



In 2001, the Evansville Catholic High Schools initiated a program at Mater Dei and Reitz Memorial High Schools to recognize student leaders for their work and initiative as active scholars and community volunteers. What became known as the **Tomorrow's Work Force Program** included an outreach to the business community for support of our high schools and the future employees and commerce leaders of the Evansville community and beyond.

An appeal was made to area industry and individuals noting the many accomplishments of our students – demonstrated through rigorous studies, competitive activities, community involvement and spiritual enrichment. This appeal highlighted the tax savings of non-public education, results driven data and quality graduates prepared to work hard and succeed in life.

Each year, these results are celebrated at the annual **Tomorrow's Work Force Luncheon** which features Mater Dei and Reitz Memorial High School Leadership Award recipients and sponsors. In 17 years, the Tomorrow's Work Force sponsors have gifted almost **\$1.5 million** to support the Evansville Catholic High Schools.

The luncheon program brings together all student Leadership Award recipients (15 from each high school), Mater Dei and Memorial leadership, prominent business and community sponsors and culminates in a keynote speaker aimed to educate and inspire those in attendance. The selection of the speaker considers character, leadership, definition of success and community involvement – qualities we instill in our high school students.

#### **Keynote Speakers:**

- 2017 Mitch Daniels, President of Purdue University (458)
- 2016 Dr. Jay Hess, M.D., Ph.D., M.H.S.A., Dean Indiana University School of Medicine (360 attendees)
- 2015 Daniel Elsener, President Marion University (400)
- 2014 Lin Dunn, Retired Head Coach WNBA Indianapolis Fever (370)
- 2013 Dr. John Fehrenbacher, Mater Dei '68, and Dr. Daniel Beckman, Memorial '71, thoracic surgeons (400)
- 2012 Bill Stone, Memorial '73, founder and CEO SS&C Technologies (425)
- 2011 Gov. Haley Barbour, Mississippi (400)
- 2010 Bill Polian, Indianapolis Colts President (375)
- 2009 Dr. Tony Bennett, Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction (305)
- 2008 Dr. Martin Jischke, President Emeritus Purdue University (300)
- 2007 Randall Shepard, Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice (275)

Over time, as word of the quality of presentation the Tomorrow's Work Force displays, our attendance, finances and prestige have been raised higher each year. Year after year, community leaders who attend comment that this is one of the best events they attend. This kind of participation allows businesses and individuals to share in the success of Mater Dei and Reitz Memorial High Schools.

**The support of business and industry is critical to the continued success of Mater Dei and Reitz Memorial High School students. Proceeds assist in three main areas of support: Technology, Science & Faculty Development.**

**Evansville Catholic High Schools  
2018 LEADERSHIP AWARD  
CRITERIA & APPLICATION**

The following criteria will be used to select 15 students from each of the Evansville Catholic High Schools – Mater Dei and Reitz Memorial for the 2018 Leadership Award.

- ♦ Student must be of senior class rank (for the 2018-2019 school year.)
- ♦ Student must have a cumulative GPA of Honors status (3.0 GPA out of a possible 4.0)

Students must participate in a **TOTAL OF THREE** (3) activities in two (2) or more of the areas listed below:

- ♦ School sponsored activities (may be athletics) within the past 12-18 months.
- ♦ Service or community activities within the past 12-18 months.
- ♦ Work activity (paid or family business) or recurring volunteer activity (for example, weekly food bank volunteer, hospital, etc.) within the past 12-18 months.

Applicants will be judged in the following areas: Academics and Scholarship, Activities and Athletics, and Work Experience

Qualifying students must submit a personal typed narrative essay of 300 to 500 words (double spaced) on the following topic:

***"How has my Mater Dei/Memorial High School education prepared me for life after high school - academically, socially and spiritually? How has my high school education prepared me to be a leader in my school, my community, my world?"***

Essays will be reviewed and evaluated by an independent panel of judges based upon the following criteria:

- The ideas expressed in the essay must focus on the topic of the essay question.
- The essay must include supportive details.
- The writing must be organized and fluent.
- The writing must be free from mechanical and grammatical errors.
- The essay must be typed in a double spaced format which includes the applicant's name on each page.

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Eligible students may download an application from the school website or pick up an application in the Counseling Office. The essay is to be paper clipped to the completed Leadership Award Application form and submitted to the Office of Advancement on or before **Friday, May 4, 2018**. Students may also submit the application and essay by email to [mhertel@evdio.org](mailto:mhertel@evdio.org) (Please use the subject: ECHS LEADERSHIP AWARD APPLICATION – First Name Last Name)

Essay points awarded by the judges will count for 50% of the score. The school, service, and community activities included on the Leadership Award Application will count for 50% of the score.

### **AWARD INFORMATION**

- A total of 15 seniors will be selected from each school as the **2018 LEADERSHIP AWARD** recipients.
- They will be recognized in each high school alumni magazine, school newsletter and at the respective **HONORS DAY/NIGHT** in the spring of senior year.
- The fifteen recipients will receive the opportunity to **JOB SHADOW** in a profession of their choice during the 2018-2019 school year.
- One student from each school will be selected to receive a scholarship in the amount of **\$1,000**. The **EVANSVILLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP SCHOLAR** will be announced at the annual Tomorrow's Work Force held in October/November. Detailed information regarding the event will be provided after the award recipients are named.
- All parents/guardians of each recipient will be offered complimentary seats to attend the luncheon and join the other 300-400 sponsors and guests in recognizing the Leadership Award recipients and celebrating Mater Dei and Memorial High Schools.

**Evansville Catholic High Schools**  
**2018 LEADERSHIP AWARD APPLICATION**  
*Due Friday, May 4, 2018*

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: (circle one) Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Area(s) interested in for Job Shadowing: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip : \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\* IF PARENTS ARE IN DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLDS, PLEASE INDICATE BOTH ADDRESSES

Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Activities Information**

**Student Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

Student must participate in a **TOTAL OF THREE (3)** activities in two (2) or more of the areas listed below *(If you wish, you may attach typed descriptions and include more than two activities) :*

- ♦ School sponsored activities (may be athletics) within the past 12-18 months.
- ♦ Service or community activities within the past 12-18 months.
- ♦ Work activity (paid or family business) or recurring volunteer activity (for example, weekly food bank volunteer, hospital, etc.) within the past 12-18 months.

**School Activities:**

1. School Activities/Athletics – Highlight any success or accomplishments. Please include any leadership roles you have held.

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Role (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. School Activities/Athletics – Highlight any success or accomplishments. Please include any leadership roles you have held.

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Role (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Service/Community Activities:**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. Service/Community Activities – Highlight any success or accomplishments. Please include any leadership roles you have held.

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Role (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

4. Work/Volunteer Experience – Please include any type of work or volunteer positions held after school or during summer break. Can be paid or unpaid. For example: mowing grass, babysitting, Red Cross volunteer, office work, bus tables, etc. Highlight any success or accomplishments.

Work/Volunteer Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization/Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Role (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please attach your completed application with a paper clip to your essay and return both to your school counselor. *Thank you for participating!***