

# INDIANAPOLIS chapter spotlight 2018



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2018 New Scholars: 7

2018 Recognized Scholars: 12

Cumulative Indiana Scholars: 319

**Highlights:** Dr. Alveda King, an accomplished author, activist and politician and niece of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., was presented with the Sonya Award. 6-time Carson Scholar Allyson Sweiderk and 2-time Carson Scholar Gabriel Ramos wowed the crowd with a special musical performance of *The Impossible Dream*, arranged by Candy Carson. Dr. Oz, professor of surgery at Columbia University and 9-time Daytime Emmy Award winner, received the Trailblazer Award. Members of the 2018 CSF Hall of Fame were introduced and applauded.

**\$255,982.20\*\*** has been paid out to colleges on behalf of the scholars who won their awards in Indiana\*.

*\*\*As of fiscal year 2018*



Commitment in Indiana



**Cole Trent**

2018 Carson Scholar  
Heritage Christian School  
Indianapolis, IN

Cole uses his musical talents to spread happiness and help those around him. He is a member of the honor choir and honor band at Cedarville University as well as the Indiana All-State Choir. Cole is also very involved with his church, serving as a worship leader and trip leader for various mission trips around the country. During his most recent trip to Mississippi, Cole led a group of students in cleaning up a local garden so that students in the impoverished area could grow food to take home to their families. He enjoys tutoring his peers and has achieved high honor roll and membership in the National Honor Society for several years.

Lauren is a dedicated student who successfully combines her athletic and academic abilities. As an athletic ambassador, she meets with other schools across the state to discuss leadership in sports and potential improvements to school sports programs. Lauren is an avid soccer player and reader who enjoys everything from Shakespeare to Stephen King. As a member of the Key Club and National Honor Society, she volunteers at a variety of community events including blood drives, meal distribution at homeless shelters, and charity races.



**Lauren Putz**

2018 Carson Scholar  
Wheeler High School  
Valparaiso, IN



**Kierra Knight**

9-time Carson Scholar  
Southport High School  
Indianapolis, IN

Kierra is using her compassion and listening skills as she pursues a career in social work. Hoping to one day work for Child Protective Services, she already has countless hours of experience working with adolescents as a mentor at a local elementary school in a high poverty area. Kierra also volunteers at her former elementary school as a math and English tutor, serving as a role model and helping students to raise their grades. Through organizations such as Katie's Kause for Cystic Fibrosis and National Honor Society, Kierra spends ample time helping others in her community. It comes as no surprise that she has been awarded multiple Volunteer of the Year awards.

**"We are extremely grateful that such a program exists to give academic scholars the credit and recognition they so greatly deserve."**

**-Parents of a Carson Scholar**