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Southland Golden Apple Scholars named

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Twenty-five Southland high school and college students were among 125 recently named statewide as Golden Apple Scholars.

The award by the Golden Apple Foundation recognizes students who display academic excellence and a commitment to teaching.

In exchange for a five-year commitment to teach at an Illinois school and enrollment in the foundation's summer programs, the scholars will receive financial assistance at one of 53 public or private universities throughout Illinois, officials said.

The Golden Apple Scholars from the Southland are: • Bridgeview: Daniel Buys, North Central College. • Burbank: Andrea Chavarin, Micaela Gamboa, Meghan Maloney and Kristen Marshall, Queen of Peace High School. • Calumet Park: Nakia Frazier, Northern Illinois University. • Chicago (Ashburn): Sandra Gomez and Y'Donna Hill, Bogan High School. • Chicago (Archer Heights): Tatanisha Robinson, Curie Metro High School. • Chicago (Mount Greenwood): Tarierra Bivens, Shannon Ruzevich and Matthew Silva, Marist High School. • Crestwood: Daniel Michau, Illinois State University. • Crete: Alejandra Garcia, Crete-Monee High School. • Dolton: Tiffany Ragsdale, Thornridge High School. • Evergreen Park: Audrey Noonan, Evergreen Park Community High School. • Harvey: Kimberly New, Thornton High School. • Lansing: Leah Rusk, Thornton Fractional South High School. • Lockport: Paige Vanderschool, Lockport Township High School. • Oak Lawn: Alexis Smith, Oak Lawn High School. • Orland Hills: Martha Pedziwiatr, Eastern Illinois University. • Orland Park: Katelyn McGuire, Sandburg High School. • Palos Heights: Elizabeth Hovan, Shepard High School. • Palos Hills: Stephanie Healy, Stagg High School. • Richton Park: Margaret Stack, Rich South High School. The students will be inducted at the DePaul University Student Center in Chicago on April 12 at 4 p.m.

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