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Franklin Township Chamber of Commerce 2017 Jack Peek Memorial Scholarship recipient

Julia Kurz, a graduate of Roncalli High School is the 2017 winner of the Franklin Township Chamber of Commerce Jack Peek Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1000. She will be attending the University of Southern Indiana and majoring in mechanical engineering. The daughter of Henry and Bonnie Kurz, Julia had the rare distinction of earning all A's in her high school career, which included several college prep classes, while contributing about 420 hours of volunteer service. She is a member of Roncalli's chapter of the National Honor Society and the National German Honor Society. She has been inducted as a member of the National Society of High School Scholars. She has been on the Roncalli Honor Roll every semester of her high school career and is a National Merit Commended Scholar.

Those hours of volunteer service include countless hours off stage in theater productions. She is a member of the International Thespian Society and well on her way to being an Honor Thespian, the highest level an International Thespian can achieve.

In her junior year she went out for the Cross Country team and ran mostly with the Junior Varsity. In her senior year she was named Most Important Senior and Most Improved Runner. Statewide she was selected an Academic All-State by the Indiana Association for Track and Cross Country Coaches.

Other activities Julia has been involved in include the Advanced Woman's Choir, which participates in community events, the Youth Choir at her parish, the Linus Club, where students make tie-blankets for babies, and participated in Promise to Keep, a group of juniors and seniors that visit grade schools to stress the importance of chastity and abstaining from drugs and alcohol. She had membership in other clubs and honor societies as well.

Throughout her years of high school she volunteered countless hours at her parish, Nativity, and other places in the community just too numerous to mention.

Through this scholarship the Franklin Township Chamber of Commerce continues its tradition of honoring one of the township's finest students.



Submitted photo: Julia Kurz with her mother, Bonnie Kurz.