOO SOON. THANK YOU TO THE MATALIN FAMILY FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND FOR KEEPING ALEC'S MEMORY ALIVE.

**MELANIE ALBERS**  
2018 ALEC MATALIN MEMORIAL DOPE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

I HAVE KNOWN ALEC SINCE I WAS FIVE YEARS OLD AND I THINK ABOUT HIM DAILY. WITH THIS SCHOLARSHIP IT FEELS AS IF A PART OF ALEC IS MOVING ONTO COLLEGE ALONG SIDE ME. IT HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE TO GO TO MY DREAM SCHOOL.

**ALLISON HERKEY**  
2019 ALEC MATALIN MEMORIAL DOPE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

# 2019 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Students and Adult Learners who plan on pursuing higher education were given some additional financial assistance this year from the Crown Point Community Foundation. The Foundation awarded 112 scholarships totaling over \$360,000. These funds were made available through the generosity of the Foundation’s donors and its Scholarship Funds. Many scholarship funds are established with the purpose of honoring or memorializing an individual or family member. Each year, a scholarship committee reviews applications, interviews students and selects the recipients. The scholarship review team consists of Foundation Board Members and community leaders. “A Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation is a way for a donor to connect to the future,” said Mary Nielsen, President of the Crown Point Community Foundation. “We are happy to provide opportunities to so many deserving students and adults.”

▼ CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S CROWN POINT HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS.



▲ MARTINA TRAJCEVSKA AND JACK LEWIS, WERE AWARDED THE 2019 DEAN AND BARBARA WHITE SCHOLARSHIPS, FULL TUITION, ROOM AND BOARD, AND BOOK STIPEND FOR EIGHT SEMESTERS. SHOWN WITH MARY NIELSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, 2015 WINNER NICK ISAACS AND 2017 WINNER ZEXING YU.



▲ KAY HUBBARD AWARDS ANNE KUTEMEIER WITH THE KAY HUBBARD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP.

▲ 2019 CPHS AWARDS CEREMONY.

## THIS YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

### Scholarship

Alec Matalin Memorial "Dope" Scholarship  
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 Alfred J. Gruber Senior Social Studies Honorarium  
 American Italian Benevolent Society Scholarship  
 American Italian Benevolent Society Scholarship  
 American Italian Benevolent Society Scholarship  
 American Italian Benevolent Society Scholarship  
 Barbara Jenkins Tyler Speech Scholarship  
 Barney Family Scholarship  
 Barney's Hub Bootery Scholarship/Dockus Scholarship Fund

### Name of Recipient

Josh Sobek  
 Allison Herkey  
 Maggie Ballentine  
 Thomas Pampalone  
 Gina Stephenson  
 Gina Szyborski  
 Corrin Hummel  
 Mackenzie Valles  
 Asmae Zehraoui  
 Michael Anderson

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# WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER



LB ANGEL

**The Board of Directors plays an integral role in the Crown Point Community Foundation.** They select the recipients of CPCF grants, help to solicit donations, and promote the Foundation throughout the community. We are proud to welcome our newest board member, LB Angel.

## LB ANGEL

LB Angel grew up in Illinois. Her family moved to St. John when she was about to start high school. She received her Bachelor of Science through Purdue University.

LB met her husband Scott Angel in 1990 while working for Mercantile National Bank of Indiana. They married in 1993. She left her post in management after the birth of their second child and began to volunteer. She and Scott moved their growing family to Crown Point in 2000.

Since moving to Crown Point, LB served on the PTO and PTA boards of her children's elementary and middle schools, the boards for both local and high school athletic booster clubs, coached cheerleading, helped manage a travel baseball team, chaired numerous fundraisers, and served on both Crown Point Community School Corporation (CPCSC) Referendum Committees as Volunteer Coordinator. LB spent eight years under the employ of Holy Spirit Catholic Church as Assistant Director of Faith Formation and Director of the annual VBS.

With her youngest child in college, LB is excited to extend the gift of her talents to the community at large, perhaps discovering her next career in the process. "People, and getting to know and help them, is a true passion of mine," LB says.



