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La Lumiere School Wins State Championship Title at the Academic Decathlon

February 17, 2011 – La Porte, Ind. – La Lumiere School’s Academic Decathlon team placed first in the small school division at the **26th Annual Indiana Academic Decathlon State Finals** this past weekend on the campus of Purdue University, West Lafayette. The tournament consists of ten scholastic events with ten schools competing in the small school division and nine in the large school division. La Lumiere School’s team won half of the events in the small school division and outscored all but two of the schools competing in both divisions. With an enrollment of just over 200, La Lumiere School competed and won against schools 6 to 10 times its size.

Students compete in the Academic Decathlon in three divisions determined by GPA; Honors Division, Scholastic Division and Varsity Division. Conor Luck, a senior from La Porte, won Silver Overall in the Honors Division; Cody Steinhiser, a senior from Michigan City, earned Gold Overall in the Scholastic Division; and Sarah Grote, a junior from Ft. Thomas, KY, earned Silver Overall in the Varsity Division.

The Lakers will compete in the **United States Academic Decathlon National Competition** in April.



Picture Caption:

From left to right:

Front row: Randy Mashak, La Porte, Scott Lee and Andy Yoo, Korea; Justin Katz, Beverly Shores

Middle row: Shubhra Murarka, La Porte; Keith Miller, South Bend; Cody Steinhiser, Michigan City; Coach Dustin Smith

Back row: Conor Luck, La Porte; Coach Jaime Frankle; Sarah Grote, Kentucky; Coach Emma Wynn

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

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