

**149th Annual Alumni Banquet**

**Union City  
Community High School**

**2025**

**The High School Gym**

**Saturday, May 24, 2025**

**12:30 p.m.**

# **Union City Community High School**

## **Alumni Association**

**(Graduates of Union City, Jackson Township, Wayne Township)**

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## PROGRAM

Pledge .....	Mya LaFuze
Invocation .....	Brianna Williams
Welcome to Alumni, Guests and Class of 2025.....	Brad Hoggatt
Response .....	Rodney Sickels

## MEAL / PROGRAM

*Catered by Roots*

Introduction of New Alumni Class of 2025 .....	Jason Loomis
Most Senior & Most Traveled Alum.....	Jennifer Vincent
Introduction of Featured Speaker.....	Brad Hoggatt
<i>“Remember to Say Thank You”</i> .....	Bryan Conklin, ‘75
Alumni of the Year Award.....	Brad Hoggatt, Cheryl Van Camp, Jennifer Vincent
Alumni Scholarships 2025.....	Cheryl Van Camp
Teacher Grant Awards 2025 .....	Jason Loomis
Class Anniversaries.....	Jennifer Vincent
1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, <b>1975</b> , 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020, 2025	
UC Education Foundation Video...	Melissa Adelsperger & Ted Leahey
Remarks by Alumni Association President .....	Bill Corbin
Benediction.....	Auston Roth

# Welcome to ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

## RESC Class of 2025

Astrid Aceituno Barrios	Autumn Goodyear	Gavin Puccini
Alexis Amling	Alison Helmick	Erasmo Ramirez Gomez
Shelby Arnold	Johnta Hill	Oaklee Reichard
Isabella Bahena	Brennan Hoggatt	Amber Rittenhouse
Elianna Banda	Brad Huaman Jaimes	Auston Roth
Emma Blankley	Brayden Huggins	Tania Salas Ortiz
Skyleigh Boze	Brandon Jasso	Angelica Sanchez Flores
Raquel Carmona	Ava Jefferis	Carter Sickels
Jayden Chavez	Gracie Jones	Rodney Sickels
Miranda Clark	Daisy Juarez-Jimenez	Bailey Sites
Conner Cline	Austin Justice	Trendon Spence
Luke Collins	Mya LaFuze	Addison Thornburg
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Blake Curry	Caleb Lutz	Brayden Timmerman
Bradin Daniels	Kaysy Mangen	Vilma Velasquez Mejia
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Colton Emrick	Audrie Miller	Sydney Welch
Glendy Eugarrrios Castillo	Kolton Mills	Brianna Williams
Reina Farias	Jace O'Connor	Alexia Wilmoth
Araceli Floreano	Gabrielle Ordonez	Hannah Woolston
Jairo Gallegos	Marisol Osornio	Anthony Wyant
Ashley Garrett	Kazyn Perreira	Lillian Zigler
Faru Gonzales Medina	Elizabeth Prinkey	

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### Class Motto

*With every ending comes a new beginning.*

*Let's make it unforgettable.*

**Class Flower:** Peony

**Class Color:** Royal Blue and Silver

### Class Song

*"Never Grow Up" - Taylor Swift*

### 2025 Class Officers

President

Emma Blankley

### Student Body President

Brianna Williams

### Class Sponsors

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## In Appreciation: Those Who Make it Possible

On behalf of your Alumni Association team, sincere thanks for the increasingly active role that so many are playing. We can say with pride that Alumni support for Union City students and teachers is far greater than that of much larger communities and our momentum continues.

This year has seen strong scholarship support and continued growth of the Teacher Grants program, an avenue to contribute directly to educational progress with an investment that impacts this year and far into the future.

**Our corporate sponsors** are helping defray a variety of overhead costs. Our community leaders have engaged actively. We are working closely with the school administration including managing the general scholarship fund.

**And most importantly the generosity of individual alumni is critical in providing the resources that make it all possible!**

Thank you for your participation tonight and in the days and years ahead! *'tis a good work that we do in our hometown.*

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And for creation of the  
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planting the seeds that will assure success  
far into the future.



Randolph Eastern was recognized nationally in  
back-to-back years as a leader in  
implementation of STEM based education,  
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The Alumni Association Teacher Grant  
program played a major role in this success..





