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## THE SCHOLARSHIP ISSUE

When we first met Tamara (Carnahan) Weaver, she was headed off to college at Valparaiso University. Tamara received a **Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship** from the Porter County Community Foundation in 2002. The scholarship covered tuition, fees and books to any college or university in Indiana.

Tamara grew up in Chesterton with her parents, both school teachers, and her younger brother. She was involved in soccer and played the cello, but ultimately, her time on the speech & debate team helped inspire her passion...**to become a lawyer.**

"My mom and I still talk about the day the letter arrived notifying me that I was to be a Lilly Scholar," said Tamara. "We ran outside cheering and crying; **we almost couldn't believe it!**" Tamara had lost her father just a few years prior. "I was able to attend Valparaiso University without having to take out any loans, which was a **nearly immeasurable benefit in itself.** Financially, the scholarship was an incredible benefit to my family and personally allowed me to stay close to home." Being there for her brother's high school sports was so important for her.

*How it started*



*How it's going*

Tamara Weaver, Indiana Deputy Attorney General

"There is a place for **everyone.** Your job is to learn as much as you can and, I would argue, to prepare yourself to **make the world a better place.**"  
Tamara Weaver

Tamara graduated from Valparaiso University with a degree in Political Science and continued on to Valparaiso University Law School. After law school, she received a post-graduate fellowship with the Office of the Indiana Attorney General. "I always say **there are so many events and people who shape where your life takes you** and I can credit the Lilly scholarship with playing a major role. It allowed me to attend Valparaiso University, which would've been otherwise out of my price range, and ultimately set me up for the job I have today."

Tamara is now a Deputy Attorney General, Consumer Litigation Division, for the State of Indiana and has been in this role since 2010.

Tamara lives in Zionsville, Indiana with her husband (and high school sweetheart), Mark, and their 3 daughters. She volunteers for her local community foundation in Boone County on the scholarship committee, **helping make other students' dreams come true.**



# 2021 SCHOLARSHIP Recipients

Scholarships are made possible because of **generosity**—the act of sharing a little bit of what one has for the well-being of others. **It is the ultimate expression of kindness.** It makes all good things possible including helping students with their pursuit of education. Many scholarship funds are named in honor or memory of someone special and serve as a **lasting legacy.** The Foundation is honored that the following named scholarship funds have been created:

Larry and Jerilyn Klemz Scholarship Fund  
Largura Family Scholarship Fund  
Shawn Moyer Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Tom and Alice Roberts Scholarship Fund  
Tom and Georgia Bricker Scholarship Fund

In addition to the named funds above, **NIPSCO** has been a generous supporter of the Foundation's scholarship program.



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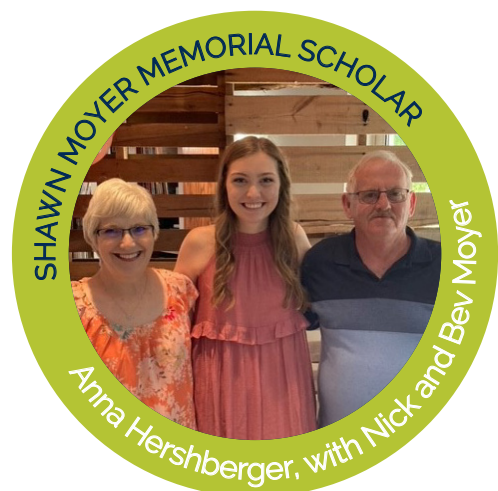
Alexandra Suarez



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## FOR THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY

Ensuring the next generation of qualified healthcare professionals is the goal of several of the Foundation's named scholarship funds. The generosity of **Dr. John and Linnea Forchetti** helps educate nurses; the **Mary E. Bartz Scholarship Fund** also provides resources for nursing students; and the **Linda Reyes-Popovich Memorial Scholarship Fund** and **Porter Health Occupations Fund** offers scholarships to students enrolled in a health-related field of study.



Emma Ault



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(back, left to right) Hannah Krueger, Elva Cabrera and Anna Perdicologos  
(front, left to right) Dr. John and Linnea Forchetti

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# Meet the **2021** LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY *Scholars*

The Porter County Community Foundation has awarded **91** Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships to Porter County students since 1998. This scholarship pays full tuition and fees to any college or university in the state of Indiana and \$900 each year for books.

Shelby Whitaker



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