

young and old, should strive toward on a daily basis. The mission statement was reorganized under the key values of excellence, faith, leadership and service. These values have permeated all aspects of Father Wild's tenure as he has constantly inspired the Marquette community in the fostering of personal and professional excellence, the promotion of a life of faith, and the development of leadership expressed in service to others.

Father Wild has boldly committed Marquette to making higher education accessible to all students, regardless of financial means. To accomplish this, Marquette became the first university in the country to partner with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America to offer full-tuition scholarships. This program and others have helped many first-generation students attend college, so much so that 20 percent of Marquette's students are the first in their families to attend college.

The more than 36,000 students who have received a Marquette degree under Father Wild's tenure have had the advantage of learning from renowned faculty members who work to advance knowledge and improve the world around them. Over Father Wild's career, faculty members and students have seen a 130-percent increase in total research and sponsored project dollars.

Beyond research and academics, Father Wild has placed an emphasis on community interaction that has made Marquette a focal point for discussion of the region's most important and complex societal issues. Thanks to these interactions, Marquette's presence in southeast Wisconsin is stronger than ever before. Father Wild has expanded the university's outreach through service and faculty research, and currently more than 85 percent of Marquette students serve their community.

The physical growth of the Marquette campus is one of the most obvious indicators of Father Wild's commitment to the university. Father Wild oversaw the financing, construction and completion of a new facility for the Marquette University School of Dentistry, training the State's future dentists and promoting oral health through outreach programs that target underserved patients in six clinical sites throughout the State, making Marquette one of the largest Medicaid providers in the State. All of this growth has been fueled by unprecedented fundraising led by Father Wild.

In addition to promoting academics and service, Father Wild was strategic in helping Marquette enter the Big East Athletic Conference in 2005. In 6 short years, the school has enjoyed success in many of its athletic programs, most prominently a Sweet 16 run in the 2011 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

I offer my gratitude and sincerest thanks to my friend Father Wild on his retirement from Marquette University.

His presidency, based in the values of excellence, faith, leadership and service, has inspired countless individuals not only in the Marquette community but in Milwaukee and throughout Wisconsin that will be felt for years to come.●

HOOSIER ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I wish today to take the opportunity to express my congratulations to the winners of the 2010-2011 Dick Lugar/Indiana Farm Bureau/Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Companies Youth Essay Contest.

In 1985, I joined with the Indiana Farm Bureau to sponsor an essay contest for 8th grade students in my home State. The purpose of this contest is to encourage young Hoosiers to recognize and appreciate the importance of Indiana agriculture in their lives and subsequently craft an essay responding to the assigned theme. The theme chosen for this year was "Agriculture: Then and Now."

Along with my friends at the Indiana Farm Bureau and Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, I am pleased with the annual response to this contest and the quality of the essays received over the years. I applaud each of this year's participants on their thoughtful work and wish, especially, to highlight the submissions of the 2010-2011 contest winners Alexis J. Carmony of Falmouth, Indiana, and Collin Bowlin of Jasper, Indiana. I submit for the RECORD the complete text of Alexis's and Collin's respective essays. I am pleased, also, to include the names of the many district and county winners of the contest.

The essays and winners follow.

AGRICULTURE: THEN AND NOW

(By Alexis J. Carmony)

Indiana agriculture is important to me because of the basic values it instills in my life. Agriculture is about hard work, appreciation for life and living things, the importance of our soil and water conservation, perseverance, ability to overcome hardships, and being creative in dealing with factors beyond man's control.

Indiana agriculture has an amazing responsibility. Years ago, Indiana farmers were proud to feed their families from the farm; today Indiana farmers are proud to feed the world from their farms. The heart of Indiana agriculture has not changed from decades ago. Past generations had to physically work hard to produce their product, whereas the present generations have to work as hard for the skill it takes to market their product.

From the time I went with my great grandfather to feed his cattle and sensed his love for those animals, I was hooked on agriculture. Even when those animals did not cooperate, grandpa still loved them. He has cared for livestock for years, and he enjoys it today as he did years ago. My great grandfather continues to be active in Indiana agriculture today and models what agriculture is all about: hard work, appreciation for livestock and plants, and good stewardship of our earth.

In closing, I will leave you with a quote from William Jennings Bryan, "American

Politician and Orator"; 1860-1925, that summarizes my thoughts on Indiana agriculture. "Burn down your cities and leave our farms, and your cities will spring up again by magic; but destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country." I believe agriculture was the foundation of our country then and still is today.

AGRICULTURE: THEN AND NOW

(By Collin Bowlin)

Slowly standing up from the seat of his Case-IH tractor in which he has been sitting for the past two hours, he wears a smile that turns into a grimace until the shooting pain eases and his knee pops back into place. The pain in his knee is the result of the many years of hard work he has put into farming this land. Steadily stepping down from the tractor, he points to where he stopped making the windrows of hay and now I climb onto the tractor. It is my turn to take over, where he left off.

He has made his livelihood from farming these rolling hills in southern Indiana, growing crops of corn, soybeans, and hay, and raising livestock which include beef cattle, swine, and poultry. He is my grandfather. He has instilled in me to take good care of these blessings, land and livestock. As a young boy, Grandpa worked the land with a team of horses. Now we have horsepower to more efficiently produce the food that people rely upon every day. After his eighth grade year in school, Grandpa had no choice but to end his schooling early in order to help out on his family's farm. As an eighth grade student today, I have many choices, and I know I will attend college in the future.

My love for raising, showing, and judging beef cattle and pigs has given me many opportunities. Agriculture will always play a huge role in my life. I am proud to be one voice supporting the agricultural industry which provides food, fiber, and fuel to the world. The economic and environmental issues facing farmers today need to be addressed by knowledgeable people. So now, it is my turn to take over, where Grandpa left off.

