



Josiah Hamilton and members of the Marion High School JROTC color guard present the colors prior to a Giants football game.

Marion student wins ROTC Scholarship

This past Wednesday, Marion High School announced that JROTC Cadet Josiah Hamilton was awarded a U.S. Army’s three-year ROTC Scholarship valued at approximately \$70,000.

Each year, 9,000 high school students from across the country apply for the Army ROTC Scholarships, and only about 2,000 are selected.

Students who receive the scholarship are able to attend any college of their choosing that has an Army ROTC program, and the money can be used to pay for textbooks, room and board, and tuition. Furthermore, they receive a

monthly to help with other expenses.

Upon graduation, they will be commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Army and have to serve either on active duty or in the reserve components of the Army.

“It’s an honor to be selected,” Hamilton said in a statement. “It’s about giving back, in my mind. You are a designated leader, and with that you also are a servant to those under, around, and above you. It’s really about giving back to those who gave to me and beyond.”

Hamilton will be attending Purdue University in the fall, where he will be studying in the realm of cybersecurity.

“I was not at all surprised that Josiah was awarded the Army Scholarship,” Lt. Col. And Senior Army Instructor David Farlow said. “Josiah is one of our best JROTC cadets ever. He is an excellent leader, scholar, and athlete. And you will not find a more morally strong young man. He will make a fine Army officer.”

In the last six years, the Marion High JROTC program has produced eight cadets who have been awarded ROTC scholarships. The total value of the ROTC scholarships earned so far by MHS students is nearly \$900,000.

2 Grant County students receive teaching scholarships

On April 14, two Grant County students, along with 198 others across the state of Indiana, were awarded scholarships as part of the fourth class of Next Generation Hoosier Educators.

Emily Phillippe of Marion and Riley McKee of Misisinewa, both of whom will be attending Indiana Wesleyan University, were recipients of the prestigious scholarship.

Students are selected through a competitive process based on academic achievement, as well as other

factors. Recipients will receive \$7,500 per year and up to \$30,000 to go towards collegiate expenses, and in return, they commit to teach in Indiana for at least five years after graduating college.

“Congratulations to all 200 students, who are on their way to becoming impactful, future Hoosier teachers,” Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers said. “We know these students have the passion and determination to make a difference in classrooms across the state.”

In all, 367 students applied for 2020-21 Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship, with applications coming in from 213 high schools in 82 Indiana counties. To qualify, students had to either graduate in the highest 20 percent of their class or earn a score in the top 20th percentile on the SAT or ACT.

Once in college, to continue earning the scholarship, students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average and compete at least 30 credit hours per year.

Lockwood adds 2nd principal position

Official to head Justice Intermediate, McCulloch Junior High schools

This past Wednesday, Marion Community Schools announced that McCulloch Junior High School Principal Stephanie Lockwood will have expanded role for the 2020-21 school year.

Along with retaining her principal duties at McCulloch, Lockwood will also serve as principal at Justice Intermediate School, overseeing both buildings as well as working as an instructional leader for grades 5 through 8.

“I am excited about the opportunity to strengthen the positive school culture across these four grade levels to better support the academic growth and the social and emotional well-being of our students,” Lockwood said.

Lockwood has been work-



STEPHANIE LOCKWOOD

ing for Marion Community Schools since 2019 and has been in educational leadership in Grant County for the past 15 years.

“Stephanie Lockwood is an exceptional instructional leader and building administrator,” Marion Community Schools Superintendent Dr.

Lindsay said. “I believe she will be able to maximize the strengths of the teachers and staff across both of these buildings. This new model of leadership across these two buildings will open up new opportunities, and we are looking forward to Giant things ahead.”

In her new role, Lockwood will be striving to build a collaborative team across all four grade levels, align instruction, and develop continuity and consistency. She plans to utilize staff in both buildings to ensure clear leadership, authority, and supervision, which will build on the cooperation and collaboration that was already providing opportunities for students across the four grade levels.



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