



# LA LUMIERE SCHOOL

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## **La Lumiere School Honors Top Students from the Class of 2011**

**LaPorte, Ind. – May 26, 2011** – Family and friends of La Lumiere’s graduates will gather to celebrate during two days of festivities starting with a Baccalaureate Mass and Dinner held at Chikaming Country Club on Thursday evening, May 26, followed by Commencement ceremonies in the Marsch Gymnasium on campus, Friday, May 27. La Lumiere School is proud to recognize the following seniors:

### **Summa Cum Laude:**

(Career GPA of 4.0 or higher)

#### **Adnan Ahmed**

Adnan is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Jamil Ahmed of Chesterton. Adnan was a member of our Regional Championship Science Olympiad team, cross country team, SADD Chapter and National Honor Society, and an active volunteer at a local nursing home. Adnan will attend the University of Michigan in the fall. Adnan was also accepted by Boston College, Colgate University and Villanova University, among others.

#### **Conor R. Luck**

Conor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Luck of La Porte. Conor, a National Merit Scholar, has been an active member of both our Science Olympiad and Academic Decathlon teams during his tenure at La Lumiere School. As a senior, Conor was a key member of our State Championship Academic Decathlon team. Conor won Silver-Overall at the State competition and Silver-Math at the National competition. Conor traveled to Nicaragua on two consecutive spring break service trips and was instrumental in organizing successful on-campus fundraisers to furnish scholarships for Nicaraguan students. Conor is a member of both the track and cross country teams as well as the National Honor Society. Conor will attend Middlebury College in Vermont in the fall. Conor was also accepted by Boston College, University of Notre Dame and Vanderbilt University, among others.

#### **Mackenzie K. O'Brien**

Mackenzie is the daughter of Ms. Elizabeth Kabelin Parkison of La Porte and Mr. Patrick G. O'Brien of Seattle. Mackenzie was a member of our Regional Championship Science Olympiad team, the volleyball and tennis teams and has served as an ambassador with the Blue Key Society. As a leader of the inaugural *La Lumination* committee, Mackenzie helped organize an Earth Day celebration that was both educational and social. Mackenzie is a frequent volunteer at Sharing Meadows and a member of the National Honor Society. Mackenzie will attend Indiana University at Bloomington this fall as a direct admit to the Kelley Business school. Mackenzie was also accepted by the University of Rochester and Colgate University, among others.

**Jessica L. Schwingendorf**

Jessica is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Keith E. Schwingendorf of La Porte. Jessica was a key member of the basketball team, drama group, SADD Chapter and an active volunteer at a local nursing home. Jessica served as an ambassador with the Blue Key Society and assisted with the organization of *La Lumination*, a community wide Earth Day celebration that was both educational and social. Jessica was accepted by the University of Illinois and New York University and has enrolled at Purdue University.

**Theresa A. Siedlecki**

Theresa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Siedlecki of La Porte. An award winning artist throughout her high school career, Theresa received a Brauer Museum of Art Award for her mixed media relief sculpture titled, *Reconstructing Birth*. Theresa was a member of the SADD Chapter and an active volunteer at a local nursing home. Theresa served as an ambassador with the Blue Key Society and assisted with the organization of *La Lumination*, a community wide Earth Day celebration that was both educational and social. Theresa will attend Maryland Institute College of Art in the fall. Theresa was also accepted by Savannah College of Art & Design, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and Indiana University, among others.

**Nora Sloan**

Nora is the daughter of Ms. Marcia Rybicki of Pottawattomie Park. Nora was a member of the volleyball team, SADD Chapter and an active volunteer at a local nursing home. An avid equestrian throughout her high school career, Nora also served as an ambassador with the Blue Key Society and is a member of the National Honor Society. Nora has been accepted by University of Vermont and the University of Wyoming and will study at Regis University in Denver this fall.

**Magna Cum Laude:**

(Career GPA of 3.5 or higher)

**Robert M. Bartels**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Bartels, Jr. of South Bend, will attend Southern Methodist University in Texas.

**Lindsay Ciastko**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Ciastko of Hammond, will attend Albion College in Michigan.

**Raine M. Fox**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Fox III of Chesterton, will attend Carthage College in Wisconsin.

**Evelyn A. Hale**, daughter of Dr. Carl S. Hale and Ms. Gail Norton-Hale of Merrillville has yet to accept an offer from any of her five options.

**Justin Katz**, son of Mr. Jeffrey Katz and Dr. Janice Katz of Beverly Shores, will attend Reed College in Oregon.

**Won Kun (Scott) Lee**, son of Mr. Ki Ho Lee and Mrs. Djie Min Suh of Korea, will attend the College of William and Mary in Virginia.

**Chong-xin (Dereck) Luo**, son of Mr. ZhiJian Luo and Mrs. Qiongyao Gao of China, will attend Indiana University at Bloomington.

**Sydney J. McBride**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard McBride of New Carlisle, will attend Earlham College.

**Andrea Mooradian**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mooradian of Petoskey, MI, will attend Aquinas College.

**Michael D. Nesbitt**, son of Mr. Jonathan Nesbitt and Dr. Susan Nesbitt of Evansville, will attend Miami University, Oxford, OH.

**Emma E. Ohlund**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim A. Ohlund of La Porte, will attend Indiana University at Bloomington.

**Lydia R. Rogers**, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Rogers of La Porte, will attend Xavier University in Ohio.

**Alexander Rosenblum**, son of Dr. Joseph Rosenblum and Dr. Elizabeth Springer of New Buffalo, will attend Indiana University at Bloomington.

**Ashley L. Scholl**, daughter of Mr. and Ms. Terry Scholl of La Porte will attend University of Dayton in Ohio.

**Cody Steinhiser**, son of Mr. and Ms. Alan Steinhiser of Michigan City, will attend Purdue University.

**Wanlin (Claire) Zeng**, daughter of Mr. Qing Yi Zeng and Mrs. Fang Wang of China, will attend The Ohio State University.

### **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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