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**WHY WE GIVE:** At View Outdoor, our goal is to follow the path our founder, Mr. Dean White, paved decades ago by giving back to Northwest Indiana. We have always and will continue to work with the municipalities and service organizations that build the great foundation of this community.

We are a local company that prides itself on supporting these local communities where we, our employees and their families live. By use of outdoor advertising, we are pleased to help our local businesses and organizations bring new opportunities to this ever-growing community we call home.

**Crown Point Community Foundation:**

View Outdoor Advertising donated billboard space for the Crown Point Community Foundation's 10th Annual Volunteer Fair.



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**Scholarship**

- Jerry Caravana Athletic Director Senior Scholarship
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- JoAnne and Jim Haag Scholarship
- Joe and Annette Allegretti Scholarship
- John D. Amodeo Scholarship
- Karen Pruzin Memorial Scholarship
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- Kathy, Russ and Jim Keller Memorial Scholarship
- Kay Hubbard Music Scholarship
- L. Jane Keene Memorial Scholarship
- Lake Street Elementary PTO Scholarship
- LaMere Family Andrian Scholarshp
- Lisa Schaefer Stover Memorial Scholarship
- Liss CARSTAR Scholarship
- Manhart/Gibbons Family Memorial Scholarship
- Marie Van Slyke-Bean Memorial Scholarship
- Marilee Thanholdt Memorial Scholarship
- Marion Kellum Performing Arts Scholarship
- Mark and Lindsay Bates Scholarship
- Mark Edwards Memorial Scholarship
- Marty Shahbaz Football Scholarship
- Maurine Schlemmer Memorial Scholarship
- Mike Brown Jr. Memorial Scholarship
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- Paul and Dorthea Everett Scholarship
- Pettit Family Memorial Student/Athlete Scholarship
- Ralph E. and Dee Bennett Memorial Scholarship
- Robert "Bob" Memorial Brown Scholarship
- Robert Taft Middle School PTA Scholarship
- Robert Taft Middle School PTA Scholarship

**Name of Recipient**

- Sam Decker
- Katie Marcinek
- Matthew Olchawa
- Benjamin Wesley
- William Pouch
- Caitlyn Phillips
- Matthew Hanlon
- Elias Gerodemos
- Alexis Liapes
- Anne Kutemeier
- Arianna Smith
- Christopher Newlin
- Dominic Rund
- Anne Kutemeier
- Mallory Ellenson
- Morgan Miller
- Madison Mazure
- Riley Metzcus
- Jared Wood
- Michelle Liu
- Evan Satoski
- Ethan Potosky
- Kirsten Macintyre
- David Anthony Gonzalez
- Julia Martin
- Matthew Olchawa
- Zoe Thomas
- Connor Proudman
- Marek Bauner
- Logan Duvall
- Leah Surufka
- Brooke Manhatton
- Arianna Smith

**Amount**

- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 600
- \$ 500
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 2,670 per yr for 4 yrs.
- \$ 500
- \$ 2,200
- \$ 500
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 750
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 500
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,550
- \$ 2,500
- \$ 850
- \$ 500
- \$ 500
- \$ 500

