

The Lincoln Academy of Illinois

43rd Annual Convocation and Investiture of Student Laureates

Saturday, the 11th of November
Two thousand seventeen

Hall of Representatives
Old State Capitol Historic Site
Springfield

*Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow.
The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.*

Abraham Lincoln

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The Old State Capitol Historic Site

Where Lincoln debated slavery's future, freedom's meaning and America's destiny

When Abraham Lincoln and eight of his fellow state legislators (known as the Long Nine) were successful in their efforts to move the capital city from Vandalia to Springfield, a new statehouse was needed. On July 4, 1837, workers laid the cornerstone for this building. Designed by Springfield architect John Rague in Greek Revival style, the first rooms opened for use in 1839. When the Illinois House of Representatives convened in this room for the first time in December 1840, Abraham Lincoln took his seat for his fourth and final term as a legislator. Lincoln's desk and the portrait of Washington are the only two items present today which are original to the room.

As a lawyer, Lincoln argued many cases in this building before the Illinois Supreme Court. He launched his 1858 Senate campaign against Stephen A. Douglas in this room, warning the nation of the dangers of a 'house divided against itself.' And two years later, he prepared to assume the duties of President in the second floor governor's office and adjoining reception room.

Following his death, Lincoln's body was brought here to the Hall of Representatives in the spring of 1865 to lie in state as thousands of grief-stricken mourners streamed past the open coffin.

In 1876, state government offices moved to a new capitol building, several blocks away, and this building was extensively remodeled for use as the county courthouse.

Admirers of Abraham Lincoln launched an effort to return this noble building to its original appearance. Reconstruction began in 1966 when the building was completely dismantled, and the exterior stones were carefully removed, numbered and stored at the state fairgrounds until the walls could be meticulously rebuilt.

Following a three-year collaboration of historians and architects to re-create the Illinois Statehouse of Abraham Lincoln's time, the Old State Capitol Historic Site was rededicated November 15, 1969. Shortly thereafter, Illinois' Sixth Constitutional Convention met in this room, drafting our state's current constitution, the Constitution of 1970.

And on a cold winter day in 2007 -- just prior to Lincoln's birthday -- another proud Illinoisan, U.S. Senator Barack Obama, announced his own candidacy for President on the steps of this building, *'where Lincoln once called on a divided house to stand together,'* he said, *'where common hopes and common dreams still live.'*

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Sangamon Woodwind Consort

Cindy Garretson
Flute

Krista Steller
Oboe

Cathy McGuire
Bassoon

Call to Order

Dennis Lyle

Invocation

The Honorable Richard Mills

Opening of the Convocation

Stephanie Pace Marshall, PhD
Chancellor

Speaking on behalf of the Student Laureates

Bailey Angeline Martin-Giacalone
Eastern Illinois University

Presentation of the Class of 2017 Student Laureates

Frank Clark
George J. Dohrmann, MD, PhD

Remarks

The Honorable Bruce Rauner
Governor of the State of Illinois

President Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg

Fritz Klein

Benediction

Joianne Smith
President of Oakton Community College

The Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Award

The monetary awards presented to the Student Laureates are made possible through the generous support of the Malott Family Foundation and from the contributions to the Order of Lincoln ceremonies held earlier this year. Support from the Malott Family Foundation is in memory of Elizabeth Hubert Malott. Ibby Malott was an extraordinary woman who combined keen insight, limitless energy and elegance. Her leadership as a Regent of the Academy greatly influenced and furthered its mission. Her husband, Robert Malott, now retired as the Chief Executive Officer of a major Chicago based corporation, received the Order of Lincoln at the Academy's 1995 convocation.

