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Ford & Yarbrough Congratulate Local Illinois State Scholars

CHICAGO, IL – State Reps. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) and Karen Yarbrough (D-Maywood) on Friday announced that 124 local high school students from their districts have been selected by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) as 2010-2011 Illinois State Scholars.

“These State Scholars will be the future leaders of our community, and I think it is great that we are able to recognize them in this way,” Ford said. “It is important that we continue to encourage them as they leave high school and enter college and adulthood.”

“Our local Illinois State Scholars have worked hard and we as a community are so proud of the example they are setting,” Yarbrough said. “Hopefully this is just another milestone in their lives as they head to college and a lifetime of learning.”

According to ISAC, winners chosen as Illinois State Scholars must rank in the top 10 percent of the state’s high school seniors from the 711 high schools in all 102 counties. Selection is based on SAT, ACT and/or Prairie State Achievement Exam scores, and/or class rank at the end of the junior year. Input from the schools’ guidance counselors is also used to help determine the winners. Students will receive congratulatory letters from ISAC and certificates of achievement. At least a half million Illinois State Scholars have been recognized in the past 50 years, including 17,335 this year.

“Excellent high school grades are tremendously important for laying the groundwork for future college success. Illinois State Scholars are the best and the brightest in our state’s high schools, and we salute them, their families and their teachers on this achievement,” said ISAC executive director Andrew Davis. Davis also counseled State Scholars and their classmates: “Find the right fit to give yourself the best chance at college success. Visit KnowHow2GoIllinois.org for resources to help you plan for your future and to find money to pay for college.”

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While the prestigious recognition does not include a monetary award, designees are encouraged to cite the award on applications for college admission and scholarships in addition to completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after January 1 to determine eligibility for federal and state aid, including Illinois's \$400 million need-based Monetary Award Program (MAP).

The 2010-2011 Illinois State Scholars winners from Ford's district are: Kioto Aoki, Jeisson Apolo Armas, Nicholai Avramov, Emily Bacalao, Franklin Binder, Hanaan Bing-Canar, Alexander Botts, Rachel Brade, Owen Brady, Jessica Brown, Christopher Buh, Yee-ting Cheuk, Erika Donat, Sarina Donohue, Patrick Dorneker, Rachel Durbin, Molly Ely, Dorothe Franklin, Michael Fredrick, Lauren Gestes, Noah Gilmore, Rachel Houle, Asten Howard, Robin Jensen, Eastly Johnson, Margaret Karlin, Muriel Kelleher, Molly Kovats, Micah Layman, Anna Munz, Andrew Noone, Margaret O'Brien, Conor O'Leary, Kelly O'Meara, Jose Olivas, Spencer Ostergaard, Louisa Parzyk, Rebecca Pearce, Sarah Pooley, Dennis Potamianos, Zoe Rand, Will Reynolds-Ejzak, Theoni Richardson, Katherine Ritter, Nicholas Rohm, Lauren Russ, Grace Ryan, Peter Schemper, Sarah Schmidt, Rachel Shannon, Izsak Sheft, Emily Skudlarek, Andrew Sloan, Taylor Soja, Luke Soldano, Matthew Sorber, Ingrid Sorensen, Emily Szaflarski, Eric Thomas, Ydelise Valencia, Miguel Vilches, Bradley Wilson, Raymone Woods, Nadia Yala, Maranna Yoder, and Luis Zepeda.

The 2010-2011 Illinois State Scholars winners from Yarbrough's district are: Elizabeth Beard, Felipe Beltran, Kelly Bower, Matthew Burns, Justine Cabrera, John Casey, Kelley Chancellor, Donald Childs, Matthias Clark, Alison Coogan, Angel D'Souza, Eric Duwe, Marita Farruggia, Abby Gancer, Hannah Garrigan, Peter Gawlas, Sarah Green, James Hanley, Camille Hardin, Darcy Hargadon, Kelly Hickey, Katelyn Hunt, Tess Johnson, David Johnston, Julie Klock, Gabrielle Klugman, Nathan Landay, Glenn Lawrence, Sara McCall, Lucy McNichols, Patrick McQuade, Alejandro Meurer, Dana Michelotti, Lydia Neeley, Grace Nieslawski, Brandon Noland, Maeve O'Connor, Jiana Odland, Molly Raskin, Kathleen Roche, Ann Ryan, Caitlyn Sabie, Marcus Sanders, Chiara Santiago, Gaia Santiago, William Sector, Cameron Skelding, Jack Sloan, Brandon Steele, Kimberly Stefanik, Hanna Stolarski, Chad Tarpley, David Valenti, John Verticchio, Benjamin Wilks, Van Wittekind, Andrea Wolford, and Brianna Wren.

To access of list of recipients by school, visit http://www.collegezone.com/407_11520.htm

ISAC was created by the General Assembly in 1957 and has been at the forefront for providing scholarship information, student loans and the administration of state and federal educational grants for the state's community colleges and universities.

Ford and Yarbrough are also encouraging high school students and their parents to visit ISAC's website - www.CollegeZone.com - for more information about available college financial assistance programs. The site also offers career counseling services, a planning timeline, virtual campus tours and online applications.

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