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Graduation Ceremonies Celebrated at La Lumiere School 42nd Commencement Exercises Celebrate the Achievements of 45 Students

La Porte, Inc. – May 23, 2009 - Family and friends of La Lumiere School's forty-five graduates from 4 states and 3 countries gathered this week to celebrate during the 2-day festivities. A Baccalaureate Mass and Dinner were held at Chikaming Country Club on Thursday evening, May 21. The dinner provided a unique opportunity for the faculty to share reflections about each of their student advisees with the families and to view the traditional senior video recalling the past 4 years.

La Lumiere School's 42nd Commencement Exercises were held on campus on Friday, May 22 under brilliant sun and blue skies. The keynote speaker for the graduation was Richard Webster, Headmaster of La Lumiere from 1979 to 1984, marking 25 years since his tenure of his at La Lumiere. Mr. Webster urged the graduates to "Greet people with a winning spirit. Remember you can do anything you want in life, but don't simply go through the motions. Invest and be the one to make a difference."

In the customary address by the Student Council President Zachary Gillis, he echoed the age-old adage, "one's course in life is determined by the choices you make." He challenged each of them to create their own destiny by making good choices. Recalling the senior Ethics course, Gillis stated, "We are all autonomous self-directed individuals and it is our duty to uphold the statutes of autonomy." "Let's be the change we want to see in the world, and begin with ourselves," Gillis concluded in addressing his fellow graduates.

Awards and honors for distinguished achievements included the following:

Alan R. Hannan Unsung Hero Award	Jae Wook Park Seoul, South Korea
James R. Moore Scholar Athlete Award	Natalee Ann Allenbaugh, Valparaiso Patrick Aloysius Firme, Michigan City
Senior Award for Stellar Academic Performance	Natalee Ann Allenbaugh, Valparaiso
The One of Us Award (Nominated by Fellow Classmates)	Zachary Charles Gillis, Merrillville
Trustees Award for Leadership Based on Character	Torrence Deshawn Harris, La Grange, IL Zachary Charles Gillis, Merrillville
Headmaster's Award for Growth and Distinction	Calvin Crawford Kesling, La Porte

Faculty Award for Distinctive Achievement
In Science Olympiad

Natalee Ann Allenbaugh, Valparaiso
Asher William Glick, Chicago, IL
Sy Harris III, Park Forest, IL

The Alumni Memorial Award

Zachary Charles Gillis, Merrillville

The graduating class members include:

Natalee Ann Allenbaugh, Valparaiso
Jenna Lyn Baker, St. Joseph, MI
Deric Tyrone Branch, Jr., Chicago
Matej Čuljak, Zagreb, Croatia
John Brendan Daly, Hinsdale, IL
Cody Wesley Dunifon, La Porte
Juan Enriquez, Jr., Chicago, IL
Patrick Aloysius Firme, Michigan City
Alma Galindo, Chicago, IL
Zachary Charles Gillis, Merrillville
Asher William Glick, Chicago, IL
Ray Anthony Gregory, Jr., Richton Park, IL
Michael Trae Christopher Gumm, New Carlisle
Sy Harris III, Park Forest, IL
Torrence Deshawn Harris, La Grange, IL
Colleen Mary Hogan, Lake Forest, IL
Matthew Robert Ivanovich, Chesterton
Angelina Kalinovich, Gelendzhik, Russia
Calvin Crawford Kesling, La Porte
William Walter Kihn, Western Springs, IL
Young Kim, Daejeon, South Korea
Kevin John Kryston, Michigan City
Victoria Lynn Kuiken, Michigan City
Mark Edward Langley, New Orleans, LA
Hyun Soo Lee, Seoul, South Korea
Semy Lee, Daejeon, Seoul Korea
Jessica Victoria Locklear, La Porte
Aleksandar Marcius, Nedelisce, Croatia
Brendan Joseph Mulvey, Orland Park, IL
Jae Wook Park, Seoul, South Korea
Jung Min Park, Seoul, South Korea
Joshua Gibson Perkins, Manteno, IL
Mitchell Harrison Rathberger, La Porte
Brittany Leigh Scholl, La Porte
Thomas Joseph Siedlecki, La Porte
Elizabeth Anne Sloan, Michigan City
Filip Stanic, Zagreb, Croatia
Brant Clifton Stockamp, Indianapolis
Natalie Dee Szymkowski, La Porte
Carter Mackenzie Wagner, Michigan City
Charmaine Viola Washington, Blue Island, IL
Kiva Ray Wenig, La Porte

Keturah Carnia White, Chicago, IL
Taylor Alicia Zobrosky, La Porte
Casey Lyn Zubrys, New Buffalo, MI

About La Lumiere School

La Lumiere is a coeducational lay Catholic boarding and day school with an enrollment of 181 students that provides a comprehensive college preparatory 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. 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.

More information about La Lumiere School can be found at www.lalumiere.org

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