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ST. JOHN GRAD AWARDED MATH-RELATED SCHOLARSHIP

Andrew William Spare has been selected to receive the 2009 Lucile Turner Asher Scholarship. It is a highly competitive four-year scholarship directed to students of high academic achievement, who will be majoring in Mathematics or a closely related field of study.

Spare will receive \$1,000 each semester for the 2009-2010 academic year, renewable for the following six semesters. Denise Unruh, executive director of the South Central Community Foundation, said, "Andrew is pretty quiet, but from looking at his grades and academic achievements, you can tell there is a lot going on in his mind. I am confident he will achieve his goal of using his engineering expertise to help solve our energy crisis."

Spare, son of Marlyn and Kathie Spare of St. John, is a 2009 graduate of St. John High School. He plans to attend Kansas State University where he will major in Mechanical Engineering and minor in Chemical or Electrical Engineering. Spare has maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout high school and is graduating first in his class. Besides being involved in many student organizations at school, Spare is very active in his community. He states, "I believe that the most effective way to improve the community is to encourage and invest in the youth of the community." He plans to continue to give of his time in his community and on campus in the future.

Lucile Turner Asher (1905-2000) was born in Pratt and lived her entire life in Kansas. Following graduation from Kansas Wesleyan in Salina, she taught at St. John High School for two years. Lucile taught mathematics in other Stafford County schools for several years. Later she became the first Mathematics Specialist for the Kansas State Department of Education.

The LTA Scholarship is awarded to Spare through the South Central Community Foundation, a regional foundation managing charitable funds for seven south-central counties. For more information about the foundation, please call 620-672-7929.