

Press Release: 2010 Student Laureates

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Student Laureates honored by Lincoln Academy November 6

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

SPRINGFIELD – The Lincoln Academy of Illinois honored outstanding senior college students and one student from among all of the community college students in Illinois during the annual Student Laureate Convocation at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 6 the Old State Capitol State Historic Site in Springfield.

The Lincoln Academy's Student Laureate Awards are presented for excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities to seniors from each of the four-year, degree granting colleges and universities in Illinois. At the Student Laureate Convocation, each received a Student Laureate Medallion, along with an honorarium check and certificate of achievement. This event marks the 36th year that students have been honored by the Academy.

These students have exhibited a personal commitment to excel as seen by their remarkable academic accomplishments,

said Thomas S. Johnson, Chancellor of the Lincoln Academy, who added,

They serve as role models to other Illinois students. With hardworking and dedicated young leaders such as these, Illinois and the rest of the nation can look forward to a bright future.

Student Laureate M. Elizabeth Judson of Eureka College spoke on behalf of all the Laureates. The invocation was delivered by Dr. Roger Taylor, President of Knox College, and the benediction was given by Lincoln Academy Regent Rev. Stanley L. Davis, Jr. The Sangamon Woodwind Consort provided music, and a luncheon at the Illinois Executive Mansion followed the Student Laureate Convocation.

The Lincoln Academy, unique among the 50 states, was established 46 years ago to honor Illinois' most distinguished citizens with the state's highest award, the Order of Lincoln. The 47th Annual Convocation and Investiture of Laureates of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois took place Saturday, April 16, 2011 at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Illinois in Urbana. The convocation planning co-chairs were Judy Ikenberry, Cheryl Easter and Virginia Hogan.