



Wisconsin Title I Association

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The Wisconsin Title I Association recently announced the three recipients of its seventeenth annual statewide scholarship awards for high school seniors. Each scholarship award was \$1,500. The three winning participants, selected from 55 applicants, were:

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Benjamin Keigley, Green Bay, WI Benjamin is a senior at Green Bay East High School and will be continuing his studies at Carroll University in Waukesha, Wisconsin. He plans on majoring in Nursing to become a registered nurse. Benjamin has been the president of Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA), writes for his school newspaper, is a National Honor Society member, is on the Language Arts Academic Team and plays in the school orchestra. He has volunteered over 800 hours at the Aurora Cancer Center and was the runner up for the Schreiber Foods Volunteer Award. He states in his essay, "The Title I program gave me inspiration for reading. Being part of the Title I program gave me a chance to explore reading without being afraid of stuttering and suffering embarrassment. Title I teachers helped me build confidence to read in front of others." He hopes to someday make a positive impact on others just as his teachers did for him.

Cody Lehman, Green Lake, WI Cody, a senior at Berlin High School, will be pursuing a degree from Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, WI in order to pursue a career in law enforcement. Cody's list of activities includes being a member of the Junior Police Academy. This experience has afforded him the opportunity to ride along with the local police department during day and night shifts. He has been involved in football and swimming. Cody feels strongly about how the Title I program made a difference in his life. He stated in his essay, "Reading and writing have always been very difficult for me. I have hated it for as long as I can remember. Title I gave me the chance to succeed. I appreciate that chance. It is my responsibility to do my best to take advantage of that chance." Cody's school counselor writes, "Cody works hard at his studies and has overcome some very difficult academic hurdles in his life to become the well-rounded student he is today. His positive attitude is truly genuine and contagious for those around him."

Brian Van Dyk, New Richmond, WI Brian is a born leader as exemplified by his extensive list of accomplishments. He is a member of the High Mileage Vehicle Club and earned the following honors as a Future Farmer of America member: Discovery Degree, Greenhand Degree, Chapter Degree, and the County Junior Champion in the tractor-driving contest. He has been a long-standing member of the Springbrook 4-H Club and volunteers annually at the St. Croix County Fair. Brian plans to attend Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College in New Richmond, WI to become an Agricultural Power and Equipment Technician. In his essay on the benefits of Title I, Brian stated, "These women [his Title I teachers] saved me from failure and sent me down a path of learning that would not have been possible without their work and encouragement. Not only did they and the Title I program help me to read better, they gave me the gift of confidence."

We congratulate these three future leaders and wish them all great success.

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