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## A Great Alumni Connection with Union City Progress

Vision Corner Learning Center, once the Apothecary Shop, later a downtown eyesore. The lower level is occupied by KISS-TV and Apache / DECA



Kiss Communications, reflecting expanded scope and Apache have new logos for their new homes.



The KISS program operating with expanded facilities and technology, ready to provide outstanding real-life learning experiences for another 50 years, part of Union City Schools' nationally recognized leadership in immersive education.



DECA / Apache adding new product and production capability and the opportunity to run a live retail shop... expanding RESC's focus on real workplace experience combined with traditional in-classroom education. It is cutting edge today, UC has understood the value for decades, and many of our alumni have benefitted in life and career.

**The Union City Education Foundation, created by the UC Alumni Association is an active player in the community-wide effort to better prepare our graduates for next-stage education and careers. Vision Corner is a live example of innovation in education.**

# Alumni Association ACTION FUND 2025 Donations

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 Dana Lynn Wright  
 Myrtle Jane Wyatt

\*Deceased

President: Daniel Lee Lindley  
 Class Sponsor: Ted Leahey

Valedictorian: Julie Kian Howe

## Teacher Grant Recipients 2025

Ki Adkins	English	7-12
Sarah Black	Social Studies	7-12
Erica Calhoun	Science	7-12
Tiana Cantu	Classroom	K-6
Nate Cash	Principal	K-6
Megan Clay	Preschool	
Blake Clevenger	Tech Coordinator	K-12
Fred Elliott	Music	6-12
Rosemarie Elmore	EL Director	K-12
Ashley Gard	Assistant Principal	K-6
Jesus F. Jimenez	KISS Teacher	7-12
Katie Kerns	Classroom	K-6
Jason Loomis	Principal	7-12
Trenton Maloy	Social Studies	7-12
Savanah McEowen	Classroom	K-6
Marisa McPherson	Reading & English	7-12
Valerie Overleese	Physical Education	K-6
Gianna Politt & Jill Adams	WFW Teachers	7-12
Mallory Rich	Classroom	K-6
Lydia Stucky	Classroom	K-6
Kirby Tipple	Assistant Principal	7-12
Cheryl Van Camp	Math	7-12
Jennifer Vincent	Library	K-12
Shelley Wambo	Comp & Literature	7-12



### Union City Alumni Making a Difference

Since 2015, the Teacher Grant program has supported over 200 individual teacher and staff initiatives including projects in every category of education. Benefits include the programs and morale boosts.

In 2020 Randolph Eastern School Corporation was recognized in national competition for success in implementing STEM-based education programs in every grade level K-12. This recognition continues through school years '21, '22, '23, '24.

The creation of the Union City Education Foundation was inspired by recognition of alumni ability to participate directly in



# Union City Education Foundation, for the Future

**Purpose:** Public schools prepare students for success at their next stage of life, either higher education or role in the workplace. An Education Foundation receives donations from alumni and assists in vital school roles.



Created by the Union City Alumni Association

**Student Competitiveness:** To be prepared means to be competitive with graduates of large, well-funded suburban and metro schools.



**Tradition of Success:** Union City graduates have competed effectively throughout our history.

- In the best colleges, universities and career-related institutions.

- In the local, regional, national and international workplace.

**A Result of Great Teachers / Innovative Leadership / Can Do Culture**

**Technology:** Most 20th Century teaching was based on textbooks. The same textbooks were used in schools large and small across the country. The playing field was level. **Today technology has invaded curricula and technology is expensive:** tablets, robots, 3D printers. Teaching latest technology is a competitive necessity. The playing field tilts in favor of larger, wealthier schools.

**Teacher Shortage Crisis:** Teachers were plentiful and affordable through the 20th Century. A primary motivation was **the joy of teaching** and individual extended families often included multiple teachers. For a complex set of reasons including loss of the joy for many, teachers are leaving the profession. Teacher college enrollment is down, assuring a slow road to recovery. Competing for and retaining teachers will require new costs and new programs. Again, the playing field tilts sharply in favor of larger, wealthier schools.

**Support of Students' Next-Stage Education:** For nearly a century, Union City the town and Union City Alumni have supported the dreams of students who seek higher education. In the 21st Century this commitment has expanded to include these needs:

- **Scholarships for College Bound Students.** Cost increases since 2005 have made college unaffordable for families of modest means. Scholarships must increase. GUIDANCE must help students plan the journey.

