SCHAUMBURG HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS Illinois Student Assistance Commission applauds the success of 82 Schaumburg High School students

Mr. Little is pleased to announce that 82 Schaumburg High School students from the graduating class of 2019 have been recognized as Illinois State Scholars.

<u>The Illinois Student Assistance Commission</u> (ISAC), the state agency committed to helping to make college accessible and affordable for Illinois families, confers this prestigious recognition annually to top Illinois high school students. This year, approximately 21,000 exceptional honorees join the other top state students honored for their academic achievements since the designation was first introduced in 1958.

Illinois State Scholars represent approximately the top ten percent of high school seniors from 765 high schools across the state. Illinois State Scholars possess strong academic potential and are chosen based on a combination of exemplary ACT or SAT test scores and sixth semester class rank.

"Schaumburg High School takes pride in the accomplishments of our students," said Mr. Little. "We are pleased to recognize the success of the following students from the Class of 2019 as our 2019-20 Illinois State Scholars"

Ade, Laxmisanjana Adelman, Brody Ahluwalia. Sumair Artman, Madeline Bier, Madeline Budak, Robert Carpenter, Lindsey Chang, Hsien-Kuei Cussen, Veronica Dixit, Dhyey Dodampahala, Kaveendhya Dominguez-Gallegos, Litzy Doroskin, Ariana Dragomirov, Alexander Dwojacki, Ian Feldman, Matthew Fink, Joseph Fitzpatrick, Spencer Gale, Megan Grimm, Rachel Gundimeda, Pooja Habib, Youana Hammer, Alyssa Harrsch, Mason Hensley, Luke Hessian, Samuel Hildebrandt, Nolan Hyc, Adam

Jayawardena, Rashini Jensen, Mikeelie Kalakuntla, Rahul Kalvig, Kaylee Kandefer, Peter Killinger, Matthew Kim, Hanul Kohli, Binti Korreckt, Hollie Kulprathipanja, Chalisa Lainson, Joaquin Lakhen, Armanjot Lei, Thomas Mache, Cole Malkiewicz, Oskar Manalansan, Joshua Mashek. Rachel Mehta, Brinda Miller, Tess Modi, Pooja Morales-Sanchez, Austin Munoz Jr, David Olsen, William Ouimet, Abbigail Park, William Patel, Dev Patel, Krupa Patel, Shivani

Portillo, Raphael Portillo, Stefanie Qavi, Yusuf Ramirez, Trent Rao, Ankit Rasheed, Raafe Regier, Ryan Reves, Jenalyn Ruscheinsky, Alexandria Sabik. Justus Schluckbier, Thomas Shah, Neel Sirichusinwong, Chanida Sivaraman, Lakshmi Skibinski, Julia Slome, Tyler Soares, Giselle Sodimu, Elizabeth Joy Stover, Sean Swiech, Olivia Syed, Rishab Teves, Nina Velasco, Logan Vollkommer, Margie Wang, Hannah Wishnew, Hannah

"In this 60th year of the Illinois State Scholar Program, we commend another class of outstanding students that will lead us into the future," said Eric Zarnikow, executive director of ISAC. "Congratulations to these Scholars for their hard work and accomplishments, and congratulations to the families, principals, teachers, counselors, coaches, mentors, and all of the other individuals who not only help our students find the path that will allow them to flourish, but also support them every step of the way."

While State Scholar recognition does not include a monetary prize, students receive congratulatory letters from ISAC as well as personalized Certificates of Achievement sent to each high school for distribution. A list of <u>current Illinois State Scholars</u> can also be found on ISAC's website.

All students, including State Scholars, are encouraged to complete their 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) as soon as possible. The FAFSA is used to determine a student's eligibility for federal and most state and institutional financial aid available for any type of postsecondary education, including vocational education, certificates, and two or four year degree programs.

ISAC offers free financial aid and college access events to assist students and families with the college-going process. Students can also visit the ISAC Student Portal for college planning, financial aid and financial literacy information and free tools, as well as information on how to contact the ISAC orps, a group of recent college graduates who act as near-peer mentors and provide one-on-one assistance and mentoring. Students can also get answers to their college-going and financial aid questions sent directly to their phones by signing up for ISAC College Q&A, ISAC's free text messaging service. In addition, ISAC offers assistance through the agency's call center, 1-800-899-4722 (ISAC).