

Lilly Finalists Announced by Putnam County Community Foundation



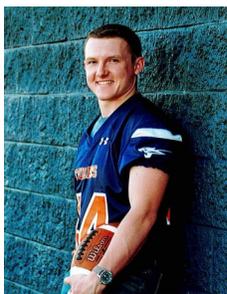
Helen Eaglin



Kristy Huang



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Four Putnam County high school seniors have been named as finalists for the Putnam County Community Foundation's 2019 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar. This prestigious award goes to an outstanding graduating high school senior in Putnam County. The Lilly Endowment Community Scholar will be awarded a full-tuition scholarship including a \$900 book stipend per year, for four years to any accredited school in Indiana.

The finalists are: Helen Eaglin of South Putnam High School, daughter of Harry & Erin Eaglin; Kristy Huang of Greencastle High School, daughter of Xin Wu Huang & Xiu Chai Jiang; Jaxon Parmley of Greencastle High School, son of John & Jody Parmley and Kolten Thorson of North Putnam High School, son of Kevin & Heather Thorson.

These seniors were selected as finalists following an extensive review process by the Lilly Selection Committee from the Putnam County Community Foundation. The committee is made up of eight voting members, two who reside in each of our four area school districts. The process included a blind review for the first two phases, followed by a dinner in which the selection committee met with eight semi-finalists. It concluded with an individual interview with each of the four finalists. The review process is based on scholastic abilities and intellectual pursuits, capacity to lead and motivate fellow students, social commitment and extracurricular involvement, and the ability to articulate career plans that demonstrate motivation and initiative.

The Community Foundation's nomination for the award will be submitted to Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. (ICI) for approval of the recipient. ICI is a non-profit corporation that represents 30 regionally accredited degree-granting, non-profit, private colleges and universities in the state. Over 4,300 Indiana high school students have been awarded a Lilly Scholarship since the program was started by the Lilly Endowment in 1998.