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Four earn J. Kyle Braid honors from Badin

Four Badin High School sophomores have been selected J. Kyle Braid Leadership Foundation scholars, recognizing their outstanding leadership potential, strong sense of moral values and their compassion to help the world around them.

The Braid scholars will attend a one-week leadership camp at the Braid Ranch in Villa Grove, Colo., during the summer of 2008. The camp emphasizes leadership training through recreation, problem-solving exercises and positive peer efforts.

Those selected from Badin include:

Scott Purcell, the son of Dan and Stacy Purcell of Oxford and a graduate of Talawanda Middle School.

Bill Saurber, the son of William and Kathy Saurber of Hamilton and a graduate of Queen of Peace School.

Megan Abney, the daughter of Eric and Jane Abney of Hamilton and a graduate of St. Peter in Chains School.

Samantha Gonya, the daughter of Tim and Lisa Gonya of Hamilton and a graduate of St. Joseph School.

In addition, two alternates were chosen. They are:

Eric Flum, the son of Robert and Stephanie Flum and a graduate of St. Peter in Chains School.

Alex Hetterich, the daughter of Ralph and Judy Hetterich and a graduate of St. Peter in Chains School.

“These students are leaders and Badin will truly benefit from their participation in the Braid program,” said Mollie Marot, biology teacher at Badin and the co-moderator of the JKB program. “The leadership training they receive makes a difference today, tomorrow and throughout their future.”

Some 20 students from around the country attend the camp each session. The boys will be in Colorado the week of July 19-26, and the girls will attend from July 26-Aug. 2. Ken and Colleen Braid founded the program, named for their late son, with a mission of “helping teens take the lead.”

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