2010-2011 DISTRICT ESSAY WINNERS

DISTRICT 1

Gabrielle Carlson, Quinn McGovern.

DISTRICT 2

Katie Lopshire, William Joseph Rockey.

DISTRICT 3

Shelbi Perry, Dakota Burghardt.

DISTRICT 4

Rachel Girod, Nathan Chou.

DISTRICT 5

Shane Slaven, Kiersten Mundy.

DISTRICT 6

Katie Pfaff, Max Keller.

DISTRICT 7

Easton Booe, Whitney Halfhill.

DISTRICT 8

Josh Orschell, Alexis J. Carmony.

DISTRICT 9

Anna Hagedorn, Collin Bowlin.

DISTRICT 10

Amber Moore, Clayton Pottschmidt.

2010-2011 COUNTY ESSAY WINNERS

ADAMS

Eli Hill, Adams Central Middle School; Rachel Girod, Belmont Middle School.

ALLEN

Robert Ottenweller and Aubrey Fespel, Saint Joseph Hesse Cassel School.

BARTHOLOMEW

Mark Buffo and Meredith Dickerson, Central Middle School.

CLARK

David Elias Book, Borden Junior-Senior High School.

CLAY

Easton Booe, Clay City Junior-Senior High School; Whitney Halfhill, North Clay Middle School.

DEARBORN

Matthew Bourquein, Sunman-Dearborn Middle School.

DECATUR

Byron Haley and Sarah Gilley, South Decatur Junior-Senior High School.

DELAWARE

Joseph Dorton and Chelsie Taylor, Delta Middle School.

DUBOIS

Collin Bowlin, Jasper Middle School; Anna Hagedorn, Forest Park Junior-Senior High School.

ELKHART

Doris Mullett, Clinton Central Junior-Senior High School.

FLOYD

Ryan Didat and Erin Embrey, Our Lady of Perpetual Help School.

FRANKLIN

Josh Orschell, St. Michael School; Ella Knight, Mount Carmel School.

GREENE

Drew Witty and Aubri Lehman, Linton-Stockton Junior High School.

HAMILTON

Matthew Hodges and Paige Bousamra, Carmel Middle School.

HENRY

Jake Wicker and Katie Pfaff, Tri Junior-Senior High School.

HOWARD

Nathan Chou and Ava McClure, Northwestern Middle School.

JACKSON

Clayton Pottschmidt, Immanuel Lutheran School; Jaylyn Quade, St. John's Lutheran School.

JASPER

Sydney Dobson and Austin Fleming, Rensselaer Central Middle School.

JAY

Brandon Muhlenkamp and Catherine Dunn, East Jay Middle School.

JEFFERSON

Kaitlyn Boehm, Shawe Memorial Junior-Senior High School.

LAKE

William Barney and Teresa Vazquez, Our Lady of Grace School.

LAWRENCE

Anna Hawkins, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School.

MARION

Max Keller, Immaculate Heart of Mary School; Emma Moore, Creston Middle School.

NOBLE

William Joseph Rocky and Rachel Flory, Central Noble Middle School.

ORANGE

Andrew Hawkins, Orleans Junior-Senior High School; Keisha Levi, Paoli Junior-Senior High School.

PARKE

Shane Slaven and Molly Jones, Rockville Junior-Senior High School.

PORTER

William Alex Sanders, Kouts Middle School; Gabrielle Carlson, Victory Christian Academy.

PULASKI

Quinn McGovern, Winamac Middle School.

PUTNAM

Troy Davis and Kiersten Mundy, Cloverdale Middle School.

RIPLEY

Liam Tuveson and Brooke Siefert, Saint Louis Catholic School.

RUSH

Austin Rogers and Sarah Innis, Benjamin Rush Middle School.

SCOTT

Sarah Grace Hamelman, Scottsburg Middle School.

ST. JOSEPH

Nicholas Kuyers and Adeline Jongsma, Covenant Christian School.

STEUBEN

Sam Wilcox and Katie Lopshire, Angola Middle School.

SWITZERLAND

Riley Phagan and Amber Moore, Switzerland County Middle School.

VANDERBURGH

Cooper Pratt, Plaza Park Middle School; Megan O'Leary, Good Shepherd School.

VERMILLION

David Craft and Bethany Lewis, North Vermillion Junior-Senior High School.

WABASH

Devin Tracy and Jensen Zumbaugh, Northfield Junior-Senior High School.

WARREN

Curitis White and Maddie Rhea, Seeger Memorial Junior-Senior High School.

WAYNE

Evan Liggett and Michaela Castleman, Centerville Junior High School.

WHITE

Dakota Burghardt and Shelbi Perry, Frontier Junior High School.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h, and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker appointed the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. PASTOR of Arizona.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3. An act to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions and to provide for conscience protections, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1512. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's 2011 compensation program adjustments; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1513. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the current and future military strategy of Iran (DCN OSS 2011-0754); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1514. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 11-008, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1515. A joint communication from the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to nuclear weapons (DCN OSS 2011-0746); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1516. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Activities and Programs for Countering Proliferation and NBC Terrorism" (DCN OSS 2011-0758); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1517. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization's Third Quarter Report for Calendar Year 2010 (DCN OSS Control 2011-2137); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1518. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 11-009, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1519. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Guidance on Personal Services" ((RIN0750-AG72) (DFARS Case 2009-D028)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 4, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1520. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Electronic Ordering Procedures" ((RIN0750-AH20) (DFARS Case 2009-