

Yale student seeks McLean judge-executive job

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In recent weeks discussion on these pages has turned to questions of McLean County's relations with Owensboro-Daviess County, the quality of its current leadership and the community's role in the region.

I am a native of McLean County, and I have a great regard and pride for my home. Yet, Owensboro, too, has been of tremendous importance to me; its many civic organizations and institutions have offered crucial support throughout my career.

Personally significant to me as a young man was the example of David Adkisson, then the city's Harvard-educated mayor whose zeal for public service and pride in his home community was both edifying and admirable.

I am completing my Ph.D. in history at Yale University and find myself compelled to return to McLean County. I am driven to do so by a desire to serve and from the self-confidence I find in knowing that I will significantly contribute to this county.

Therefore, I announce my intent to seek the office of McLean County judge-executive in 2006 as a Democrat. This announcement comes now because recent events have demonstrated the need to offer the people of the county a robust alternative to the present office holder.

My campaign will be a positive one -- centered on ideas, our common future and the community's potential. We will make McLean County strong, an asset to our region, and a proud partner in metro Owensboro.

This campaign will be developed at <http://www.VoteGunterman.com>.

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