



# The Lincoln Academy of Illinois

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## Top Students Honored by The Lincoln Academy of Illinois



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

Outstanding college students representing Illinois' colleges were honored by the Lincoln Academy of Illinois and recognized these students during the annual Student Laureate Convocation at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 12 at the Old State Capitol in Springfield.

**Governor Bruce Rauner**, President of the Lincoln Academy, and **First Lady Diana Rauner** welcomed all the students and awarded each one with a certificate of merit, a medal of Lincoln, and a \$1,000 check. Governor Rauner said "President Lincoln's legacy is a reminder of the power of public service and civic engagement here in Illinois and across the country."

“The students chosen to receive this honor have exemplified the principles and ideals of the greatest Illinoisan through their hard work and dedication to their schools and communities,” said Governor Rauner.

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. This is the 42nd year Lincoln Academy has celebrated students’ excellence in Illinois.

**Stephanie Pace Marshall, PhD**, Chancellor of the Lincoln Academy spoke at the ceremony. **Student Laureate Rachel Hile-Broad** of the University of Chicago spoke on behalf of all the Student Laureates. **Dr. Helen Morrison**, a Rector of the Lincoln Academy, and **Lester McKeever**, a Regent, announced each Student. The Sangamon Woodwind Consort provided music, and a luncheon for the Student Laureates and their families at the Abraham Lincoln Doubletree Hotel followed the Student Laureate Convocation.

The invocation was delivered by **Eric Fulcomer**, President of Rockford University, and the benediction was delivered by Eureka College President **Jamel Santa Cruze Wright**. Additional Presidents and Chancellors attending the ceremony were

John Comerford	President, Blackburn College
Cecil Lucy	Interim President, Chicago State University
Ivan Filby	President, Greenville College
Gene Crume	President, Judson University
David Gerlach	President, Lincoln College
Robert J. Gervasi	President, Quincy University
Mablene Krueger	President, Robert Morris University
Brad Colwell	Chancellor, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Kurt Dykstra	President, Trinity Christian College
Susan Koch	Chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield
Charles T. Menghini	President, VanderCook College of Music
Charlotte Warren	President, Lincoln Land Community College

## STUDENT LAUREATES

<u>School</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Home Town</u>
Augustana College	Christopher S. Saladin	Carthage, MO
Aurora University	Laura E. Dierking	Naperville, IL
Benedictine University	Brandon Nguyen	Oswego, IL
Blackburn College	Veronica Milligan	Taylorville, IL
Bradley University	Charles J. Barchett	Benton Harbor, MI
Chicago State University	Darren David Martin	Chicago, IL
Columbia College – Chicago	Rasul Freelain	Chicago, IL
Concordia University Chicago	Connor Lee Wondrasch	Rochester, MN
DePaul University	Jessica Villagomez	Willowbrook, IL
Dominican University	Raunel Urquiza	Chicago, IL
Eastern Illinois University	Michaela Lee Crabtree	Ellis Grove, IL
East-West University	Raymond E. Davis	Chicago, IL
Elmhurst College	Marie A. Partyka	Wood Dale, IL
Eureka College	Grace Alisha Kageha Mahasi	Peoria, IL
Governors State University	Samantha Allen	Park Forest, IL
Greenville College	Claire Marie Sattler	Barlett, IL
Illinois College	Daniel James Bacon	Lincoln, IL
Illinois Institute of Technology	Maya A. Al-Khouja	Chicago, IL
Illinois State University	Lauren Ann Koszyk	Bloomington, IL
Illinois Wesleyan University	Paige Elizabeth Buschman	Lemont, IL
Judson University	Nicholas R Sebastian Modlin	Wheeling, IL
Knox College	Joshua William Tvrdy	Tucson, AZ
Lake Forest College	Medora Kea Sweet	St. Paul, MN
Lewis University	Alexandria M. Austring	Aroma, IL
Lincoln College	Kristin N. Werry	West Peoria, IL
Loyola University Chicago	Sojourney Rallo	Northbrook, IL
MacMurray College	Jasmine Renae White	Jacksonville, IL
McKendree University	Acadia Reynolds	New Orleans, LA
Millikin University	Philip Ganley	Decatur, IL
Monmouth College	Emma C. Vanderpool	Frankfort, IL
National Louis University	Nancy Zhu	Elk Grove, IL
North Central College	Luis Antonio Tello	Ramona, CA
North Park University	Anais Bakayoko	Chicago, IL
Northeastern Illinois University	Alicia Ozier	Chicago, IL
Northern Illinois University	Rebecca Ann Rasmussen	Franklin Park, IL
Olivet Nazarene University	Kaleb R. Miller	Canton, IL
Principia College	Annika Bryn Erickson	Petaluma, CA
Quincy University	Nicholas James Nosbisch	Effingham, IL
Robert Morris University	Tameka Latasha Mason	Peoria, IL
Rockford University	Ivy Hood	Roscoe, IL
Roosevelt University	Alice Beals	Somerset, NJ
St. Xavier University	Meghan Hill	North Aurora, IL
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Al-Qawi Nanavati	Mumbai
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	Steven Eugene Dew	Downs, IL
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	Chloe Anna Huelsmann	Alton, IL

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The University of Chicago	Rachel Hile-Broad	Normal, IL
Trinity Christian College	Courtney Brynn Kalous	Menomonee Falls, WI
Trinity International University	Emylee Thompson	South Elgin, IL
University of Illinois Chicago	Rafid Rahman	Chatham, IL
University of Illinois Springfield	Kendra Baber	Normal, IL
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	Shivaliben Bhargavkumar Patel	Urbana, IL
University of St. Francis	Jeremy J. Grachan	Crest Hill, IL
VanderCook College of Music	Alexandro Gonzalez	Bolingbrook, IL
Western Illinois University	William J. Gradle	St. Charles, IL
Wheaton College	Christopher J. Lee	Indianapolis, IN
Lincoln Land Community College	Brandon D. Lewis	Springfield, IL

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