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HANNAH MORRIS NAMED LILLY SCHOLAR

Jennings County High School senior Hannah Morris has been selected as the 2017 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar for Jennings County. Hannah is the daughter of Jennifer Morris of North Vernon. She was ecstatic to learn she had received the four-year full-tuition Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. She said, "I feel truly blessed to be the recipient of this prestigious award as I begin this new chapter in my life. I now feel prepared to begin at the University of Indianapolis where I plan to major in Physical Therapy, and for that I am truly thankful!" Morris will also receive a \$900 stipend for required books and equipment over the next four years.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship award is made possible through the Lilly Endowment which started the program in 1998 to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana. The scholarship is administered statewide by Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) which works with community foundations in all 92 Indiana counties to determine 142 scholarship recipients each year. In Jennings County a committee of three volunteers picked by the foundation scored each of this year's 49 anonymous applications. The 12 highest scored applicants were invited to interview in front of the committee and other foundation representatives. The three applicants with the highest combined application and interview score were then forwarded to ICI for final selection.

Selected as alternate was Eliza Gasper, daughter of James and Alisa Gasper of North Vernon. Eliza plans to attend Purdue University to study Biology (Pre-Veterinary Medicine) and received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Jennings County Community Foundation.