

# Golden Apple Foundation

## NEWS RELEASE

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### 100 students named Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois

(CHICAGO — April 3, 2006) The Golden Apple Foundation today named 100 outstanding Illinois high school and college students as Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois, which is the largest pre-service teacher-support program in the nation.

Through a rigorous application and interview process, the Scholars program annually identifies, recruits and prepares 100 bright and talented students, who represent a rich ethnic diversity, for successful teaching careers in schools of need throughout Illinois.

In exchange for financial assistance for four years to attend one of 53 public and private universities across the state, enrollment in summer programs that include teaching internships and enhanced teacher preparation, and continual mentoring by Golden Apple Award-winning teachers, Scholars must agree to teach for five years in an Illinois school that serves low-income students or has below-par test scores. There are now more than 950 Golden Apple Scholars teaching or on their way to teaching in challenging schools throughout Illinois.

**The Scholars will be honored at a reception to be held at The Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Dr., in Chicago on Saturday, April 8 at 7 p.m.** Elaine Schuster, president and CEO of Golden Apple Foundation, will be the keynote speaker.

The 100 Scholars include 37 from Chicago, 38 from Chicago suburbs, and 25 from downstate Illinois. The Scholars are 55 percent low income and 55 percent minority.

A list of the 2006 Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois, arranged by city of residence, follows:

#### **2006 Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois**

**Aurora:** Eliseo Martinez, East Aurora HS

**Berkeley:** E'Laina Craven, Proviso West HS

**Bloomington:** Jennifer Lees, Lake Park HS

**Bloomington:** Reina Jackson, Central Catholic HS

**Bradley:** Kyle Birch, Bradley-Bourbonnais HS

**Brookfield:** Julie Buckley, St. Joseph HS

**Brownstown:** Chelsea Smith, Brownstown Jr. Sr. HS

**Carpentersville:** Oscar Suarez, Dundee–Crown HS

**Champaign:** Elaina VonQualen, Champaign Centennial HS

**Chicago (alphabetical by school):**

Wanda Mendoza and Genevieve Zollicoffer, **Amundsen HS**; Christine Garcia and Illiana Roman, **Brooks HS**; Michael Briede and Jamal Jordan, **Chicago HS for Agricultural Science.**; Thereane Johnson and Janet Villanueva, **Clemente HS**; Ashley Pacifico, **Columbia College Chicago**; Ryan Jett, Taneisha Stevenson, Juan Tinoco, Gabriella Tiscareno, Alca Usan, and Joyce Zhang, **Curie HS**; Ebony Carter and Charmane Hunter and Maquesha Ward, **Excel Academy**; Jessica Herrera, **Gage Park HS**; Miriam Lopez, **Juarez HS**; Mayra Manzo and Anita Unzueta, **Kelly HS**; Cristina Delgado, **Kelvyn Park HS**; Charnique Outlaw, **Kennedy HS**; Jehan Glass, Ana Gordillo and Javier Payano, **Lane Tech HS**; Lauren Scherer, **Loyola University**; LaJoi Royston, **Morgan Park HS**; Susan Echeverria and Melvina Karpouzian, **Northeastern Illinois University**; Sarah McLinden, **Queen of Peace HS**; Leticia Gallardo, **Schurz HS**; Adriana Kinsler, **Noble Street HS**; Tiffany Villalobos, **Perspectives Charter HS**; Helda Orozco, **Washington HS**; and Joel Munoz, **Whitney Young HS**;

**Cicero:** Alicia Garcia, Morton East HS

**Clarendon Hills:** John Murphy, Benet Academy

**Colfax:** Dylan Ferguson, Ridgeview HS

**Darien:** Laura Gangichiodo, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Des Plaines:** Jennifer Kaulback, Deandra Lambert, and Katherine Norman, Maine West HS; Samantha Waskowski, Elk Grove HS

**Downers Grove:** Maureen Cole, Knox College

**East St. Louis:** Amber Rigsby, East St. Louis HS

**Elgin:** Sarah Shannon and Gloria Verastegui, Elgin HS

**Elmhurst:** Brooke Kennedy, Fenwick HS

**Evanston:** Jenevieve Arceneaux, Northern Illinois University; Samantha Westby, Evanston Township HS

**Evergreen Park:** Yenitza Zamora, Evergreen Park HS

**Fairview Heights:** Bethany Jenkins, Belleville East HS

**Garden Homes:** Amanda Sea, Eisenhower HS

**Herrin:** Amanda Yates, Herrin HS

**Hoffman Estates:** Rachna Joshi, Hoffman Estates HS

**Joliet:** Joshua Lindsay, Joliet West HS

**LaSalle:** Amy Sipovic, Illinois Wesleyan University

**Libertyville:** Amanda Dayton, Libertyville HS

**Minooka:** Anna Fairbairn, Minooka Community HS

**Monmouth:** Vanessa Schumacher, Monmouth College

**Morton:** Lacey Braker and Melissa Dunton, Morton HS

**Morton Grove:** Regina Ramos, Resurrection HS

**Mount Prospect:** Meagan Walsh, Prospect HS

**Naperville:** Allison Griffin, Naperville North HS

**New Boston:** Leanne Sell, Westmer HS

**Oak Lawn:** Theresa Wantiez, Oak Lawn HS

**Palatine:** Jessica Alvarado, William Fremd HS; Kathleen Bell and Amanda Nolan, Palatine HS

**Peoria:** Megan Snider, Woodruff HS  
**Princeton:** Trishia-Ann Jones, Princeton HS  
**Riverdale:** Elizabeth Unzueta, Thornridge HS  
**Rock Island:** Shylia Dampier and Angela Vann, Rock Island HS  
**Sherrard:** Rebecca Holdsworth, Sherrard HS  
**Shorewood:** Angelica Paramo, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
**Skokie:** Elizabeth Dribin and Maggie Walker, Niles North HS; Kristine Madigan, Illinois Wesleyan University; Jessica Smith, Roosevelt University  
**Sterling:** Charlotte Downes, Sterling HS  
**Stickney:** Angelina Myers, Morton West HS  
**Teutopolis:** Kimberly Hutmacher, Teutopolis HS  
**Tinley Park:** Lisa Hackney, Victor J. Andrews HS  
**Utica:** Alissa Kirsteatter, Mendota HS  
**Valmeyer:** Heather Nast, Valmeyer HS  
**Waukegan:** Lissette Guzman and Carla Quintana, Waukegan HS