## 2019 SCHOLARSHIPS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE THIRTEEN

### Scholarship

Scholarship	Name of Recipient	Amount
Robert Taft Middle School PTA Scholarship	Kaitlyn Szpak	\$ 500
Robert Taft Middle School PTA Scholarship	Ryan Fender	\$ 500
Russ Keller Family Scholarship	Abby Novotny	\$ 1,000
Shirley Mudy Memorial Scholarship	Anne Kutemeier	\$ 500
Solon Robinson Elementary PTO Scholarship	Michelle Liu	\$ 500
Solon Robinson Elementary PTO Scholarship	Maggie Ballentine	\$ 500
St. Mary's Catholic Community School Scholarship	Jack Mumaugh	\$ 500
St. Mary's Catholic Community School Scholarship	Olivia Small	\$ 500
Steven and Kay Bazin Scholarship	Samantha Yukich	\$ 2,500
Tim Galusha Memorial Scholarship	Drew Holok	\$ 3,500
Timothy Ball Elementary PTO Scholarship	Madison Berger	\$ 500 per yr for 4 yrs.
Tiny Knesek Bohling and Karla Stiener Memorial Scholarship	Leah Surufka	\$ 750
Todd Szanyi Memorial Scholarship	Jenna Voticke	\$ 500
Todd Szanyi Memorial Scholarship	Nolan Tucker	\$ 500
Tri Kappa Scholarship (paid by Tri Kappa)	Matt Hanlon	\$ 1,000
Tri Kappa Scholarship (paid by Tri Kappa)	Jason Torreano	\$ 1,000
Tri Kappa Scholarship (paid by Tri Kappa)	Sam Krutz	\$ 1,000
Tri Kappa Scholarship (paid by Tri Kappa)	Micayla Greco	\$ 1,000
Tri Kappa Scholarship (paid by Tri Kappa)	Madeline Braxton	\$ 1,000
Tri Kappa Scholarship (paid by Tri Kappa)	Olivia Small	\$ 1,000
Trinity Lutheran PTL Scholarship	Ian Foreman	\$ 750
Trinity Lutheran PTL Scholarship	Isaac Brummett	\$ 750
Virgil Place Scholarship	Grace Fleszewski	\$ 3,800 per yr for 4 yrs.
Walter Bernacki Memorial Scholarship	Jared Bais	\$ 500
Wilbert Buth Memorial Scholarship	Ian Foreman	\$ 500
Wilbert Buth Memorial Scholarship	Isaac Brummett	\$ 500
Wilbert Buth Memorial Scholarship	Jessica Malejickova	\$ 500
William G. and Phyllis M. Fatch Memorial Scholarship	Nadia Debrzeniecki	\$ 500
Winfield/Jerry Ross Elementary PTO Scholarship	Madison Donofrio	\$ 1,000
Winfield/Jerry Ross Elementary PTO Scholarship	Morgan Taylor	\$ 1,000
Youche Country Club Scholarship	Emma Maddack	\$ 500
Zondor Family Scholarship	Nicholas Geisen	\$ 1,000

### Adult Learner Scholarship

Scholarship	Name of Recipient	Amount
Charles and Marjorie Quickle Memorial Scholarship	William O'Donnell	\$ 4,246.19
Crown Point Community Foundation Scholarship	Ashley Martin	\$ 500
Crown Point Lions Club Scholarship	Celina Fraire	\$ 1,000
Fran and Billie Hoffman Scholarship	Christian Smith	\$ 2,000
McMichael Family Scholarship	Brandi Panozzo	\$ 500
Ron and Suzanne Borto Scholarship	Jessica Emery	\$ 500
Ron and Suzanne Borto Scholarship	Melissa Gonzalez	\$ 500
Women's Giving Circle Scholarship	Melissa Gonzalez	\$ 1,000
Women's Giving Circle Scholarship	Brandi Panozzo	\$ 1,000
Women's Giving Circle Scholarship	Kelly Shih	\$ 1,000
Women's Giving Circle Scholarship paid by Crown Point Tri Kappa-Gamma Theta Chapter	Erica Villasenor	\$ 1,000



# HONORARIUMS

MARCH 1, 2019 - JULY 29, 2019

**Jim Forsythe, 2019 Military Patriot Award winner**  
Patricia Huber

**Joanne Kosac Gruber**  
Barbara Kubiak

**Wayne Gruber**  
Joan Brasa  
Barbara Kubiak  
Ronald & Judith Maginot  
Joseph & Rosanne Michelini  
Rex & Kimberly White

**Lynn Matalin's Birthday**  
Friends & Family of Lynn Matalin

**Faye Platt's Birthday**  
Thomas & Laura Bertagnolli  
Jeff & Julie Pape  
Mark Platt  
Thomas Platt & Uta Rehm

**Jerry L. Ross**  
Frankie Fesko  
Community Foundation of Northwest Indiana, Inc.

**Gene Schroeder's Birthday**  
Trish Alt

**Rich Schweitzer, 2019 Citizen Patriot Award winner**  
Patricia Huber

**Marty Wheeler**  
George & Bette Roberts

**Don Woodburn's Retirement**  
Joan Brasa  
Joanne Kosac Gruber  
Carl & Audrey Persinger  
Sandra Stevens

**Don & Julie Woodburn's Anniversary**  
Joan Brasa

**Julie Woodburn's Birthday**  
Joan Brasa  
Joanne Kosac Gruber  
Barbara Kubiak  
Carl & Audrey Persinger  
Sandra Stevens  
George & Jill Tachtiris



