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Recipients of Inaugural IHSAA Foundation Post-Secondary Scholarships Announced

The IHSAA Foundation and its Board of Directors are pleased to announce that two recipients have been selected for the inaugural Bobby and Kathy Cox Post-Secondary Tuition Scholarships, along with two recipients for the inaugural Sparks Foundation Post-Secondary Tuition Scholarships. The selections were made by the IHSAA Foundation Board of Directors Scholarship Committee.

These student-athletes were nominated by their schools' principal and athletic director. The recipients were chosen based upon a variety of criteria, which includes being a first-generation post-secondary education attendee, a multi-sport athlete, participate during each year of high school, and show teamwork, leadership, and good character.

We are proud to announce that **Da Vonn Parker** from **Mishawaka High School** and **Emma Theobald** from **Morristown High School** were the selected recipients of the 2021 Bobby and Kathy Cox Post-Secondary Tuition Scholarships.

The Bobby and Kathy Cox Scholarship Endowment Fund was created in 2020 after Bobby Cox's retirement as commissioner of the IHSAA. He and his wife Kathy were long time administrators in the state of Indiana, with 74 years of combined years as educators and supporters of education-based athletics.

"Kathy and I are excited to see the IHSAA Foundation award the first two scholarships from our endowment fund," Cox said. "It is our hope these funds will aid these young people as they pursue excellence in their post-high school studies. Our sincere thanks go out to the Foundation and the benevolent donors who have graciously built the endowment fund to this point."

We are also proud to announce that **Blake Stubbs** from **New Albany High School** and **Bridget Lohrey** from **Shenandoah High School** were selected as recipients of the 2021 Sparks Foundation Post-Secondary Tuition Scholarships.

Randy Sparks, the CEO and Founder of Team IP, the official merchandising partner for the IHSAA, has partnered with the IHSAA Foundation to award an annual scholarship to one female and one male from an IHSAA member school to continue their post-Secondary studies.

Sparks, a Connersville, Indiana native, said: *"It's both exciting and gratifying to have the initial scholarships to be awarded to fellow 'Hoosiers' for years to come as part of a legacy that the Sparks Foundation was created to achieve."*

Supporting education-based athletics for the next generation.