



## LA LUMIERE SCHOOL

*Character • Scholarship • Faith*

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

La Porte, IN – June 1, 2011 – La Lumiere undergraduate students were recognized for their academic excellence during the annual Academic Convocation ceremony held Friday, May 13 on the La Lumiere School Campus.

#### **Traute and Miller Bransfield Award**

**Alana Murray – Michigan City**

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**

**Shubhra Murarka – La Porte**

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**

**Devon Carlson – Michigan City**

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.

#### **Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award**

**Alana Murray – Michigan City**

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

John Lake – La Porte

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

Patrick Lake – La Porte

Isabella Schuster – La Porte

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

Andrew Bartels – South Bend

Margaret Costello - Chesterton

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

Zachary Wisniewski – La Porte

Alana Murray – Michigan City

## Highest Academic GPA

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

Shubhra Murarka - La Porte



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

Taylor Schaetzle – Michigan City



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

Andrew Yarger – South Bend



Awards for Excellence in a particular field of study were given to the following individuals:

Excellence in the study of English 9

Kelly Barr – La Porte  
Taylor Schaetzle – Michigan City  
Marina Walinski – Rolling Prairie

Excellence in the study of English 10

Laima Augustaitis – New Buffalo, MI  
Alexa Hicks – La Porte  
Kathryn Knight – Beverly Shores  
Seung-jin (Jenny) Lee – Korea

Excellence in the study of English 11

Devon Carlson – Michigan City  
Alana Murray – Michigan City  
Anulé Ndukwu – Chesterton  
Stanley Wier – East Aurora, NY

Excellence in the study of Creative Writing

Kylie Moore – Westville

Excellence in the study of Shakespeare

Shubhra Murarka – La Porte

Excellence in the study of Old Testament Literature

George Koehm – La Porte  
Taylor Schaetzle – Michigan City

Excellence in the study of New Testament Literature

George Koehm – La Porte  
Marina Walinski – Rolling Prairie

Excellence in the study of Algebra I

Ida Vanderboegh – Michigan City

Excellence in the study of Algebra II

Laima Augustaitis – New Buffalo  
Neal Patel – Chesterton  
Taylor Schaetzle – Michigan City  
Isabella Schuster – La Porte

Excellence in the study of Geometry

Alexa Hicks – La Porte  
Andrew Yarger – South Bend

Excellence in the study of Algebra / Trigonometry

Stanley Wier – East Aurora, NY

Excellence in the study of Computer Programming

John Lake – La Porte

Excellence in the study of Precalculus

John Lake – La Porte

Alana Murray – Michigan City

Lucas Tang – Portage

Excellence in the study of AP Calculus AB

Jin-uk (Tim) Heo - Korea

Hyeonji (Ginny) Lee – Korea

Shubhra Murarka – La Porte

Excellence in the study of Biology

George Koehm – La Porte

Neal Patel – Chesterton

Taylor Schaetzle – Michigan City

Excellence in the study of Introduction to Chemistry & Physics

Brian Roberts – Michigan City

Excellence in the study of Chemistry

Madison Kemper – New Buffalo, MI

Stanley Wier – East Aurora, NY

Andrew Yarger – South Bend

Excellence in the study of Advanced Chemistry

Alana Murray – Michigan City

Excellence in the study of Advanced Biology

Lucas Tang – Portage

Excellence in the study of Physics

Stephanie Alvarez – Chicago

Rebecca Stueck – Michigan City

Excellence in the study of AP Physics I

Shubhra Murarka – La Porte

Excellence in the study of Leadership

Laima Augustaitis – New Buffalo, MI

Devon Carlson – Michigan City

Cody Dye – La Porte

Alexander Friedman – La Porte

Neathie Patel – Chesterton

Excellence in the study of Western Civilization

Kelly Barr – La Porte

Indré Hirt – La Porte

George Koehm – La Porte

Taylor Schaetzle – Michigan City

Excellence in the study of World History

Laima Augustaitis – New Buffalo, MI  
Margaret Costello – Chesterton  
Madison Kemper – New Buffalo, MI  
Andrew Yarger – South Bend

Excellence in the study of US History

Stanley Wier – East Aurora, NY  
Jingxin Xu – China

Excellence in the study of AP US History

Rebecca Kilcoyne – La Porte  
Alana Murray – Michigan City

Excellence in the study of Psychology

Mary Catherine Brown – Lakeside, MI  
Alexa Hicks – La Porte

Excellence in the study of International Relations

Alana Murray – Michigan City

Excellence in the study of Economics

John Lake – La Porte  
Andrew Yarger – South Bend

Excellence in the study of Spanish I

Richard Cains – Michigan City  
Taylor Schaetzle – Michigan City

Excellence in the study of Spanish II

Laima Augustaitis – New Buffalo, MI  
Alexa Hicks – La Porte  
Seung-jin (Jenny) Lee – Korea

Excellence in the study of Spanish III

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

Excellence in the study of Advanced Spanish Literature

Caroline Spikner – Benton Harbor, MI

Excellence in the study of French I

Emet Murillo – La Porte

Excellence in the study of French II

Stephanie Alvarez – Chicago, IL

Excellence in the study of French III  
Alana Murray – Michigan City

Excellence in the study of Advanced French  
Anulé Ndukwu – Chesterton

Excellence in the study of Latin I  
George Koehm – La Porte  
Thomas Yemc – Long Beach

Excellence in the study of Foundations of Art  
Dan Le Giancaspro – Union Pier, MI  
Indré Hirt – La Porte  
Taylor Schaetzle – Michigan City  
Caroline Spikner – Benton Harbor, MI

Excellence in the study of Art 2D  
Jingxin Xu – China

Excellence in the study of Desktop Publishing  
Boyang Teng – China

Excellence in the study of World Religions: The West  
Brett Barnard – Michigan City

Excellence in the study of World Religions: The East  
Ashley Neil – La Porte

Excellence in the study of Philosophy  
Rebecca Kilcoyne – La Porte

Excellence in Drama Performance  
Christian J. Allen – Valparaiso  
Brett Barnard – Michigan City  
Madison Kemper – New Buffalo, MI  
Haley Luck – La Porte

Excellence in Community Service  
Rebecca Stueck – Michigan City

### **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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