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Graduation Ceremonies Celebrated at La Lumiere School 41st Commencement Exercise Celebrates Achievements of 42 Students

LaPorte, Ind. – June 3, 2008 – Commencement exercises celebrating the academic achievements of the 42 members of the class of 2008 were held today on the campus of La Lumiere School.

David Kirkby one of the original faculty members addressed the students with a message that included, “As a graduate, you and your actions will further define La Lumiere. So, the school should be confident in sending you off with the expectation that you will make La Lumiere proud. The school wants to be excited to call you a graduate and brag of your character and your accomplishments. Graduates, see to it that you do not let La Lumiere down.”

At the end of his address, Kirkby added his advice and outlook for the class, “I urge each of you to spend some time each day in prayer. It is more important to me that you pray than to whom you direct your prayers. If you can actually do the praying, and your choices are your own and honest, then the “to whom” part will easily fall into place.”

In the traditional address by the Student Council President Chad Perney and Vice President, Eun Bee Jo, each offered advice and inspiration to their classmates and reminded the graduates that they have the faculty and staff of La Lumiere and their parents to thank for the experience and constant support.

Awards and honors for distinguished achievements included the following: Allan R. Hannan Unsung Hero Award: Peter James Kaminski; James R. Moore Scholar Athlete Award: Jacqueline Ann Streeter and Caleb Francis Phillips; Senior Award for Stellar Academic Performance: Charles Barton Siedlecki; the One of Us Award given by fellow classmates, Caleb Francis Phillips and Luka Mirkovic; Trustees Award for Leadership Based on Character, Chad Matthew Perney and Jennifer Ann Lannert; Headmasters Award for Growth and Distinction: Caroline Marie Coleman and Alexandra Elaine Curry; Faculty Award for Distinctive Achievement in Science Olympiad: Joshua Dylan Katz, Caleb Francis Phillips, Charles Barton Siedlecki, Theodore David Stamp; and the Alumni Memorial Award for the person who best portrays the La Lumiere Ideal, Luka Mirkovic.

The graduating class members include: Farhan Ahmed, Chesterton, IN; Carlos Allen Arteaga, Chesterton, IN; Alyse Renee Bolda, La Porte, IN; Paul David Brandenstein, Downers Grove, IL; Caroline Marie Coleman, Long Beach, IN; Alexandra Elaine Curry, Lake Forest, IL; Macie Elizabeth Francis, La Porte, IN; Margaux Alexandra Friedman, La Porte, IN; Benjamin Thomas Gurrola, La Porte, IN; Kevin Andrew Hanselmann, Shorewood, WI; De’Andre Antonio Haskins, Long Beach, CA; Conor Oliver Hickey, Chicago, IL; James Brian Higgins, La Porte, IN; Sung Jun Hong, Kyung Ki, South Korea; EunBee Jo, Busan, South Korea; In Sang Jung, Seoul, South Korea; Peter James Kaminski, La Porte, IN; Aras Alexius Karaitis, Union Pier, MI; Joshua Dylan Katz, Beverly Shores, IN; Bo Sun Kim, Seoul, South Korea; Gloria Kwizera, Burundi, Africa; Katherine Rose Lange, La Porte, IN; Jennifer Ann Lannert, St. Joseph, MI; Karyn Elaine Lindgren, La Porte, IN; Emily Patricia

Luther, New Carlisle, IN; Luka Mirkovic, Beograd, Serbia; Andrew James Nagle, Glen Ellyn, IL; Dong Joo Park, Seoul, South Korea; Chad Matthew Perney, La Porte, IN; Caleb Francis Phillips, South Bend, IN; Samuel Elijah Phillips, South Bend, IN; *Nathan Michael Putz, Crown Point, IN; Jared Adam Roshanmanesh, Rolling Prairie, IN; James Gilliam Ross, Mishawaka, IN; Charles Barton Siedlecki, Michigan City, IN; Theodore David Stamp, La Porte, IN; Michael Connelly Steel, Grand Beach, MI; Jacqueline Ann Streeter, Beverly Shores, IN; Ryan Yen Sheng Su, Benton Harbor, MI; Dana Marie Witherspoon, Evanston, IL; Chenwei Yeh, Chiayi, Taiwan; Geoffrey Jacob Zimpelman, South Bend, IN; Teagan Marie Zubrys, New Buffalo, MI;

* Posthumously

About La Lumiere School—La Lumiere is a coeducational lay Catholic boarding and day school that provides a comprehensive college-preparatory, high school education for qualified young men and women from a rich diversity of backgrounds. It seeks to develop character, scholarship, and faith, while remaining both independently accredited and faithful to its Catholic heritage. Current enrollment is 168 students. It is situated on a beautiful rural estate 8 miles north of LaPorte. Please visit www.lalumiere.org for additional information.

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