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### Deferred Giving

In the past few months, several donors have told us they have made a bequest to the Foundation's mission in their wills. We are honored that donors use deferred giving as a means to ensure the Foundation's mission is intact for future generations. If you would like to discuss how planned gifts through bequests, wills, life insurance or real estate can further your philanthropic goals, contact [Chuck Dunlap](#) (317-269-7861) or [Theresa Browning](#) (317-269-7864). There are a number of options available.

"Having discussions with [the other youth delegates] about campaign finance reform, foreign policy, tax codes, environmental regulation ... opened my eyes to so many different viewpoints and perspectives, ones that have allowed me to become a more informed citizen."

- Alex Yom, 2016 U.S. Senate Youth Delegate

### Aid Provided for High School Mock Trial Team

Thanks to the generosity of private donors, the Foundation gave \$2,000 toward travel expenses for the John Adams High School team, South Bend, who's representing Indiana at the national high school mock trial competition. The seven members of *Wall Street Posse* will travel May 12-14 to Boise, Idaho to compete against teams from around the nation and the world. In fact, there will be more than 400 mock trial champions at the event. The Foundation's unrestricted funds ensure it is equipped to aid requests such as this one. Please consider making a donation to give students these life-changing educational experiences by donating [here](#).



*Wall Street Posse with Justice David at the 2016 Indiana State Finals*

### Indiana Teachers Complete First Phase of National Research Project

Fourteen teachers at high-needs schools in Indiana recently completed phase one of a national research project. The teachers are from **Knox, Fort Wayne, Bremen, Indianapolis, and Merrillville**. High-needs students are defined as those who are at risk of educational failure or otherwise in need of special assistance and support. The Foundation's focus is on schools that have at least 50% free or reduced lunches.

The research is designed to measure different formats for professional development, including those with scholars delivering content in person and in videotaped lectures. The teachers have now completed 32 hours of training in the We the People program to educate middle and high school students. The majority of the teachers have enrolled in the Foundation's Summer Institute in July to receive more professional development, along with a second phase of new teachers, before they begin teaching We the People in the fall.



USSY delegates with  
Senator Donnelly



USSY delegates with  
Senator Coats

### U.S. Senate Youth Completed Washington Week

On March 5-12, Indiana's two delegates to the U.S. Senate Youth Program (USSY) represented our state in Washington, DC. As the administrator of USSY, the Foundation is proud of our delegates and looks forward to supporting them as they progress in their education and careers.

**Brooke Hanes** is a senior at Hamilton Southeastern High School. She is the secretary of the National Honor Society and received the AP Scholar with Honor Award this year. She is a member of Student Council, Spanish Honor Society, and Law & Government Academy. She is the owner of Brookie's Cookies, a baked goods stand at local farmer's markets. She intends to major in political science and attend law school to work as a lawyer and government official. [Read about Brooke's trip here.](#)

**Alex Yom** is a senior at Carmel High School (CHS). He is a National AP Scholar. He serves on Congresswoman Susan Brooks' Youth Advisory Council. He is co-founder and co-president of Design for CHS; the club's mission is to empower students to design solutions to community and global problems. He is co-president of CHS Model United. Alex also served as Speaker of the House at Hoosier Boys State. Alex aims to study political science and economics to have a career as a diplomat or governor. [Read about Alex's experience in DC here.](#)



### Keystone Society Kicks Off with Matching Gift

The Foundation's programs create life-changing experiences for students and adults. Students now understand the rule of law and know how to make their points with reason and factual arguments, giving us all a sense of pride. Likewise, Hoosiers in need of free representation for guardianship or other matters tug at our consciences. Together, with your help, we can make a difference in the lives of more Hoosiers.

South Bend attorney **Timothy Abeska**, a partner at Barnes & Thornburg, has generously agreed to donate \$25,000 to the Foundation if it raises at least \$25,000. Donations must be at least \$500 and unrestricted. Unrestricted funds allow the board to use the monies for areas of greatest need. If you can help, please [donate online](#). *Donations must be received by September 30, 2016.*

Donors who make at least a \$500 gift will become charter members of the Keystone Society, a group established to recognize annual donors who believe in high impact, quality civic education and civil justice programs. During the matching gift campaign, annual donors will have their donations matched, thereby doubling their contributions. Learn more about the Keystone Society [here](#).

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