

Lilly Scholar 'speechless' upon learning of his good fortune

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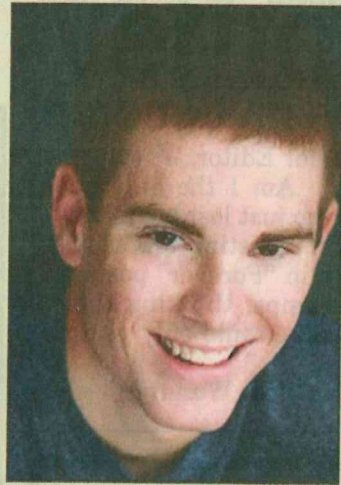
Jennings County High School senior Owen Land is still pinching himself as he begins to comprehend his college education will be paid for after receiving the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

Land learned last week he was the winner of the scholarship. It will pay for his full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and equipment for four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis, leading to a baccalaureate degree at any Indiana public or private college or uni-

versity.

"When I got the call I immediately became nervous, knowing what it had to be about," Land admitted. "When I was told I was the student who was lucky enough to receive such a prestigious award, a swarm of emotions came over me. It left me almost speechless."

Land is a four-year member of the JCHS tennis team and has received several awards including Indiana All-Star and the Panther's Most Valuable Player. He is also active in the Spanish Club, National Honor Society and plays baseball. Land is also the president of



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the newly formed Jennings County Youth for Development. The group presented their first grant for \$2,000 at the Jennings County Community

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Foundation Gala to the Jennings County Youth Foundation.

"My time spent with the Jennings County Youth for Development has really made me aware of how hard the community foundation works and how diffi-

cult their jobs really are," Land noted.

Land, who is the son of Timothy Land of Seymour and Dana Land of North Vernon, will attend the Rose Hulman Institute of Technology where he will pursue a degree in chemical engineering.

"I would like to thank my parents for everything they have done for me," Land said. "Whether it be pertaining to sports or academics, they have always been my greatest supporters."

Anna McGiff was selected as the alternate. She will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Jennings County Community Foundation.

She plans to attend the University of Evansville and study biochemistry. McGiff is the daughter of Robert and Kay McGiff.