



## LA LUMIERE SCHOOL

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### **La Lumiere School Announces Speech Contest Winners**

**La Porte, IN – October 28, 2010** – With an alumnus serving as Chief Justice of the United States, it will come as no surprise that La Lumiere School has a long history of cultivating effective communicators. The development of communication skills is a key objective of La Lumiere’s curriculum. In pursuit of that goal, every student participates in the annual Speech Contest. The freshmen and sophomores perform declamation speeches while the upperclassmen are required to author and present original speeches. Fourteen students were chosen as finalists and invited to compete in the annual competition held on campus last evening. The contestants were judged by a panel of business and community leaders; Greg Fruth, retired Chair, English Department, La Porte High School; Duane Kelley, Partner, Winston & Strawn, alumni parent and former trustee of La Lumiere; Wendy Levenfeld, Executive Director of the Sinai Forum and a contributing writer to the News Dispatch and Herald Argus.

We are pleased to recognize the following winners and participants:

#### Original Speech

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lydia Rogers, La Porte – senior for *Reality Grip*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Bartels, South Bend – senior for *Systems*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rebecca Kilcoyne, La Porte – junior for *On Beauty and Ugliness*

Finalists: Christian Allen, Valparaiso; Jessica Hiler, South Bend; Jingxin Xu, Beijing, China; Jonathan Miltenberger, Michigan City

#### Declamation Speech

- 1<sup>st</sup> Madison Kemper, New Buffalo, MI – sophomore for an excerpt from the *Alchemyst* by Michael Scott
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Laima Augustaitis, New Buffalo, MI – sophomore for an excerpt from *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Marina Walinski, La Porte – freshman for Bono’s speech at the National Prayer Breakfast, February 2, 2006

Finalists: William Bartels, South Bend; Morgan Grimm, Rolling Prairie; Kathryn Knight, Beverly Shores; Patrick Lake, La Porte

## **Picture Captions:**

Original Speech: Lydia Rogers, La Porte; Robert Bartels, South Bend; Rebecca Kilcoyne, La Porte

Declamation Speech: Madison Kemper, New Buffalo, MI; Laima Augustaitis, New Buffalo, MI; Marina Walinski, La Porte

## **About La Lumiere School**

La Lumiere School is a co-educational, independent boarding and day secondary school providing a college-preparatory education based in character, scholarship and faith. Our rigorous education, personal relationships, and focus on values create a rich learning environment for students. They are known by faculty, staff and other students from all grades. This familiarity enables our students to make lasting connections, engage in academics, participate socially and define their path. Founded in the Catholic tradition in 1963, the student body consists of over 200 students from a rich diversity of backgrounds. It is situated on a beautiful rural estate, 25 miles west of South Bend, 60 miles east of Chicago, and 8 miles from both La Porte and New Buffalo. La Lumiere School is accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) and the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA).

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

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