- **Support for students seeking alternative vocational education**

- **Enhanced GUIDANCE** to help students find and afford the educational

**How to Engage:** Each of these initiatives needs support and offers an opportunity for you to direct your support toward your personal interest. Click ENGAGE on the website: [www.uc-ef.org](http://www.uc-ef.org).

**For personal dialog: Bill Corbin at 317-691-1043 or [Bill.corbin@gmail.com](mailto:Bill.corbin@gmail.com)**

## Alumni of the Year Recipients

- 2013 — Ceresa Moore '42 (in memoriam)  
 2014 — Martha (Miller) Mathias '56 & Marvin Kegerreis '56  
 2015 — Terry & Darlene (Pearson) Wymer '70  
 2016 — Garner Moore '59  
 2017 — Derick Huntwork '00  
 2018 — Michael McClurg '58  
 2019 — David Young '67  
 2020 — Jan Passmore '58  
 2021 — Cynthia (Hersberger) Lea '81  
 2022 — Penny (Bothast Hoover '62 & Roger (Flip) Hoover  
 2023 — Kelsey Cross '12

## Evolution of the UC Education Foundation

The UCEF is a result of visionary leadership and cooperative effort that began over ten years ago. It was decided that the Alumni Association could do more to assist the school. A 501(c)(3) charitable organization was created; a vital step in making this plan possible. We began managing school scholarship funds. We created the Teacher Grant program and as we looked to the future, we could see that an Education Foundation could raise and make available much larger dollar amounts — resources that can make a difference in the turbulent 21st Century.

The concept of the Education Foundation as resource for public schools gained momentum in 2002, assisted by the Eli Lily Foundation. There are now 68 members of INAPEF with Union City being a leader among small town adopters. The crucial roles of a Foundation include infrastructure to manage the millions of dollars possible within our long-range UCEF plan.

**Note that the Union City Alumni Association maintains all existing activities and will grow in ability to stay in contact with alumni and to coordinate activities that help alumni stay in touch with each other through a lifetime.**





## New Awareness: Critical Need to Help Students Succeed at Next-Stage Education

In the “Golden Era” of public school education (circa 1945-1985), college was affordable. Families of modest means could scrimp, save, work part-time and send one or multiple kids to college without crippling debt. A student (including many of us alumni!) could even afford a mistake or “slow adjustment to college” and the five or six year degree was common. Multiple change-of-majors was common.

Those comfort levels were simply blown up by college costs that escalated far faster than the rate of inflation (circa 2005-2020). When local scholarship giving was overwhelmed, over half of college-bound students turned to student loans.

**The idea of student loans made sense, BORROW / LEARN / EARN / REPAY**

### The Reality of Student Loans Repayment Can Be A Dangerous Trap for Individual Students

The student loan decision requires that the 4-part plan is sound. The student has a motivational career goal,; the college is affordable and the degree will be attractive in the job market. The job market is stable and provides the chance to succeed financially. The debt amount has been managed and can be repaid while achieving a target lifestyle.



So the student loan decisions require that student and family create a plan that must succeed over a 10-15 year timeframe, perhaps longer, before final debt repayment. For some students, the future unfolds as planned. But for many, the reality is part of a national nightmare. Over **40 million borrowers, \$1.6 Trillion total debt, an average of nearly \$40,000.** The pain is active in

**Union City.**

### The Union City Education Foundation Is Innovating in a Way that Will Save Tens of Thousands of Student Dollars.

We didn't invent the idea of Advanced Guidance, but we are putting it to work in a way already making a difference in its pilot year.

In a nutshell, Advanced Guidance is an additional tool for the Counseling team, bringing the power of “predictive analysis” to the planning process, using technology to help understand and plan for the future.



It recognizes that the issues isn't a student **DEBT** crisis, it is a student **PLANNING** crisis. And for a student and family to avoid \$40,000 of unfruitful debt is the financial equivalent of a huge scholarship.

# New Knowledge, New Capability, New Energy

## Creating Our Innovative Advanced Guidance System



After a 35 year career as an award-winning RESC teacher, Melissa Adelsperger retired, with no intent to fully retire. She has joined our cause as Communication Director, made possible by a grant from INAPEF. Among her early contributions, **“To fully explain the challenges the school is facing, we need to be talking directly to the students and teachers who are living it.”**

Shown here are RESC seniors, Emma Blankley and Brianna Williams, now working with us to better understand how best to help UC graduates identify and afford their best path to next-stage education — education that leads to career objectives in the workplace.

