



# LA LUMIERE SCHOOL

*Character • Scholarship • Faith*

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## **La Lumiere Students Honored at Annual Academic Convocation**

La Porte, IN – May 20, 2010 – La Lumiere undergraduate students were recognized for their academic excellence during the annual Academic Convocation ceremony held Friday evening, May 14 on the La Lumiere School Campus.

### Excellence in the study of English 9

Katie Brown – Lakeside, MI  
Lauren Dekker – La Porte  
Madison Kemper – New Buffalo, MI

### Excellence in the study of English 10 – British Literature

Maggie Gaza – New Buffalo, MI  
Rebecca Kilcoyne – La Porte  
Shubhra Murarka – La Porte

### Excellence in the study of English 11 - American Literature

Mateo Conner – Michigan City  
Evelyn Hale – Merrillville  
Conor Luck – La Porte  
Theresa Siedlecki – La Porte

### Excellence in the study of Creative Writing

Jackie Lange – La Porte  
Shayna Shelton – La Porte

### Excellence in the study of ESL Reading Comprehension

Danny Giancaspro – Union Pier, MI

### Excellence in the study of ESL Communication Skills

Zhanshu (Chester) Di - China

### Excellence in the study of ESL Grammar

Zhanshu (Chester) Di – China  
Danny Giancaspro – Union Pier, MI

Excellence in the study of Second Year ESL

Ho Sang (Bruce) Lee – Korea

Excellence in the study of Algebra I

Laima Augustaitis – New Buffalo, MI

Katie Brown – Union Pier, MI

Excellence in the study of Algebra II

Daisy Costello - Chesterton

Alexa Hicks – La Porte

Seung-Jin (Jenny) Lee – Korea

Kylie Moore – Westville

Drew Yarger – South Bend

Excellence in the study of Geometry

Lindsay Ciatsko – Hammond

Evelyn Hale – Merrillville

John Lake – La Porte

Alana Murray – Michigan City

Excellence in the study of Precalculus

Shubhra Murarka – La Porte

MacKenzie O'Brien – La Porte

Cody Steinhiser – Michigan City

Excellence in the Study of Computer Programming

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Excellence in the study of Health

Rebecca Kilcoyne – La Porte

Theresa Siedlecki – La Porte

Zach Wisniewski – La Porte

Excellence in the study of Biology

Laima Augustaitis – New Buffalo, MI

Lauren Dekker – La Porte

Alexa Hicks – La Porte

Madison Kemper – New Buffalo, MI

Excellence in the study of Chemistry

Christian J. Allen – Valparaiso

Shubhra Murarka – La Porte

Alana Murray – Michigan City

Excellence in the study of Introduction to Chemistry / Physics

Jingxin Xu – China

Excellence in the study of Physics

Nora Sloan – Pottawattomie Park

Excellence in the study of AP Physics I

MacKenzie O'Brien – La Porte

Excellence in the study of Advanced Biology

Shubhra Murarka – La Porte

Excellence in the study of Geography

Daisy Costello – Chesterton

Excellence in the Study of Western Civilization

Lauren Dekker – La Porte

Alexa Hicks – La Porte

Excellence in the study of World History

Shubhra Murarka – La Porte

Alana Murray – Michigan City

Anulé (Joy) Ndukwu – Chesterton

Excellence in the study of US History

Won Kun (Scott) Lee – Korea

Ashley Scholl

Excellence in the study of AP US History

Theresa Siedlecki – La Porte

Nora Sloan – Pottawattomie Park

Excellence in the Study of Leadership

Hans Guentert, South Bend

Ava Karaitis – Union Pier, MI

John Lake – La Porte

Alana Murray – Michigan City

Anulé (Joy) Ndukwu – Chesterton

Cesar Robles – Cicero, IL

Excellence in the study of Government

Bobby Bartels – South Bend

Excellence in the study of Economics

Won Kun (Scott) Lee – Korea

Emma Ohlund – La Porte

Cody Steinhiser – Michigan City

Excellence in the study of Psychology

Lindsay Ciatsko – Hammond

Excellence in the study of Spanish I

Laima Augustaitis – Union Pier, MI

Alexa Hicks – La Porte

Lucas Tang – Portage

Excellence in the study of Spanish II

Christian J. Allen – Valparaiso  
John Lake – La Porte  
Shubhra Murarka – La Porte

Excellence in the study of Spanish III

Lindsay Ciatsko – Hammond  
Sydney McBride – La Porte

Excellence in the study of French I

Stephanie Alvarez – Chicago

Excellence in the study of French II

Alana Murray – Michigan City

Excellence in the study of French III

Nora Sloan – Pottawattomie Park

Excellence in the study of Foundations of Art

Lauren Dekker – La Porte  
Kathryn Knight – Beverly Shores  
Seung-Jin (Jenny) Lee – Korea  
Jingxin Xu – China

