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Governor Quinn Announces Names of Students to be Honored by Lincoln Academy November 2

Ceremony at Old State Capitol recognizes the top student from each college and university in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Governor Pat Quinn today announced the names of the state’s outstanding college students who will be honored by the Lincoln Academy of Illinois. The Academy will recognize the students during the annual Student Laureate Convocation at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 2 the Old State Capitol State Historic Site in Springfield.

“These students have exhibited a personal commitment to excel as seen by their remarkable academic accomplishments,” Governor Quinn said. “They serve as role models to other Illinois students. With hard-working and dedicated young leaders such as these, Illinois and the rest of the nation can look forward to a bright future.”

The Lincoln Academy’s Student Laureate Awards are presented for excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities to seniors from each of the state’s four-year, degree-granting colleges and universities, and one student from among all the community colleges in Illinois. At the Student Laureate Convocation, each will receive a Student Laureate Medallion, along with a \$1,000 educational grant and a certificate of achievement. This event will mark the 39th year that students have been honored by the Academy.

Student Laureate Caelin Niehoff of DePaul University will speak on behalf of all the Laureates. The invocation will be delivered by Robert A. Easter, Ph.D., President of the University of Illinois and the benediction will be delivered by The Reverend Stanley Davis, Jr. The Sangamon Woodwind Consort will provide music, and a luncheon at the Illinois Executive Mansion will follow the Student Laureate Convocation.

The Lincoln Academy, unique among the 50 states, was established 49 years ago to honor Illinois’ most distinguished citizens with the state’s highest award, the Order of Lincoln. The 50th Annual Convocation and Investiture of Laureates of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois will take place Saturday, May 3, 2014 at the Field Museum in Chicago.

STUDENT LAUREATES

<u>School</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Home Town</u>
Augustana College	Jenna N. Orabutt	Hawthorn Woods, IL

Aurora University	Andrew J. Patton	Oswego, IL
Benedictine University	Eman Sahloul	Orland Park, IL
Blackburn College	Ashley Donoho	
Bradley University	Jonathan Teich	Bay City, MI
Chicago State University	Christopher D. Muldrow	Oak Forest, IL
Columbia College – Chicago	Allison C. Shuman	Cranston, RI
Concordia University Chicago	David J. Moldenhauer	Walled Lake, MI
DePaul University	Caelin Niehoff	Algonquin, IL
Dominican University	David C. Gayes	Oak Park, IL
Eastern Illinois University	Zachary D. Samples	Decatur, IL
Elmhurst College	Emily A. Darow	Palatine, IL
Eureka College	Lauren M. Schwanke	Eureka, IL
Governors State University	Ricca Louissaint	South Holland, IL
Greenville College	Alyssa R. Gosselin	Derby, VT
Illinois College	Phuong Hoang Nguyen	Thai Binh, Vietnam
Illinois Institute of Technology	Miriam R. Schmid	Cissna Park, IL
Illinois State University	Brian M. Kulaga	Elmhurst, IL
Illinois Wesleyan University	Josefina Banales	Chicago, IL
Judson University	Cassandra E. Criminger	Flanagan, IL
Knox College	Carolyn Stephen	St. Louis, MO
Lake Forest College	Anali N. Vargas	Chicago, IL
Lake Land College	Kolten A. Postin	Moweaqua, IL
Lewis University	Samantha J. Rinehart	Marion, IA
Lincoln College	Josh A. Jones	Joliet, IL
Loyola University Chicago	Thomas J. Serena	Shorewood, IL
MacMurray College	Katherine L. Schmidt	Jerseyville, IL
McKendree University	Anthony J. Rhoads	Litchfield, IL
Millikin University	Emily E. D'Ambrose	Naperville, IL
Monmouth College	William T. Terrill	Sugar Grove, IL
National Louis University	Kristine Becker-Kristufek	Mt. Prospect, IL
North Central College	Colin J. Loeffler	Sun Prairie, WI
North Park University	An Tran	Hanoi, Vietnam
Northeastern Illinois University	Ashor O. Jajou	Morton Grove, IL
Northern Illinois University	Sarah L. Stuebing	DeKalb, IL
Olivet Nazarene University	Breanne M. Bambrick	Washington, IL
Principia College	Haley O. Morton	Wildwood, MO
Quincy University	Samantha A. Nielsen	Arlington Heights, IL
Rockford University	Dunja Cosic	Rockford, IL
Roosevelt University	Erin McCaslin	Maple Valley, WA
St. Xavier University	Lauren Bryk	Rolling Meadows, IL
Southern IL Univ. Carbondale	Eileen N. Schweiss	Festus, MO
Southern IL Univ. Edwardsville	Christopher J. Branch	Edwardsville, IL
The University of Chicago	Safiya C. Johnson	Chicago, IL
Trinity Christian College	Megan L. Anderson	Elgin, IL
Trinity International University	Rebekah E. Held	Hartford, WI
University of IL at Chicago	Fransely Robles	Chicago, IL
University of IL at Springfield	Joshua Eastby	Edwardsville, IL
Univ. of IL at Urbana-Champaign	Amanda M. Rowland	Burr Ridge, IL
University of St. Francis	Brandon S. Collofello	Minooka, IL
VanderCook College of Music	Maxwell J. Dykla	Belding, MI
Western Illinois University	Lindsey M. Posmanick	Troy, IL
Wheaton College	Sarah R. Vander Vorst	Mound City, SD

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