

## People in the News

**Governor Bruce Rauner** has announced this year's outstanding college students who will be honored by the **Lincoln Academy of Illinois** during the annual Student Laureate Convocation, November 7 at the Old State Capitol in Springfield. "Civic engagement, as exemplified by President Lincoln, is crucial to our democracy and the process of our government," said Governor Rauner. "The young men and women receiving this recognition embody the spirit of President Lincoln through their hard work and dedication to their schools and communities."

The Lincoln Academy's **Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement 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 the community colleges in Illinois. At the Student Laureate Convocation, each student will receive a Student Laureate Medallion, along with a \$1,000 educational grant and a certificate of achievement. This is the 41st year Lincoln Academy has celebrated students' excellence in Illinois.

Student Laureate **Cynthia J. Avila** of the University of Chicago will speak on behalf of all the Laureates. The invocation will be delivered by **Dr. Stanley R. Liberty**, Interim President of Bradley University, and the benediction will be delivered by Eureka College President **J. David Arnold**. IBHE Executive Director **Jim Applegate** will be in attendance.

### Student Laureates

**Aubrey Waddick**  
Augustana College  
**Sherry A. Maschmeyer**  
Aurora University  
**Dana V. Cairns**  
Benedictine University

**Sarah Collman**  
Blackburn College

**Kristin Kreher**  
Bradley University

**Lance T. Cox**  
Columbia College –  
Chicago

**Kayla E. Lohman**  
Concordia University  
Chicago

**Nathan Kriebel**  
Greenville College  
**Kavita K. Patel**  
Illinois College  
**Pooja Agarwal**  
Illinois Institute of  
Technology

**Maureen R. Christensen**  
Illinois State University

**Nicole M. Jovicevice**  
Illinois Wesleyan University

**Ethan R. Adams**  
Judson University

**Sophia D. Croll**  
Knox College

**Drake A. Decker**  
Monmouth College  
**Jeanette Kyle**  
National Louis University  
**Jack A. Ryan**  
North Central College

**Carmen Velazquez-Alvarez**  
North Park University

**Emily Fioramonti**  
Northeastern Illinois  
University  
**Kiranjit Gill**  
Northern Illinois University

**Chelsea Risinger**  
Olivet Nazarene University

**Savannah L. McCord**  
SIUC  
**Joshua G. Pritsolas**  
SIUE  
**Halie A. Wisse**  
Trinity Christian College

**Richard J. Davis**  
Trinity International  
University

**Cynthia J. Avila**  
University of Chicago

**Taylor R. Casino**  
UIC

**Hannah Cave**  
UIS

**Nicole May**  
DePaul University  
**Cutberto Aguayo**  
Dominican University  
**Shirmeen Ahmad**  
Eastern Illinois University

**Ghada M. Morrar**  
East-West University  
**Angil J. Tate**  
Elmhurst College  
**Michael A. Sain, II**  
Eureka College  
**Jerry Davis El**  
Governors State University

**Benjamin Labaschin**  
Lake Forest College  
**Jessica L. Tennant**  
Lewis University  
**Cody R. Garretson**  
Lincoln College

**Ashley Rogers**  
Loyola University Chicago  
**Shannon M. Young**  
MacMurray College  
**Kenneth O'Dell, Jr.**  
McKendree University  
**Alexander H. Koulos**  
Millikin University

**Shontee M. Pant**  
Principia College  
**Catherine Richards**  
Quincy University  
**Matilyn N. Bintl**  
Rock Valley College

**Angela Martinez**  
Rockford University  
**Lacy N. Reyna**  
Roosevelt University  
**Anna E. Goldman**  
St. Xavier University  
**Florian Palluci**  
SAIC

**Monica S. Chen**  
UIUC  
**Laura Muñoz Lopez**  
University of St. Francis  
**Kendall C. Jones**  
VanderCook College of  
Music  
**Hannah F. Drake**  
Western Illinois University  
**Kyle L. Mellinger**  
Wheaton College



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