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### **Putnam County Community Foundation Announces Lilly Finalists**

Four Putnam County high school seniors have been named as finalists for the Putnam County Community Foundation's 2017 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: David Flannelly of North Putnam High School, son of John Flannelly & Andrea Jackson; Nathan Gobert of Greencastle High School, son of Shawn Gobert & Laurie Gobert; Lyndi Parent of North Putnam High School, daughter of Doug & Staci Parent and Gabrielle Selvia of Greencastle High School, daughter of Greg & Trudy Selvia.

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 three 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 has been submitted to Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. (ICI) for the selection of the recipient. ICI is a non-profit corporation that represents 31 regionally accredited degree-granting, non-profit, private colleges and universities in the state. Nearly 4,200 Indiana high school students have been awarded a Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship since the program was started by the Lilly Endowment in 1998.

*The Putnam County Community Foundation is a nonprofit public charity established in 1985 to help donors establish endowments, award grants, and provide leadership, enriching the quality of life and strengthening community in Putnam County. The Community Foundation has been entrusted with more than 279 funds and endowments for donors, supporting a variety of charitable purposes. To learn how to start your own endowment, visit [www.pcfoundation.org](http://www.pcfoundation.org) or contact the office at 765.653.4978.*

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