



## LA LUMIERE SCHOOL

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## Graduation Ceremonies Celebrated at La Lumiere School

**La Porte, Ind. – May 28, 2010** - Family and friends of La Lumiere's graduates from five states and four countries gathered to celebrate during two days of festivities. A Baccalaureate Mass and Dinner were held at Chikaming Country Club on Thursday evening, May 27. The dinner provided a wonderful opportunity for the faculty and students to reminisce about their years together and to share their experiences with family and friends. Each faculty member was given the opportunity to speak about each of their student advisees before the gathering viewed the traditional senior video.

La Lumiere School's 43<sup>rd</sup> Commencement Exercises were held on campus on Friday, May 28. The commencement speaker was Michael J. Paul, a La Lumiere alumnus from the inaugural graduating class of 1969. After leaving La Lumiere, Mr. Paul earned an undergraduate degree from Dartmouth and two master degrees from MIT and went on to become an award-winning architect. Mr. Paul encouraged the students to value the two most important things that they learned at La Lumiere – to think critically and to thirst for knowledge. He then gave three pieces of advice. Regarding the people you will encounter throughout your lives; always treat them with courtesy, be fair, and act prudently. As far as choosing a profession; choose something that requires extensive specialized knowledge and choose a field that you love. Thirdly, he warned against expecting success in a flash, and encouraged the students to show diligence over a period of time in pursuit of their goals. He quoted Thomas Edison who said, "Genius is 10% inspiration and 90% perspiration."

In the traditional address by the Student Council President Clare Kaminski, Clare was both poignant and funny. In a light moment, Clare said that high school is like toilet paper – you only miss it when it's gone. On a more solemn note, Clare said, "We all have brains and potential, we just need to make sure we continue to use them. We have had the best preparation for continuing on a path to success." She encouraged her fellow classmates to make good choices and to be a positive light on the horizon. She quoted Sam Friend who once said, "There is in each of us so much goodness that if we could see it glow, it would light the world." Clare closed with, "Shine on it's a bright new day."

The following awards were given during the ceremonies for distinguished achievement:

Alan R. Hannan Unsung Hero Award

Jessica Catherine Kilcoyne, La Porte  
Soo Bin Oh, Seoul, Korea

James R. Moore Scholar Athlete Award

Christopher Dean Good, Westville, IL  
Anna Malaika Grace Nti Asare, Laramie, WY

Senior Award for Stellar Academic Performance

Patrick Michael Grimmer, Niles, MI

The One of Us Award  
(Nominated by Fellow Classmates)

Clara Stefania Kaminski, La Porte

Trustees Award for Leadership Based on Character

Clara Stefania Kaminski, La Porte  
Justin Ronald Knoll, La Porte

Headmaster's Award for Growth and Distinction

Hwa Jong Lee, Seoul, Korea  
Taylor Wayne Duifon, La Porte

The Alumni Memorial Award

The Person Who Best Portrays the La Lumiere Ideal

Soo Bin Oh, Seoul, Korea

The graduating class members include:

Allyse Ashlyn Appel	La Porte, IN
Aras Antanas Augustaitis	New Buffalo, MI
Marisa Elizabeth Behnke	La Porte, IN
Teresa Marie Brooks	Michigan City, IN
Trang Minh Thi Bui	Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam
John William Caplice	Michigan City, IN
In Jung Choi	Seoul, South Korea
Cui Cui	Shanghai, China
Elizabeth White Dumelle	Beverly Shores, IN
Taylor Wayne Dunifon	La Porte, IN
Elaine Bridget Fehrs	Michigan City, IN
Christopher Dean Good	Westville, IL
Trevor Alan Grieger	La Porte, IN
Patrick Michael Grimmer	Niles, MI
Mercedes Alexandria Gumm	New Carlisle, IN
Eliot Anthony Hay	La Porte, IN
Asher David Baumer Igra	La Porte, IN
Antonio Ivis Lavanda	Croatia
Clara Stefania Kaminski	La Porte, IN
Vytenis Karaitis	Union Pier, MI
Alexander Dieterich Kellenberg	Rockville, MD
Jessica Catherine Kilcoyne	La Porte, IN
Justin Ronald Knoll	La Porte, IN
Diem Van Le	Union Pier, MI
Hwa Jong Lee	Seoul, South Korea
So Jung Lim	Seoul, South Korea
Francis Joseph Meyer	Michigan City, IN
Carlton Bradford Miller	South Bend, IN
Anna Malaika Grace Ntiriwah Asare	Laramie, WY
Soo Bin Oh	Seoul, South Korea
Krste Ruiz	Munster, IN
Conner Hartigan Steel	Hinsdale, IL
Darius Jerriel Stevens	Merrillville, IN
Jing Yi Tian	Beijing, China
John Marshall Westbrook	Michigan City, IN

Hillary Ann Zawada  
Connor Capen Zegers

La Porte, IN  
Crete, IL

### **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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