



Nearly 25 Percent of Saint Viator Seniors Named Illinois State Scholars

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The Illinois Student Assistance Commission announced its 2010 Illinois State Scholars this week, and Saint Viator High School officials learned 70 of its 290 seniors --- nearly 25 percent of the class --- have won the prestigious award.

Illinois State Scholars rank in the top ten percent of high school seniors. Traditionally, their selection is based on SAT or ACT scores, as well as class rank at the end of junior year. However, since Saint Viator administrators do not use a class rank system in evaluating students' performance, their grade point averages and strength of schedule figured into the decision.

"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. "Excellent high school grades are tremendously important for laying the groundwork for future college success."

Eileen Manno, Saint Viator principal, said the numbers of Illinois State Scholars further confirms the school's mission to provide students with a rigorous academic education in preparation for their college pursuits.

"We're thrilled," Manno said. "Every year, it seems we continue to see a large percentage of our seniors named Illinois State Scholars. It is a tremendous honor and it reflects all the hard work by our faculty and students, as well as the school's commitment to academic excellence."

Seniors named as scholars at Saint Viator come from more than 20 communities in Northwest suburban Cook, Southern Lake and portions of DuPage counties.

From **Addison**: Richard Gattone and Andrew White.

From **Arlington Heights**: Francis Avino, Jason Bennett, Katherine Bertolini, Kevin Cascino, Peter Cleary, Daniel Cortese, Angelica Dickey, Brian Ell, Elizabeth Freda, Brian Goss, Jr., Carolyn Hutyra, Allison Lardner, Daniel Martin, Mary Kate McAlpine, Grant Monson, Michael Murray, Kevin Nadolski, Anthony Pensa, Alexis Romano, Austin Spahr, Joseph Ward, Nicole Wasowicz, Madeline Wimberly and Kevin Young.

From **Barrington**: Victoria Botsford, Shane Fitzmaurice, William Holsworth, Margaret Kern, David Kingsley, Nina Marshall and Ryan Romenesko.

From **Bartlett**: John Kim.

From **Buffalo Grove**: Colin Carney.

From **Cary**: Andrew Gusmano.

From **Deer Park**: Bridget Gainer.

From **Des Plaines:** George Cwiak and Rachel Ruddick.

From **Elk Grove Village:** Kyle Metler.

From **Hoffman Estates:** David Chameli and Edward Zahrebelski.

From **Inverness:** Nicholas Baur, Danielle Di Silvestro, Tayler Lenart, Mac Mastrangeli, Katherine Maul and Gregory Perkowski.

From **Lake Zurich:** Chelsea Karson.

From **Long Grove:** Taylor Skala and Danielle Zalusky.

From **Medinah:** Patrick Ryan.

From **Mount Prospect:** Emmanuel Dominguez, Jong Kim, Timothy Mack, Jack Nuelle and Emily Schulze.

From **Palatine:** John Cooley, Haley Cooper, Michael Flaherty, Brett Hower and Erin O'Connell.

From **Park Ridge:** Dana Franceschini and Lauren McGuigan.

From **Prospect Heights:** Christine Straka.

From **Rolling Meadows:** Valerie Kiebala and Kelly O'Brien.

From **Schaumburg:** Robert Moynihan and Gregory O'Connor.

From **Wheeling:** Jennifer Ball.