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Student Laureates to be honored November 11 by Lincoln Academy

SPRINGFIELD – The top students representing Illinois' colleges and universities will be honored by The Lincoln Academy of Illinois during the annual Student Laureate Convocation at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 11 at the Old State Capitol State Historic Site in Springfield. This is the 43rd year The Lincoln Academy has celebrated students' excellence in Illinois.

Governor Bruce Rauner, the President of the Lincoln Academy, and First Lady Diana Rauner will present each student with a certificate of merit, a Lincoln medallion, and a \$1,000 check from The Lincoln Academy.

The annual Lincoln Academy Student Laureate Ceremony recognizes excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities by seniors from each of the state's four-year, degree-granting colleges and universities, and one student from the community colleges in Illinois. Student Laureates are selected by their individual schools. Those to be honored as Student Laureates on November 11 include:

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Augustana College	Abigail M. Wieland	Rock Island, IL
Aurora University	Tia Lucia Carr	Oswego, IL
Benedictine University	Rachel Elaine Warren	Roselle, IL
Blackburn College	Noah B. Daum	Carrollton, IL
Bradley University	Kelsey A. Vogt	Barrington, IL
Chicago State University	Kristen Leiani Gardner	Calumet City, IL
Columbia College, Chicago	William Ojeda	Harwood Heights, IL
Concordia University, Chicago	Joseph David Reineke	Antigo, WI
DePaul University	Ivana Rihter	Ladera Ranch, CA
Dominican University	Renee Hogan	Chicago, IL
East-West University	Kisha Renea Johnson	Chicago, IL
Eastern Illinois University	Bailey A. Martin-Giacalone	Belleville, IL
Elmhurst College	Monica Cecilia Mazurek	Mt. Prospect, IL
Eureka College	Rachel Smith	Washington, IL
Governors State University	Justin D. Smith	Chicago Heights, IL
Greenville College	Mandy Renee Pennington	Louisville, KY
Illinois College	Christian Flores	Addison, IL

Illinois Institute of Technology	Allan Huang	Chicago, IL
Illinois State University	Wesley Barnes Ward	Normal, IL
Illinois Wesleyan University	Brock Michael Taylor	Mattoon, IL
Judson University	Andrew James Kennedy	Gilberts, IL
Knox College	Mara Peters Lane	Eau Claire, WI
Lake Forest College	Jakobi Y. McClellan	Homewood, IL
Lewis University	William Z. Riley	Chicago, IL
Lincoln College	Ashlyn N. Carroll	Lincoln, IL
Loyola University Chicago	Ugochukwu Okere	Chicago, IL
MacMurray College	Courtney Jane Pearson	Pearl, IL
McKendree University	Himani N. Patel	Eldoret, Kenya
Millikin University	Justin Alan DeBo	Normal, IL
Monmouth College	Diana J. Rubi	Peoria, IL
National Louis University	Jeremy Kwitschau	Batavia, IL
North Central College	Connor R. McGury	Naperville, IL
North Park University	Jomarie A.O. Perlas	Hoffman Estates, IL
Northeastern Illinois University	Cesar Bustos	Chicago, IL
Northern Illinois University	Rachel Elizabeth Jacob	Long Grove, IL
Olivet Nazarene University	Charles R. Deloach III	Chicago Heights, IL
Principia College	Robert Butler	Scottsdale, AZ
Quincy University	Alyssa M. Vitale	Naperville, IL
Robert Morris University	Cameron Douglas Harron	Ontario, Canada
Rockford University	Malcolm Engelbrecht	Loves Park, IL
Roosevelt University	Christian James Brian	Mattawan, MI
Saint Xavier University	Esraa M. Aburass	Bridgeview, IL
School of the Art Inst. Of Chicago	Freddie Lambright III	Concord, CA
SIU Carbondale	Kara N. Starkweather	Rochester, IL
SIU Edwardsville	Keelah Washington	Chicago, IL
The University of Chicago	Pranav Puri	Moline, IL
Trinity Christian College	Roberto Josiah Rosario	Bolingbrook, IL
Trinity International University	Margaret Patricia Kirst	Galena, IL
University of IL at Chicago	Mariel Rancel	Oak Lawn, IL
University of IL Springfield	Regina Bolin	Kansas City, MO
Univ. of IL at Urbana-Champaign	Thomas J. Dowling	Chicago, IL
University of St. Francis	Irma V. Sandoval Vizcaino	Chicago, IL
VanderCook College of Music	Daniel Joseph Mulligan	Shorewood, IL
Western Illinois University	Jillian R. Escobar	Hanover Park, IL
Wheaton College	Tryphena N. Tandriarto	Arcadia, CA
Oakton Community College	Andrew Tieng	Niles, IL

In addition to honoring the state's Student Laureates, Illinois is unique in the United States in selecting present or former citizens who have made outstanding contributions toward the progress and betterment of humanity to be honored as Laureates of the Lincoln Academy and receive the "Order of Lincoln" from the Governor, a process that has been in place since 1964.

Proceeds from the spring Laureate Convocation are used to support the Student Laureate program each fall. For more information visit www.thelincolnacadeemyofillinois.org.