

## Snider Scholars bowled over by man's generosity

Barbara King

*"I would like to say that it is such a great honor to have received the Snider Scholarship for a second year. The generosity of the scholarship committee has helped me so much in my pursuit of a music education degree at the University of Louisville and receiving aid again for next year is such a blessing and I am forever grateful to the Snider family and everyone on the committee for the part they play in helping make our community a better place by helping our young people to be able to afford a great education. I want to be able to give back to my community as a music educator and this scholarship helps me so much in that endeavor. Giving back is a huge part of what Stanley W. Snider stood for and I am so excited to be able to carry on his legacy as a Snider Scholar."*

-Anna Gullion

For the past seven years, the generosity and goodwill of the late Stan Snider has inspired and greatly assisted young people seeking to pursue their dream via higher education with scholarships funded by the late factory owner.

This year was no different as the eighth class of Snider Scholars were introduced and honored recently by the grantees at the Jennings County Community Foundation. Snider's children were

not able to attend the reception, but his son, Ron, and a grandchild, Rivers Sears, participated in the selection of the scholarship winners earlier this spring.

Before his death in 2008, Snider chose to set up a charitable lead trust at the local foundation for 10 years to both encourage young people to pursue education and to inspire others to support scholarship initiatives. His million dollar trust generates about \$50,000 in scholarship each year.

The local entrepreneur was a great believer in the power of education so much so that he put himself through college while working full time and supporting a family. He never forgot the sacrifices he made to attain that education and hoped to ease some of the financial burden of local youth by providing these scholarships.

Each spring, the Jennings County Community Foundation welcomes a new class of Snider Scholars. This year, the foundation honored six new recipients and two returning Scholars.

Newly named Snider Scholars are:

*Mariah Burgmeier*, daughter of Larry and Bonnie Burgmeier, who was granted \$5000 and plans to study



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2015 Snider Scholars are, left to right, Mariah Burgmeier, Steven Herr, Adam Green, Cole Byram, Anna Guillion, Kate Eastman, Ariel Galliher and Caitlin Thompson. This is the eighth year of the awards endowed by the late Stan Snider.—Submitted Photo



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Stan Snider

biology with a concentration in pre-veterinarian studies at Purdue;

*Cole Byram*, son of Hank and Michelle Byram, who received \$3000 and will study accounting at Butler University. Cole noted what an honor it is to receive this award.

*Kate Eastman*, daughter of Mike and Nancy Eastman, \$5000 as she pursues a biology degree at Purdue University;

*Adam Green*, son of Mike and Julie Green, who was given a \$12,000 stipend for the study of chemistry at Indiana University with plans to attend medical school;

*Ariel Galliher*, daughter of Dave and Sunshine Galliher, \$5000 for expenses at the University of Indianapolis where she intends to pursue exercise science; and

*Steven Herr*, son of Steve and Jenny Herr, who received a \$5000 scholarship towards his electrical engineering studies at Purdue.

Lastly, two recipients from 2014 had scholarships renewed for the coming year:

*Caitlin Thompson*, daughter of Rayann Thompson, who was granted \$12,000 for her second year at the University of Indianapolis studying elementary education; and

*Anna Guillion*, daughter of Ronnie and Carolyn Guillion, who received \$3000 for her second year studying music education at the University of Louisville.

For more information on this scholarship and other, contact the **JCCF** at 812-346-5553.