

Four 2009 high school graduates have been awarded scholarships by the GCA-USBC-BA.

The Greater Calumet Area USBC Bowling Association, which represents adult amateur bowling in bowling centers from Dyer to Whiting in western Lake County and Lynwood, Lansing and Calumet City in Illinois, annually awards up to \$1,000 in scholarships to youth bowlers.

This year's honorees are: Larry Matovina, Griffith High School, \$500; Ethan Hansen, Munster High School, \$400; Kyle Lidster, Griffith High School, \$300; and Alexander Wojciechowski, Andrean High School, \$300.

The four boys and their parents will be recognized at the 23rd annual Hall of Fame and Awards banquet on Dec. 6 at Dynasty Banquets.

"All four of this years scholarship winners have proven themselves to be excellent young men on and off the lanes," said Mike Kozy, president. "We look forward to seeing them grow into responsible and successful members of our community. And while the boys are winning the scholarships, it's also a reflection on their parents and what they have instilled in their children."

There was no scholarship awarded for the 2007-08 season. The GCABA Board of Directors agreed to increase the money for the scholarship fund by \$500 this year to \$1,500.

Matovina graduated fourth in his class at Griffith High School and was involved in the Drama Department, the school newspaper, where he was co-editor his senior year; bowling club, choir, National Honor Society, DECA, Science Olympiad and Math Super Bowl. He completed his high school career with a cumulative 4.24 GPA. He participated in youth bowling leagues at Plaza Lanes in Highland. Matovina plans to study creative writing/television at Ball State University. His parents are Larry and Theresa Matovina of Griffith.

Hansen completed high school with a 4.17 cumulative GPA. He was involved in the high school bowling team, Spanish Club, Class Executive Council, flood volunteer, Professional Bowlers Association volunteer. He has also excelled on the lanes and was a Teen Masters finalist in 2006-08, 3rd Team All-State selection ('09) and was 1st Team All-Conference (2008 and 2009). Hansen plans to major in biochemistry at Indiana University, Bloomington. He competed in youth leagues at Stardust III in Dyer and at Plaza Lanes in Highland. His parents are Scott and Samantha Hansen of Munster.

Lidster graduated 14th in his class of 196 at Griffith High School with a

cumulative GPA of 3.92. He was a member of the Griffith High School bowling, baseball and tennis teams and the Audio-Visual Club. He was a member of the state championship bowling team in 2007. He intends to study electrical engineering in college. He participated in youth bowling at Plaza Lanes. His parents are Kirk and Colleen Lidster of Griffith.

Wojciechowski, of Schererville, graduated from Andean High School in Merrillville with a 3.1 cumulative GPA and was a member of the Stardust II and III youth programs in Merrillville and Dyer, respectively. He was the Andean High School Bowling team captain last season. He participated in Students Against Destructive Decisions, volunteered with the Youth Association for Retarded Children and at soccer and basketball games at St. Michael's School, Schererville. He was also a member of National Honor Society, Spell Bowl and Spanish Club. He is currently attending Ball State University in Muncie and plans to study meteorology. His parents are Michael and Debra Wojciechowski of Schererville.