

# 2025 Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship Winners

## Joely Hardacre

## Cicero, IN



Joely is from Cicero, IN and is seeking a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. She currently works part-time as a food service associate at Franciscan Health Orthopedic Hospital, where she helps to deliver patient meals, helps clean the cafeteria and assists in maintaining a positive experience for patients. Her educational goal is to follow a career path to serve others and make a positive impact in her community. She has worked as a lifeguard and at a before and after school program at the elementary school, helping to supervise children and create a fun and safe environment.

Demonstrating her leadership skills, she was a member of the National Honor Society, a member at-large in Student Government, a church youth group leader and a four-year member of the cheerleading team.

## Lyric Ryan Irish

## Terre Haute, IN

Lyric is from Terre Haute, IN and has spent the last five years assisting multiple organizations that value “service above self.” As a communications major, she has dreams of working for a large sports news broadcasting company as a female sports broadcaster. Last year, she was able to intern with the Communications Director for Vigo County School Corporation and job shadow a sideline reporter who works for BIG 10 sports. She was also a member of the leadership teams for Bonner Leaders Program, the Honors College and Jagathon

Volunteering with the Special Olympics taught her to accept others and their abilities and has given her “gratitude in her own abilities and acceptance of others, who face challenges that I cannot even begin to fathom.”

In taking on these activities, she has found that each has made her a better person, giving her a sense of purpose and enabling her to embrace the values of a “servant’s heart.”



## Tiana Christine Keene

## Winona Lake, IN



Tiana lives in Winona Lake, IN and is presently a student at Indiana Wesleyan in Marion, IN. She is majoring in Business Administration in pursuit of a Bachelors of Arts degree. She has effective communication skills and is described as being creative, likable, energetic and trustworthy. She currently is a Presidential Fellow, representing the Office of the President on campus and at select functions. In the past, she has worked as an admissions ambassador and student manager, giving campus tours and engaging with incoming students at the university.

Tiana has also shown her leadership abilities through her church, where she served as a small group leader, guiding and mentoring younger students with patience and compassion. She has also served as a trustworthy and dependable caregiver for two young children in her community.

## Danielle McLaughlin

## Greenwood, IN

Danielle is from Greenwood, IN and planning to attend Huntington University to major in Criminal Justice, with a minor in Forensic Science. She has committed to running track and participating on a bowling team at the university.

Danielle prides herself in being able to be calm in chaotic situations, as a lifeguard and as a childcare worker, as well as in coordinating community events such as Trunk or Treat and Cookies with Santa. She states that her favorite activity was to spend three days and nights with fifth graders as a role model and in a counseling role at a school camping event. She also serves in leadership roles with her church, as a member of the worship team and with the children's ministry. Her skills have been used with various church activities, both at the church and in the community. As an active sports enthusiast, she has participated in soccer, bowling and track during her senior year and has been a member of the National Honor Society, the Key Club and the Turning Point USA chapter at her school.



## Madison Sonsini

## Greenfield , IN



Madison is from Greenfield, IN and feels that she is a good steward through her community involvement.

She states that she is a volunteer at the local elementary school, where she greets students in the morning and assists at various youth athletic camps. She feels that these opportunities have given her the opportunity to model positive behaviors and engage in positive conversations. She also assists as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army, with cleaning duties at an area church and with the Feed the Hungry ministry.

Madison plans to study business administration, focusing on marketing, commercial real estate development and finance. She has chosen Spring Arbor University for its educational opportunities and to deepen her spiritual relationship.