This dialog helped us to better understand the realities that have led to the ongoing student debt crisis. It caused us to face the reality that local philanthropy was not prepared to respond to the enormous impact of skyrocketing college costs — one of the signature reasons that Education Foundations are now being established across Indiana.



Using a volunteer AI genius and a small grant from the Randolph County Community Foundation, we created Advanced Guidance 21 (for 21st Century). In its pilot program in 2025 we worked direct with 10 students, and ran practice runs for 25 others. The results were gratifying and will be wider and deeper in 2026, partly through alumni donations.

LEARN MORE: <https://advancedguidance21.com>



### Student Testimonial — Advanced Guidance 21 Interaction

I recently had the opportunity to read a report customized for me personally that used AI to predict college and career outcomes. This report gave me helpful information that made it easier to choose a college. It showed me which schools matched my career goals, budget and academic strengths.

The report included clear comparisons of programs, expected salaries and job trends. This helped me focus on colleges that best supported my future plans. I believe this tool can help many students who are unsure about their college choices. By giving personalized details, it makes it easier to make smart decisions about the future. I fully support this program and hope others can benefit from it as well. Sincerely, Emma Blankley, Senior—Randolph Eastern Schools

### Direct Input from a Mother — Advanced Guidance 21 Interaction

AI was an extremely valuable tool to help narrow down navigating the complex process of selecting a college for my son. It proved to be a powerful tool to streamline his search by personalizing options to help make an informed decision. He was able to receive factual data to compare the pros and cons in a concise manner, which would have taken a significant amount of time to gather without the help of AI.

The platform captured everything he or any other student would need to compare up-to-date data on colleges to meet their individual needs.

The educational options but much more. AI captured all the components to help make an informed decision that aligned with his college career aspirations.



# A Challenge for All Alumni to Learn, Reach Back and Make a Difference in Today's Young Lives



After a 35 year career as an award-winning RESC teacher, Melissa Adelsperger retired, with no intent to fully retire. She has joined our cause as Communication Director, made possible by a grant from INAPEF. Among her early contributions, "To fully explain the challenges the school is facing, we need to be talking directly to the students and teachers who are living it."

Sincerely, Emma Blankley



Shown here are RESC seniors Emma Blankley and Brianna Williams now working with us actively to help us understand



# Appreciation for Union City Participation

*Special thanks to the Union City businesses and organizations that have helped enhance the returning home experience for alumni.*

*The new touch of downtown WELCOME signs is excellent.*

## Open House Stops

Old Hotel Museum  
Hoosier Place (former West Side School)  
UC Junior/Senior High School  
Arts Depot  
Military Park  
Vision Corner  
Group Therapy Downtown Pub  
Union City Library  
The Expanded Harter Park

## Other Attractions

B J Antiques & Collectibles  
Art Hub  
Oak Street Antiques  
Carol Strock-Wasson Painting Gallery  
The Corner Cupboard  
Union City Antiques Mall  
(old Kirshbaum Building)

**Evening after the Banquet:  
Downtown will be buzzing including**

## Check Out Union City Revitalization

Our old hometown has faced difficult economic times since the golden era of multiple jobs in multiple factories.

Today there is new energy that is best symbolized by the photos below — before and after of the Vision Corner renovation of the Old Apothecary Shop.