Excellence in the study of Desktop Publishing

Boyang Teng – China

Excellence in Drama Performance

Christian J. Allen – Valparaiso  
Miriam Gurrola – La Porte  
Madison Kemper – New Buffalo, MI  
Robert J. Lake – La Porte  
Lydia Rogers – La Porte  
Layla Sherman - Grayslake

Excellence in the study of Old Testament Literature

Katie Brown – Lakeside, MI  
Daisy Costello – Chesterton  
Alexa Hicks – La Porte  
Lucas Tang - Portage

Excellence in the study of New Testament Literature

Daisy Costello - Chesterton  
Shannon Howe – Westville  
Jessica Schwingendorf – La Porte  
Andrew Yarger – South Bend

Excellence in the study of Philosophy

Conor Luck – La Porte

Excellence in the study of World Religions – The East

Adnan Ahmed – Chesterton

Excellence in Community Service

Sydney McBride – La Porte

**Traute and Miller Bransfield Award**

**Robert Bartels – South Bend**

La Lumiere’s mission is to develop the fundamental principles of character, scholarship and faith in its students as it prepares them for the responsibilities and opportunities of adulthood. This award honors the junior year student who best portrays the La Lumiere ideal as expressed in its mission statement. This is the highest award La Lumiere School bestows on an underclassman.

**Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award**

**Evelyn Hale – Merrillville**

One qualified junior is chosen each year by the faculty of La Lumiere. Award winners have earned excellent grades in the humanities and/or social sciences while demonstrating a commitment to co-curricular activities in these disciplines. They have also shown a desire to understand and address difficult social issues while exhibiting leadership within the school community and a dedication to community action.

**George Eastman Young Leaders Award and Scholarship**

**Sydney McBride – La Porte**

One qualified junior is chosen each year by the faculty of La Lumiere. The award is given to an individual who has excelled in a challenging curriculum, exhibited strong leadership skills, and has dedicated himself or herself to co-curricular activities. Students admitted to the University of Rochester may be selected to receive the University of Rochester Kodak Young Leaders Scholarship upon enrollment.

**Illinois Student Assistance Commission**

**Chris Good – Westville, IL**

The State of Illinois designates the following student as an Illinois State Scholar and awards this Certificate for Outstanding Performance in this year’s Illinois State Scholar Program competition.

**Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award**

**Justin Katz – Beverly Shores**

One qualified junior is chosen each year by the Science Department of La Lumiere. Award winners are recognized based on their performance in La Lumiere science courses and their excellent scores on the PSAT Math, SAT Math, and/or ACT Science / Math standardized tests.

**Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology**

**Cody Steinhiser - Michigan City**

One qualified **junior** is chosen each year based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrates a strong interest in innovation and/or information technology and has proven to be a high achiever in this area relative to his peers
- Effective and enthusiastic use of technological equipment in his curricular choices, for example, excellence in a computer science course
- Enthusiastic use of technology in service or other requirements, for example, development of Web sites or audiovisual presentations when given the opportunity

## **Scholar Athlete Awards**

This award recognizes students who have demonstrated excellence in their academics and exceptional performance/contributions in athletics.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Daisy Costello - Chesterton

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Alana Murray – Michigan City

Zachary Wisniewski – La Porte

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Robert Bartels – South Bend

Sydney McBride – New Carlisle

## **Highest Academic GPA**

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Conor Luck – La Porte

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Shubhra Murarka - La Porte

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Daisy Costello – Chesterton

Madison Kemper – New Buffalo, MI

## **Picture Captions:**

Picture of Scholar Athlete Winners – Picture Named: *Wisniewski, Bartels, McBride, Murray, Costello*

Back row from left to right: Sophomore: Zach Wisniewski – La Porte; Junior: Bobby Bartels – South Bend

Front row from left to right: Junior: Sydney McBride – New Carlisle; Sophomore: Alana Murray – Michigan City; Freshman: Daisy Costello – Chesterton

Picture of Highest GPA Winners – Picture Named: *Costello, Kemper, Murarka, Luck*

From left to right: Freshmen: Daisy Costello – Chesterton and Madison Kemper – New Buffalo. Sophomore: Shubhra Murarka and Junior: Conor Luck – La Porte

## **About La Lumiere School**

La Lumiere is a coeducational lay Catholic boarding and day school with 190 students that provides a comprehensive college preparatory education for qualified young men and women from a rich diversity of backgrounds. La Lumiere School is accredited by the **Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)**, a membership organization of 230 independent schools from the Midwest. La Lumiere is situated on a beautiful rural estate, 25 miles west of South Bend, 60 miles east of Chicago, and eight miles from both La Porte and New Buffalo, MI.

More information about La Lumiere School can be found at [www.lalumiere.org](http://www.lalumiere.org)

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