THIS SCHOLARSHIP MEANS MORE TO ME THAN ANYONE COULD IMAGINE. IT SHOWS THAT SOMEWHERE OUT THERE, THERE IS SOMEONE WHO IS HOPEFUL ENOUGH FOR ME TO NOT ONLY GO TO COLLEGE, BUT TO GO AND PERFORM WELL ENOUGH TO DESERVE A FULL RIDE. IF I WERE TO SAY ONE LAST THING, IT WOULD BE 'THANK YOU.'

**JACK LEWIS**

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# LILLY ENDOWMENT INC. GIFT VII

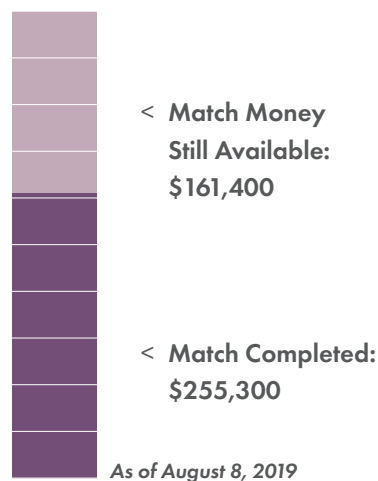
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**\$2 FOR \$1 MATCH**  
**MORE THAN 61% COMPLETED**

Since its announcement this past November, the CPCF has been able to capture more than 61% of available matching grant dollars made possible by **Lilly Endowment Inc.** to build Unrestricted Community Endowment Funds!

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- Animal Related
- Arts
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- Economic Development
- Education
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- Community Improvement
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- Religion
- Scholarship
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EXAMPLE: **YOU GIVE** \$100 + **MATCH ADDS** \$200 = **TOTAL GIFT** \$300

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# 5

## Five Questions for Ben Ballou

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / ASSET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Benjamin T. Ballou, a Crown Point native, received his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Chicago in 1996, where he was a member of the varsity baseball team and served as its co-captain. Ben earned his law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law in 1999. He joined Hodges and Davis, P.C. in 1999 and became a partner in 2004. He is currently the managing partner at the firm.

Ben became involved in the CPCF because of Attorney Tim Sendak. Tim was involved in the original creation of the CPCF. He contacted Ben and asked if he would be interested in serving on the Board. Ben has served on the Grant/Scholarship Committee, Board Governance/Development Committee, Executive Committee, Asset Development Committee, and Volunteer Fair Committee. He currently serves as the Chairman.

Ben has been married to his wife, Angela, for 18 years and has two boys, Brendan (16) and Evan (14). Angela works at Solon Robinson Elementary School as a Title I reading skills tutor. Active in community affairs, Ben has served as a member of the Board of Directors and Legal Counsel for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana, Inc., an Endowment Fund Trustee at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, and a volunteer coach for youth sports.

### 1. Who are your heroes?

My parents. They were educators and worked hard to provide opportunities for me. They instilled values in me which I have hopefully passed on to my children. Also, my wife, Angela. The most hardworking, thoughtful and caring person I have ever met. A wonderful mother and friend. I definitely married up, as they say.

### 2. What is the best advice you have received?

One of my law partners, Larry Steele, told me during my second interview before being hired, that the attorneys at the office were all down-to-earth and just like everyone else in the world. He said something to the effect that "we are no better than anyone else, we just went to school for three more years, that's all." That has always stuck with me. Also, "close your mouth and open your ears" or "the less you say the better." Listening, instead of talking, is a lost art.

### 3. What is your greatest fear?

I'm not too fond of heights or roller coasters. Ferris Wheels are a death trap.

### 4. What was the last gift you gave someone?

Angela wanted to see the play Hamilton in Chicago for our anniversary, so we did that this summer. Although I think she bought the tickets.

### 5. What are you most proud of?

My kids. They work hard in school and are thoughtful, respectful young men.



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### Upcoming Crown Point Community Foundation Events:

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