

# Governor honors two young leaders from area

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To area residents, their names may already be familiar. Lisa Koop, 28, and Jeffrey Wuslich, 24, are two of 12 recipients of this year's Governor's Awards for Tomorrow's Leaders.

Jeff Wuslich didn't have time to wait for the real world.

Today special assistant to the senior vice president of academic affairs and

the chancellor of Indiana University, Bloomington, Wuslich started his own two businesses at the age of 16, when a sophomore at Penn High School. Fidelity Professional DJ Services and MightyBrain.com still exist, eight



**Koop**

years later, and are doing fine, thank you, said Wuslich.

MightyBrain, an Internet system used by teachers, students and parents to share information, is particularly well known locally.

It serves the entire Penn-Harris-



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Madison School Corp. At Indiana University, Bloomington, where he majored in sociology, Wuslich co-founded Global Sales Leadership Club, to develop sales in an academic environment and train students in professional business skills.

He was also vice president of the student body for one year.

A few of Wuslich's duties as special assistant to the chancellor are to review

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policy, address student concerns on campus and report to the board of trustees.

"I get things done for the chancellor," he said, highlighting the perseverance his job takes.

Persuading is something Wuslich is good at, something he learned during his business enterprises at a relatively young age.

Future plans for the Granger native include enrolling in a master's in business program, where he'll invest the \$1,000 awarded to him, and developing MightyBrain.com.

Koop is a supervisor attorney at Notre Dame Legal Aid

Clinic, where she represents clients who wish to legalize their immigrant status.

Born in Canada, Koop grew up in Goshen, graduating from Bethany Christian High School in 1995 and from Goshen College, where she double majored in English and psychology, in 1999.

"I was a little directionless then," said Koop, referring to her transition from college to the real world.

"I had vague ideas of working for the pursuit of social justice," she said.

After graduating from college, Koop moved to Harlingen, Texas, to work with immigrants who were detained by the Department of Homeland Security.

She helped provide them with the legal means to stay in the country.

"It's a very tangible way to further the cause of justice," Koop said of the work she did for two years in Texas.

In Guam, she worked with asylum seekers for one month,

in the same capacity.

"It was really fascinating to be doing the same sort of work as in Texas but with a different population," Koop said of her experience in the Pacific island.

Three years of hard work later, Koop had graduated from Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis.

That was in May 2004.

At Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic, Koop said her goals are to continue advocating for immigrants in legal capacities, and to develop community education and organization efforts.

Koop said she feels motivated to help those who seek to be a part of our community, adding the community benefits from diversity.

She plans to donate the \$1,000 awarded to her to the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic in Indianapolis.

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