***In Appreciation of the Role  
of Educational Excellence  
in the Progress of Our City***

***Chad Spence, Mayor  
[www.UnionCity-IN.com](http://www.UnionCity-IN.com)***



***Economic Revitalization Downtown.***

***An Innovative Collaboration of  
Randolph Eastern School and  
The City of Union City.***

***Facebook: Vision Corner Learning Center  
<https://VisionCorner.org>***

## Union City Businesses Owned by Alums

<b>Name</b>	<b>Graduating Year</b>	<b>Business</b>
Krista Cotter	Class of	Parlour Hair Studio
Dan Rismiller	Class of 1991	Group Therapy
Carol Wasson	Class of 1975	Strock-Wasson Studio
Jana Bruggman	Class of 1975	Jo's Corner Florist
Shelly King	Class of 1980	The Corner Cupboard
Gary Elliott	Class of 1984	Whitestone Computers
Dan Wasson	Class of 1970	Wasson's Nursery
JJ Hall	Class of 1994	Union City Stor & Lock
Tom Kerns	Class of 1985	Kerns Brothers, Inc.
Allen Kerns	Class of 1983	Kerns Brothers, Inc.
Tom Kerns	Class of 1985	Reit-Price Mfg. Inc.
Dwight Wise	Class of 1969	Wise Supply Company
Jan Aukerman	Class of 1973	Aukerman's
Susan Linder	Class of 1976	The Christian Bookstore Gifts and More
Leslie Isenbarger	Class of 2003	Hydrojet/Glass Components, Inc,
Brad Key	Class of 1973	Key Chiropractic
Nate Conklin	Class of 2006	Insulation Hub, LLC.
Ron Holt	Class of 1983	Double Z
Jennifer Bissell	Class of 1991	Sandy's School of Dance
Mike Mote	Class of 1975	Mike's Concessions
Jason Dowler	Class of 1998	Comfort Systems
Mike Read	Class of 1978	Garver Mfg.
Ron Mote	Class of 1965	O & M Construction
Aaron Ingle	Class of 1993	Ingle Construction
Tracy Green	Class of 1983	Elite Systems
Matt Good	Class of 1990	3M Excavating
Malik Good	Class of 2017	MJ Snack Shop
Rob Lykins	Class of 1987	Entrepreneur
Bryan Conklin	Class of 1975	Entrepreneur
Russ Reichard	Class of	Reichard Funeral Home
Pete Mercer	Class of	Mercer Painting
Justin Emrick	Class of 2005	Emrick & Sons Painting

## Past Presidents, Alumni Association

1934 James Young '26	1983 Katherine (Whistler) Winans '70
1935 Ray Buckingham '26	1984 Carol (McCarter) Weaver '59
** 1936-1938 Missing	1985 Gene Marsh '73
1939 Don Ward 1898	1986 Fred Read '42
1940 Don Ward 1898	1987 Betty (Brandon) Corbin '38
** 1941-1946 Missing	1988 Helen (Montano) Heuss '48
1947 Roger Brooks '34	1989 Garner Moore '59
1948 Wm. C. Corbin, Jr. '34	1990 Katherine (Whistler) Winans '70
1949 Wm. C. Corbin, Jr. '34	1991 David Lenkensdofer '71
1950 Eugene Brierly '34	1992 Russell E. Reichard '76
1951 Robert Harrison '42	1993 Noel Bud Carpenter '58
1952 Duane Jefferies '28	1994 Terry Wymer '70
1953 Duane Jefferies '28	1995 Terry Wymer '70
1954 Robert Stebleton '36	1996 Terry Wymer '70
1955 Robert Stebleton '36	1997 Terry Wymer '70
1956 Eugene Bruss '36	1998 Terry Wymer '70
1957 Mabel E. Ward '07	1999 Terry Wymer '70
1958 Mabel E. Ward '07	2000 Terry Wymer '70
1959 David Allgier '58	2001 David Lenkensdofer '71
1960 Eli Hannoy '49	2002 Rick R. Root '73
1961 John Carpenter '34 Wayne HS	2003 Rick R. Root '73
1962 James Davis '51	2004 Terry Wymer '70
1963 Charles W. Read '34 Wayne HS	2005 Garner Moore '59
1964 Rodney DeBolt '51	2006 Terry Wymer '70
1965 James Wickersham '56 Jackson HS	2007 Garner Moore '59
1966 Marvin Carpenter '30 Wayne HS	2008 Terry Wymer '70
** 1967 Missing	2009 Terry Wymer '70
1968 Carl Banta '24 Jackson HS	2010 Garner Moore '59
1969 Tom Price '69 Wayne HS	2011 Terry Wymer '70
1970 Dick Wise '50	2012 Thomas Wright '57
1971 Duane Hockensmith '31 Jackson HS	2013 Jan Passmore '58
1972 George Able '51 Wayne HS	2014 Jan Passmore '58
1973 Fred Read '42	2015 Jan Passmore '58
1974 Marie (Stewart) Hughes '65	2016 Jan Passmore '58
1975 Charles Kress '36	2017 Jan Passmore '58
1976 Don Turner '20	2018 Jan Passmore '58
1977 Marie (Stewart) Hughes '65	2019 Bill Corbin '62
1978 Gene Bennett '45	2020 Bill Corbin '62
1979 Steve Spence '62	2021 Bill Corbin '62
1980 Katherine (Whistler) Winans '70	2022 Bill Corbin '62
1981 Jane (Coppock) Speight '60	2023 Bill Corbin '62
1982 Mary Brumbaugh '62	2024 Bill Corbin '62

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**Please Help Us Find Missing Alumni**

especially the classmates that have moved from their Union City address.

