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## **Edward M. and Mary McCrea Wilson Foundation Scholarships Awarded**

INDIANAPOLIS, January 6, 2010 – The Edward M. and Mary McCrea Wilson Foundation, administered by National City Bank in Fort Wayne, has awarded the Independent Colleges of Indiana \$15,000 for six scholarships of \$2,500 each. Dedicated to helping students who need financial assistance to remain in college or to control their college debt, these scholarships are designated for students at six Fort Wayne-area independent campuses: Huntington University, Indiana Tech, Indiana Wesleyan University, Manchester College, Trine University and University of Saint Francis.

Selected by an independent panel of judges, this year's winners are:

- Haleigh E. Osborne – Huntington University
- Erika Dray – Indiana Tech
- Erik Longenecker – Indiana Wesleyan University
- Jordan Cox – Manchester College
- Michael Scott Atchison – Trine University
- Brittney Altherr – University of Saint Francis

“ICI is very grateful to the Wilson Foundation for this much-needed scholarship program,” says Tony Maidenberg, ICI interim president and CEO, “that reaches out to worthy students with financial need, helping them to achieve their college degrees and career aspirations. A core mission of ICI and our 31 member colleges and universities is to assure opportunity and choice in higher education for *all* students regardless of socioeconomic background. This initiative by the Wilson Foundation helps to do exactly that.”

***Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. (ICI) is a nonprofit corporation that represents the state's 31 nonprofit, accredited, undergraduate degree-granting institutions of higher education. ICI member institutions enroll more than 85,000 students (approximately 21 percent of all students statewide) and annually produce 35 percent of all bachelor's degrees in Indiana.***