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Two Cathedral students invited to join prestigious Wells Scholars Program

Indianapolis, Ind. — Two members of Cathedral High School's Class of 2011 were invited to join the Wells Scholars Program at Indiana University Bloomington for the 2011-12 academic year.

John "Jay" Ruckelshaus, Lawrence Township, and Sarah TeKolste, Carmel, were selected from more than 500 nominees from across the country, said Charlene Brown, with the Wells Scholars Program at IU.

"They are in extraordinary company," Brown said. "This is a highly generous, highly prestigious scholarship. We would be very pleased to have Jay and Sarah join us."

Of the nominees, Brown said 57 were considered as finalists, and program invitees were invited from within that group. Though Brown would not say how many students are invited to join each year, she said the goal is to have a Wells class of approximately 18-22 students each year.

"We are so proud of Jay and Sarah," said David L. Worland, Cathedral principal. "They are illustrative of the values of hardwork, perseverance, versatility and global-mindedness promoted not only here at Cathedral, but within their families as well. They set great examples for all our Cathedral students. We're so pleased to call them Irish!"

Lynn Miller, college advisor at Cathedral, said Ruckelshaus and TeKolste are not only exemplary scholars, but are heavily involved in all aspects of life in and out of school.

"Jay was co-captain of the boys' cross country team, is a member of the Indianapolis Rowing Center team and has impeccable character and values, and can fit in with any group of students," Miller said. "And Sarah has a passion for the theater and for languages. She has had many roles on stage and behind the scenes in Cathedral's highly-regarded theater department, and has studied abroad. Her leadership, organizational skills and creativity are inspirational."

Both young people, Miller said, "make us want to be better teachers and counselors."

Additional information: Since 1918, Cathedral High School has been promoting a mission of diversity in her student body. This Catholic, college-preparatory high school provides to her students opportunities for spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth. Cathedral's commitment to diversity extends not only to racial and religious veins, but to geographic, academic and socioeconomic diversity as well.

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