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**Greater Albion College Access Network and Manufacturing Education Fund Partner  
to offer Math and Science Camp Scholarships for Albion 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders**

**Albion, MI June 2013** – The Greater Albion College Access Network, in collaboration with Albion Public Schools, and The Manufacturing Education Fund at the Albion Community Foundation, is pleased to announce the final scholarship recipients for the 2013 Summer “I Can Make It!” Math and Science Camp.

The Jackson Area Manufacturer’s Association offers this popular overnight camp which gives kids the opportunity to design, build, and test various challenging projects, as well as swim & play at Jackson County Intermediate School District’s Camp McGregor on beautiful Crispbell Lake...all this fun while secretly learning Math and Science!

This year, there were 15 scholarships which students in the 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grade at Albion Public Schools were able to compete for, with the finalists earning a fully funded week at the Math and Science camp. The scholarships were made possible by one of our own local manufacturing business, Caster Concepts, Inc..

Caster Concepts, Inc. memorialized founder Richard H. Dobbins through the establishment of the Manufacturing Education Fund at the Albion Community Foundation in 2007. Richard spent his entire career with Albion area manufacturers including Albion Malleable Iron Company, Hayes-Albion, Albion Industries and after his retirement starting Caster Concepts, Inc.. Dobbins felt a strong manufacturing base was a key to the long term viability of a community.

The scholarship process was a great experience for all of the students and their families to take part in, and the opportunity tied in well with the scholarship simulation program that the Greater Albion College Access Network had been running throughout the past school year at APS.

With these scholarships, the students were able to apply the knowledge they learned during the simulation program to a real world application process, which gave both the students and their family's insight into getting recommendations from their teachers/principals, filling out an application, explaining verbally why they believed that they should be considered as a recipient of the scholarship, and getting these items done by a deadline in a timely fashion.

The Albion Community Foundation strengthens the greater Albion area by cultivating community assets to enhance our quality of life. The Greater Albion College Access Network is a project of the Albion Community Foundation, while the Manufacturing Education Fund is a donor advised fund held by the Albion Community Foundation.

## **Final List of the Albion Public School's 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade Scholarship Recipients for the 2013 Summer "I can Make It!!" Math and Science Camp**

### **Scholarships sponsored by Caster Concept's Manufacturing Fund**

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**Fourth Graders:** Kyndall Lewis

Lynnsey Oswald

Nicholas Seawood

Ta'Jyanna Steward

**Fifth Graders:** Claire Hayes

Denisha Harris

A'Veion Washington

Dontae Wilson (You have this application already)

**Sixth Graders:** Tysjha Allen

Donny Crumsby

Alexa Gilbert

Eveylyn Hayes

Gary Lee

Cassidy Porter

Victory Stovall

