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## **\$12,000 in New Scholarships Awarded**

Indianapolis, IN (October 28, 2011) – Seven students will have a little easier time funding their college education this year. Each was chosen as a recipient of an educational scholarship offered by the CPAFI. The Correctional Professionals Assistance Fund of Indiana (CPAFI) was established in 2009 to support Department of Correction (DOC) staff, both in times of need and with educational scholarships.

A total of \$12,000 in scholarship funds was distributed to winners from around the State. Qualified applicants included employees of the Indiana Department of Correction and their immediate family members, as well as employees of vendors contracted to provide direct correctional services in the State of Indiana for the DOC and their immediate family members.

The largest scholarship, worth \$4,000 and known as The Commissioner's Scholarship, was designated for a student who is not only outstanding academically, but also in leadership and community service. The winner of this prestigious award was Kasey Hernandez, who serves as an Youth Service Instructor at Camp Summit Juvenile Correctional Facility in LaPorte.

"I really enjoyed presenting Kasey with her award," said IDOC Commissioner Bruce Lemmon. "She has worked hard and deserves this recognition for her accomplishments."

Maggie Miller, Correctional Officer at Wabash Valley Correctional Facility in Carlisle, and Waquanza Woods, Administrative Assistant at Correctional Industrial Facility in Pendleton, were the winners of the \$3,000 Public Safety Scholarship and the \$2,000 Public Service Scholarship respectively.

"Both of these employees were exceptionally well-qualified for these awards," stated CPAFI scholarship committee chair Bob Bugher. "We anticipate great things from them as they continue their service to the Department."

Four Supplies Scholarships were also awarded. The winners of those awards are as follows:

- Reilly Wilson, son of Superintendent William Wilson at Indiana State Prison in Michigan City
- Reid Gast, son of Recreation Coordinator Karl Gast at Westville Correctional Facility in Westville

- Brittany Wright, daughter of Correctional Officer Milinda Wright at Rockville Correctional Facility in Rockville
- Dylan Emanuel, son of Release Coordinator Allen Emanuel at Madison Correctional Facility in Madison.

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