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Governor Quinn Announces Top Students Honored by Lincoln Academy November 1

Ceremony at Old State Capitol Recognizes the Top Student from Each College and University in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Governor Pat Quinn today announced the state’s exceptional college students who were honored by the Lincoln Academy of Illinois on November 1. The Academy recognized students at the top of their class during the annual Student Laureate Convocation at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 1 the Old State Capitol State Historic Site in Springfield.

“I want to commend these students for their hard work, both in the classroom and in their communities,” Governor Quinn said. “Their achievement and dedication attests to the value of higher education in Illinois, and the high quality students our schools produce.”

The Lincoln Academy’s Student Laureate 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 among 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 40th year Lincoln Academy has celebrated students’ excellence in Illinois.

Student Laureate Katie Landgrebe of Northwestern University spoke on behalf of all the Laureates. The invocation was delivered by Dr. Robert Gervasi, President of Quincy University, and the benediction was delivered by University of Illinois Springfield Chancellor Dr. Susan Koch. 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 more than 50 years ago to honor distinguished citizens with the state's highest award, the Order of Lincoln. The 52nd Annual Convocation and Investiture of Laureates of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois will take place Saturday, May 9, 2015 at the Illinois State Capitol in Chicago.