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Student Laureates

Student Laureate	Institution	Academic Trustee
Abigail M. Wieland	Augustana College	Steven C. Bahls
Tia Lucia Carr	Aurora University	Rebecca Sherrick
Rachel Elaine Warren	Benedictine University	Michael Brophy
Noah B. Daum	Blackburn College	John Comerford
Kelsey A. Vogt	Bradley University	Gary Roberts
Kristen Leiani Gardner	Chicago State University	Rachel W. Lindsey
William Ojeda	Columbia College Chicago	Kuang-Wu Kim
Joseph David Reineke	Concordia University Chicago	Daniel L. Gard
Ivana Rihter	DePaul University	A. Gabriel Esteban
Renee Hogan	Dominican University	Donna M. Carroll
Bailey Angeline Martin-Giacalone	Eastern Illinois University	David Glassman
Kisha Renea Johnson	East-West University	M. Wasiulla Khan
Monica Cecilia Mazurek	Elmhurst College	Troy VanAken
Rachel Smith	Eureka College	Jamel Santa Cruze Wright
Justin D. Smith	Governors State University	Elaine P. Maimon
Mandy Renee Pennington	Greenville College	Ivan Filby
Christian Flores	Illinois College	Barbara A. Edwards Farley
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Mara Peters Lane	Knox College	Teresa L. Amott
Jakobi McClellan	Lake Forest College	Stephen D. Schutt
William Z. Riley	Lewis University	David Livingston
Ashlyn N. Carroll	Lincoln College	David H. Gerlach
Ugochukwu Okere	Loyola University Chicago	Jo Ann Rooney
Courtney Jane Pearson	MacMurray College	Mark Tierno
Himani N. Patel	McKendree University	James M. Dennis
Justin Alan DeBo	Millikin University	Patrick E. White

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Timothy L. Killeen
University of Illinois

Randy J. Dunn
Southern Illinois University

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Cesar Bustos	Northeastern Illinois University	Richard Helldobler
Rachel Elizabeth Jacob	Northern Illinois University	Lisa Freeman
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History of the Academy

The Lincoln Academy was established by proclamation of the Governor of Illinois in 1964, shortly after the New York World's Fair. During the World's Fair a reception had been given for some of our state's most celebrated sons and daughters which impressed the Governor and gave birth to a permanent program to recognize distinguished Illinoisans annually through the establishment of the Order of Lincoln.

The first Convocation and Investiture of Laureates were held on Lincoln's birthday, February 12, 1965, at the Chicago Historical Society, and convocations have been held in locations across the state every year since then. During the Lincoln Bicentennial in 2009, a special Bicentennial Edition of the Order of Lincoln was established, and thirty distinguished Lincoln scholars, collectors, artists, and curators from around the world were honored.

The mission of the Lincoln Academy was expanded in 1975 by the Student Laureate Program, in which an outstanding senior from each of the four-year degree-granting colleges and universities in Illinois and one student representing our state's community colleges are honored. **Thus, the Lincoln Academy honors the Great Citizens of Today and Celebrates the Great Citizens of Tomorrow -- knowing that now, as always, our state and nation need what Vachel Lindsay called 'Lincoln-hearted' men and women.**

Organization of the Academy

The Lincoln Academy is a nonpartisan organization governed by a Board of Regents and a membership of General Trustees. The Governor of Illinois is the President of the Academy, and the Board of Regents elects a Chancellor who serves as the Academy's Chief Executive Officer. The General Trustees are appointed by the Governor or elected by the Academy. Ten Rectors serve as ex officio trustees and assist in identifying potential nominees for the Order of Lincoln. The Academic Trustees are the chief executive officers of all four-year colleges and universities in Illinois and three members at large. At the discretion of the Regents, a former Governor may be elected a Regent for Life, and a former Member Regent, General Trustee, or Rector who has served in office for ten years or more may be elected an Emeritus Member, in recognition of distinguished service to the Academy.

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Abraham Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address

President Abraham Lincoln gave his historical Gettysburg address on November 19, 1863, to dedicate a national cemetery on the battlefield in Pennsylvania. The Battle of Gettysburg, fought over three days, saw a total of over 51,000 Confederate and Union troops killed, captured, wounded, or missing in action.

In a four-year span of time (1861-1865), the American Civil War left a mind-numbing 700,000 plus dead soldiers. In comparison, WWII lost 420,000 American soldiers.