**<https://unioncityalumni.org/lost-member>**

**Or contact Mary Brumbaugh at [marybb@centurylink.net](mailto:marybb@centurylink.net)**

## 2024-2006 Scholarship Recipients

2024 Scholarship Recipients – \$17,500 – 7 @ \$2,500 each

Audrey Black – Butler University  
Owen Dowler – Ball State University  
Camryn Fischer (Gertrude Brady) – Indiana University East  
Zachary Fulk – Purdue University  
Angel Nieto – Ball State University  
Caiden Roth (Bertie Teegarden) – Indiana University East  
Alec Spence – Rapid Flight School – joined the US Air Force

2023 Scholarship Recipients – \$11,000 – 5 @ \$2,200 each

Parker Abel – IUPUI  
Madeline Burns – Ivy Tech  
Emily Evans – Indiana Wesleyan University  
Emeren Lopez-Mariscal – Gap Year  
**Elly O'Connor** – IUPUI

2022 Scholarship Recipients – \$12,000 – 6 @ \$2,000 each

Mariah Claywell – Bethel University  
Camden Downey – IUPUI  
Hannah Fischer – Ivy Tech  
Braydon Hoggatt – Manchester College  
Emily Livingston – Indiana University  
Lyndsee Mills (Gertrude Brady) – Ball State University

2021 Scholarship Recipients – \$12,000 – 6 @ \$2,000 each

Savannah Brewer – Ball State University  
Kyle Buckingham – Indiana University – Graduated 2025  
Alexandria Partin – Wilmington College – Graduated 2025  
Hunter Reagan – Marian University – Graduated 2025  
Tabius Reagan – Purdue University  
Chloe Wyatt – Ball State University

2020 Scholarship Recipients – \$12,000 – 6 @ \$2,000 each

Mackenzie Green – Indiana University East – Graduated 2024  
Heidi Livingston – Indiana University  
Mya Maloy – Indiana University East – Graduated 2023  
**Emily O'Connor** – Indiana University East – Graduated 2024  
Katie Reichard – Purdue University, IU East – Graduated 2025  
Morgan Wymer – Ball State University – Graduated 2023

2019 Scholarship Recipients – \$20,000 – 9 @ \$2,000 each , \*1 @ \$1,000, \*\*2 @ \$500

Emalee Bocanegra – University of Cincinnati – Graduated 2023  
Emma Brewer – Ball State University – Graduated 2024  
Maria Casillas-Ramero – Ball State University – Graduated 2022  
Abigail Crowder – Beartooth Christian Camp, Missionary (Real Hope for Haiti)  
Jacob Curry – Purdue University, Indiana University  
Madison Fisher – Indiana University East\*\*  
Mason Good – Marian University  
Reagan Hoggatt – DePauw University – Graduated 2023  
Sydney Ralston – Purdue University – Graduated 2023  
Sophia Spence – Ball State University – Graduated 2023  
Madison Tye-Jones – Indiana University East – Graduated 2023  
Courtney Whitesel – Ball State University – Graduated 2022

