

2024 Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship Winners

Windsor Bonner



Leesburg, IN

Windsor is from Leesburg, IN and feels that she is a strong communicator and loves leading discussions, easily adapting to a variety of situations.

She states that being a teacher has always been something she wanted to pursue because she possesses strong communication skills, adaptability and she loves to lead discussions. Becoming a teacher would allow her to use her skills to further the next generation's education. Learning from the examples she had during her own formative educational years, she intends to demonstrate the idea that sacrificing personal gains for others leads to greater fulfillment. Windsor feels that knowledge and education are the basis for all things that can be accomplished in life. She believes that a good teacher-student connection is invaluable to students who do not have a stable home life. She desires to be a source of security for those children during their educational years.

Libby Haab

Libby is from Milford, IN and is seeking a Bachelor's of Science in Animal Science and Agribusiness. She wants to become a livestock embryologist to help beef and dairy production farmers with their reproduction goals for the growth of their herd. With her dad employed at a dairy farm, she has grown up with farming and livestock. Her passion for livestock comes through in all aspects of her life. She is a 10-year member of 4-H and a 4-year member of Future Farmers of America.

Demonstrating leadership skills, she mentored 8 first-year 4-H swine club members, ensuring they knew the routines and overall expectations of showing their swine. Additionally, she founded Kehoe Kids with two other students. This organization was created in memory of a local teacher with the purpose of purchasing books for Riley Children's Hospital. She supervised volunteers with fundraising, donations, and administration of this charity.

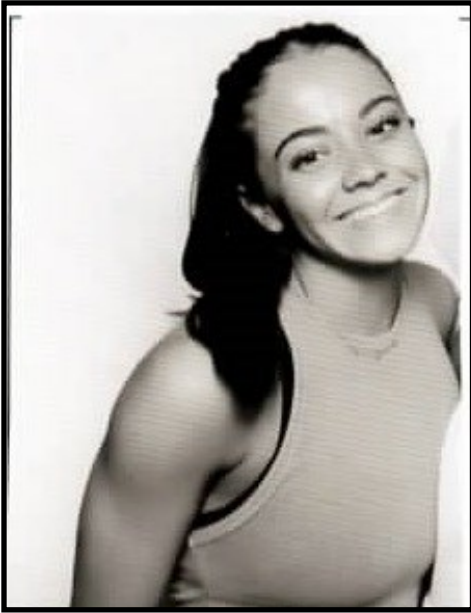
She presented Food for America to 1st graders in her area, promoting the importance of agriculture and where food comes from. She was responsible for care for the livestock brought in to show children and also demonstrated how to grow vegetables properly. Students were provided tomato plants at the end of each session.

Milford, IN



Lyric Ryan Irish

Terre Haute, IN



Lyric lives in Terre Haute, IN and has spent her high school years submerging herself into numerous activities and experiences to become a well-rounded individual. Being involved in various athletic clubs including Swimming and Student Athletic Council taught her the demands of a student athlete: the work ethic and time management skills necessary to balance that lifestyle. Outside of athletics, she also participated in other student leadership groups such as National Honor Society, Interact, and DECA.

Through her involvement in community service, she learned the importance of making a difference and giving back to her community. Volunteering with the Special Olympics taught her to accept others and their abilities. Picking up trash and serving in soup kitchen acquainted her with the needs of the community and instilled pride in where she lives.

Taking on all these activities made high school rewarding and she plans to retain the skills she gained into all future endeavors.

Nhu Tuyet Le

Huntsville, AL

Nhu lives in Huntsville, AL. She was originally born in Vietnam and was raised by her single mother. She did not know her father, who left her mother and immigrated to the United States. Nhu and her mother lived in a poverty-stricken town and never knew when the next meal would be. At age 13, her father reached out to her and provided the chance to immigrate to the United States. Knowing the opportunities available in America, she made the difficult decision to leave all she knew for a better life.

Although in the US, life was not easy and financial stability was still an issue. As soon as she was able, Nhu got a job at The University of Alabama Huntsville's Center for Cybersecurity Research and Education. Here she had the opportunity to pursue her interest in computing and support the needs of her family. Unfortunately, due to financial constraints, she had to resign and take a job working-part time in the Nail Industry.

While she has not had the same opportunities to participate in numerous extracurricular activities or clubs due to family responsibilities and financial constraints, she had made the most of the opportunities provided to her. She became involved in Math Team, Computer Science Club, Student Aides, and Library Aides. In her spare time, she volunteers with other English as a second language (ESL) students. She is also involved in Mu Alpha Theta and National Honor Society to actively give back to her community. Balancing school, work, and family obligations has been demanding but it has instilled in Nhu a strong work ethic and deep sense of responsibility.

What sets Nhu apart is not just academic achievements, but her ability to persevere in the face of adversity and hardship. Her life is a testament to resilience, determination and an unwavering commitment to education and personal growth.

