

Anne Marie Conrad & Micah Hoeksema

Anne Marie Conrad has lived in Marion for most of her life and will be graduating on June 4th from Marion High School achieving several high honors. She is an extraordinary student, excelling in all academics, and particularly enjoying Spanish, Biology, and Math. Anne Marie is the 2017 Class President. She has been a well-rounded student, participating in and setting a positive example through various activities such as the Bowling Team, Track & Cross Country (manager), Spanish Honors Society (president), National Honors Society, Student Senate (vice president), academic teams such as Quiz Bowl, Unified Basketball with the Special Olympics, tutoring, Drama Club, and Mu Alpha Theta (math honors society). Anne Marie was the recipient of the prestigious *National Merit Award, where she received a \$2,500 scholarship, and will automatically be established in the Honors College and receive merit-based financial aid at Purdue University. There, she plans to major in Global Studies & Spanish, travel and study abroad, study pre-med, and go on to medical school.

Aside from her involvement in school, Anne Marie volunteers in Marion by leading a small group of 5th and 6th graders and serving in worship arts at her church, volunteering at the Grant County Rescue Mission, and leading kids' camps.

Anne Marie says that Marion has been a great place for her to grow up. "I really like Marion. My family lives here, and I plan on coming back after school."

Micah Hoeksema was born and raised in Marion, and will also be graduating from MHS with high honors on June 4th. He is an excellent student in all subjects, and takes particular interest in math and science. Micah is on the Track and Cross Country team, Quiz & Spell Bowl, multiple honors societies, the Student Senate, and one of four officers of the senior class. Micah was recognized as one of only 15,000 finalists in the country for the *National Merit Award.

Outside school and extracurricular activities, Micah is also very involved in his church, leading youth group activities and community-wide worship events at different schools, and playing drums for the worship team.

Micah will attend Taylor University in the fall, studying pre-med and Spanish. He also hopes to stay in the Marion area and get more involved in the Marion community. "Marion has been very supportive for the past few years I've been in high school. It's a nice diverse area for people to raise families and experience a good community."

*To learn more about the National Merit Award, visit <http://www.nationalmerit.org>.