## 2024-2006 Scholarship Recipients

2018 Scholarship Recipients – \$12,000 – 5 @ \$2,000 each , \*2 @ \$1,000

Keaton Collins – Ball State University\*

Kahlee Dowler – Ball State University – Graduated 2021

Cassandra Martin – Ball State University – Graduated 2021

Christian Mills – Indiana University East – Graduated 2021

Mackenzie Neeley – Ball State University – Graduated 2021

Dawson Thornburg – Ball State University

Breann Ward – Indiana University East

2017 Scholarship Recipients – \$16,000 - 5 @ \$2,000 each

Emma Baron – Purdue University - Graduated 2021

Alison Conklin – Purdue University - Graduated 2021

Isaac Jefferis – IUPUI – Fort Wayne

Kora Kerns – IUPUI Fort Wayne - Graduated 2021

Kyle Reichard – Purdue University - Graduated 2020

Kierstan Wolfe-Stewart – Ivy Tech - Graduated 2024

Kelsey Zimmers – Ball State University

Landry Zimmers – Ball State University - Graduated 2022

2016 Scholarship Recipients – \$16,000 @ \$2,000 each (8)

Emily Bentz – Indiana University - Graduated 2020

Dustin Hahn – Indiana University East - Graduated 2021

Corrie Lykins – University of Indianapolis - Graduated 2020

Kali Miller – University of Indianapolis – Graduated 2021

Heather Nickel – Ivy Tech – Muncie

Lydia Ralston – Ball State University - Graduated 2020

Tiffany Reagan – Indiana University East

Jordan Stuckey – Ivy Tech – Fort Wayne

2015 Scholarship Recipients – \$14,000 @ \$2,000 each (7)

Charles Baron – Wright State University – Graduated 2018

Raelynn Mills – Ball State University – Graduated 2019

Taylor Moore – Indiana University East – Graduated 2018

Jessica Pollitt – Trine University – Graduated 2019

Christina Turner – IUPUI – Fort Wayne

Kalexander Whitesel – Indiana University East – Graduated 2019

Mason Wine – Anderson University - Graduated 2018

2014 Scholarship Recipients – \$12,000 @ \$2,000 each (6)

Kaitlin Bentz – Indiana University East

Courtney Gard – IUPUI – Graduated 2018

Susanah Hatton – Ivy Tech - Muncie

Brittany Osborne – Defiance College – Graduated 2018

Destiny Shafer – Ball State University – Graduated 2018

Austin Traenkle – Ivy Tech – Richmond, \*US Army Reserves in 2014

2013 Scholarship Recipients – \$10,000 @ \$2,000 each (5)

Mikayla Alexander – Ivy Tech – Richmond – Graduated 2017

Mark Bryson – Lincoln College of Technology – Graduated 2014

Delia Ulloa-Contreras – IUPUI – Graduated 2017

Joselyn McHenry – Wright State Lake Campus

Jose Osornio, Jr. – South Texas College - Graduated 2022

## **2024-2006 Scholarship Recipients**

### 2012 Scholarship Recipients – \$16,000 @ \$2,000 each (8)

Summer Baker – Indiana University East – Graduated 2015  
Luciano Banda – Indiana State University – Graduated 2016  
Lindsay Hunt – Ball State University – Graduated 2016  
Jacob Loesch – Purdue University – Graduated 2016  
Elizabeth A. Prewitt – Ball State University – Graduated 2017  
Kevin Stoner – Purdue University – Graduated 2017  
Tevin Thomas – Indiana State University 2 years; Army; Ivy Tech  
Allison Wine – Indiana Wesleyan University – Graduated 2015

### 2011 Scholarship Recipients – \$16,000 @ \$2,000 each (8)

Jacob Charles – IUPUI – Graduated 2016  
Brady Doppler – Ball State University – Graduated 2015  
Dallas Doppler – Ball State University – Graduated 2015  
Joshua Donovan – Indiana Institute of Technology  
Aaron Moystner – Indiana University East  
Kortney Petry – Ball State University – Graduated 2015  
Fantasia Schaupp – Ball State University  
Kegan Smith – Ball State University – Graduated 2015

### 2010 Scholarship Recipients – \$8,000 @ \$2,000 each (4)

Joshua Anderson – Vincennes University – Graduated 2012  
Logan Glidewell – Ball State University – Graduated 2015  
Michelle Hernandez – Indiana University East – Graduated 2015  
Kayla Marie Patterson – Ivy Tech Community College

### 2009 Scholarship Recipients – \$7,500 @ \$1,500 each (5)

Adam Bond – Indiana University – Graduated 2014  
Zane Holt – Vincennes University  
Brandon Loomis – Indiana University  
Cassandra Smith – IUPUI – Graduated 2015; U of Indianapolis – Graduated 2020  
Meghan Downey – Allied Schools

### 2008 Scholarship Recipients – \$3,000 @ \$1,500 each (2)

Tyler Lyons – Ball State University – Graduated 2013  
Michael Pollitt – Anderson University – Graduated 2013

