

The Crystal Lake Strikers Drumline
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CRYSTAL LAKE, IL – The Crystal Lake Strikers is pleased to introduce four recipients of scholarships presented to members of the Strikers student ensembles. These ensembles include over 90 students from area schools.

Megan Janis, a senior at Crystal Lake Central High School was awarded the 10th annual Timothy Althoff Memorial scholarship. The Strikers Drumline created the scholarship in honor of Mr. Althoff, the late husband of State Senator Pamela Althoff. He had a life-long love of drumming and his community. Given his wide involvement and many contributions to the area, the Strikers named this scholarship in his honor.

The fourth annual William Laskey memorial scholarship was awarded to Bailey Schneyr, a senior from Prairie Ridge High School. The scholarship is given in honor of Mr. Laskey, the longtime band director at Crystal Lake Community (Central) High School and director of the award-winning Heraldry Guard marching band. Mr. Laskey's former students felt a scholarship for a local music student was the ideal way to recognize his great work.

Ethan Henry, a senior at LaSalle-Peru High School, and Crystal Lake South senior Lindsey Klotz were awarded the second annual Strikers Founders' scholarships presented in honor of the organization's founders, Brett Hopkins, Tom Kundmann, and Aaron Shepley.

Ms. Janis is a four-year member of the Strikers All-Stars drumline, a mentor for the Strikers Girls on the Drum middle-school program and participates in the Strikers adult group that performs in the summer. Ms. Schneyr has been a member of the Convergence winterguard for four years, a part of the Strikers All-Stars for two seasons, the adult line for one summer, and has served as a mentor for Girls on the Drum and the Strikers new group for students with special needs, Kingpins. Mr. Henry is in his second year with the Crystal Lake Thunder, the Strikers competitive winter drumline. Ms. Klotz has been with Convergence for all four years of their existence.

"I am so impressed by the quality and commitment of these students. Watching them perform is a great experience," said David Purdy, a former student of Mr. Laskey's. "These four young people are deserving of the scholarships they received and we look forward to watching them grow."

The Crystal Lake Strikers is a performing arts organization that provides a performance outlet for adult drummers and education for local students. Georgio's Pizza, Home State Bank, Althoff Industries, the Foglia Family Foundation, Phoenix Woodworking and Ormsby Motors are corporate sponsors.

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