

# Missouri Community Betterment Youth Leadership Award

## JOHN ALEXANDER LUCAS

This young man comes from a family that truly cares about our community and he's following in the footsteps of his grandparents by taking on leadership roles that many his age would shy away from. Since he started high school four years ago, he has been active and participating in all the projects that our community betterment organization has completed. He has been a part of our planning sessions, giving us a youth's insight and thoughts.

In his junior year, he alone ran the concession table for our project *Party in the Park*; which was an outreach project to bring the local community of all ages together for a relaxed evening under the park pavilion for music and refreshment. Alex led the way and set up the tables and refreshments and managed it all evening. This project was to raise funds for the local scholarship fund. He then helped spearhead the national anti-bullying program Rachel's Challenge to his school and entire Washington County, but most importantly informing his own class of the importance of developing a real system to stop the bullying in his school. This year Fall, 2014, he has volunteered to help coordinate the national program called the BULLY PROJECT, which through his efforts the local Caledonia Community Betterment Youth group was granted funds for the national program through the Meramec Regional Planning Commission. During the 2013 MCB community rally to honor the first place efforts of the CCBY at the local high school, he spoke in front of the entire assembly (over 200) representing the Junior Class and his part in the overall success of the youth program.

Now, a senior, he continues to stay active and involved in the community and his school. He's a past member of FCCLA; he's been active and involved on the basketball and baseball teams and

presently attends classes at high school and the Arcadia Valley Career School (VoTech); he understands the value of an education and a work ethic just like his grandparents instilled in him.

He is endorsed by the entire Caledonia Community Betterment organization. We are very proud of this young man and it's been gratifying to watch him grow and mature in front of us. We all look forward to see what he does next as he plans for his senior year and beyond.

The Caledonia Community Betterment Organization unanimously nominates **John Alexander Lucas** for the 2014 MCB Youth Leadership award.

**Submitted by:**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John M. Robinson, III".

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**Chairman – Caledonia Community Betterment Organization**

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