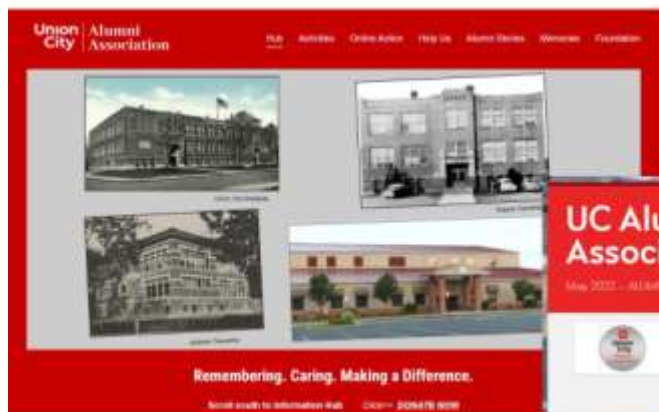
### 2007 Scholarship Recipients – \$12,000 @ \$1,500 each (8)

Abigail Harshman – Upper Valley Career Center  
Leanna Harter – DDIC – License in Cosmetology – 2009  
Lindsey Lea – Indiana University – Graduated 2013  
Cassandra Liss – Anderson University – Graduated 2012  
Brittany Newman – Indiana University East  
A J Root – Ivy Tech – Richmond – Graduated 2012  
Brittany Smith – Butler University – Graduated 2011  
Arielle Whitesel – Miami Valley Career & Tech Center – Graduated 2014

### 2006 Scholarship Recipients – \$6,000 @ \$1,500 each (4)

Melissa Farlow – Ball State University – Graduated 2011  
Emily Lamm – Ivy Tech Community College – Graduated 2010  
Darryl Stott – Ball State University, Anderson University, Army  
Aaron Wilcox – Ball State University

## Staying in Touch!



### Websites:

<https://UnionCityAlumni.org>

<https://UnionCityEducationFoundation.org>

<https://UnionCity-IN.com>

<https://VisionCorner.org>

### Periodic Newsletters

Email and Regular Mail

If not receiving,  
email address to

[MaryBB@centurylink.net](mailto:MaryBB@centurylink.net)



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### Our Facebook Page is in High Gear!



Check it out, contribute, come back often!

Thanks to the skill and energy of Wendy Smith and friends, the Alumni Facebook page is active, interesting and a great way for us to communicate with one another.

Go to Facebook.com then...

Search *Union City Alumni Association*.



### Review any Yearbook Online

From 1950-2024, many from Wayne and Jackson. Access via...

<https://unioncityalumni.org/memories>

## In Memoriam

Class Year	Name	DOD
1942	Marian (Davis) Royce	1996
1945	Donna Elizabeth "Betty" (Hummel) O'Connor	03/21/2023
1948	Herman Allan Heuss	09/03/2024
1948	Norma Jean (Shockney) Russell	02/17/2024
1950	Barbara Rae Buckingham	12/09/2024
1952	Carol (Stein) Drew	12/15/2024
1953	Fred J. Downing	11/19/2018
1955	Nancy Jane (Suitts) Root	01/06/2025
1955	Lloyd A. Weiler	04/14/2025
1956	Beverly Ann (Roberson) Cortner	12/02/2024
1956	Robert Calvin Seman	02/27/2025
1958	Philip L. Arthur	10/15/2024
1959	Donnie "Don" Dickey	10/17/2024
1960	Victor Eugene Key	12/29/2024
1960	James F. Spradling, Jr.	11/29/2024
1961	John L. Brown	08/30/2024
1961	Phil Mosier	09/30/2023
1964	Sherry (Shields) Batten	01/27/2025
1965	Connie Elaine (Wilcox) Dunn	08/04/2024
1966	Russell "Russ" Lee Mendenhall	03/03/2025
1969	Terry Gene Day	06/07/2024
1969	Timothy "Tim" Arthur Skiver	01/27/2025
1971	Marilnez (Gucker) Mills	08/16/2020
1972	Martin Leroy Hufford	06/19/2024
1973	Aaron "Andy" Arnold	07/01/2024
1974	Nancy (Cales) Klonne	07/21/2024
1980	Jimmy "Fish" Lee Crawford	01/06/2025
1980	James Victor Lewis	08/07/2024
1981	Phillip Lee Wymer	06/27/2024
1987	Sherri Lee Gordon	12/12/2024
1989	Brian Keith Alexander	05/24/2024
1991	Kaya Marie Patterson	12/10/2023