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Congratulations!

On behalf of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) and the State of Illinois, I am pleased to announce that you have been named a 2020-21 State Scholar. State Scholars are among "the best and the brightest" of Illinois high school seniors in the Class of 2020. The combination of your exemplary college assessment examination scores and record of high school achievement indicates you have a high potential for success in college. While the accolade does not have a monetary value, it is a prestigious award on your academic resume.

ISAC issues a digital Illinois State Scholar badge to each State Scholar. The badge can be displayed on your online profiles and social media accounts, and shared with your high school counselor, prospective colleges, employers, family members and others. Access your badge through the ISAC Student Portal at isac.org/studentportal/badge, and then follow the on-screen prompts. Complete instructions are available on our website at isac.org/SSPbadge.

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As a student who will be entering college for the first time, it is important that you have the information you need to make a smooth transition, and ISAC wants to help. ISAC Call Center Representatives and ISACorps members are ready to answer your college and financial aid questions in a variety of ways: by phone at 800.899.ISAC (4722), by e-mail at isac.studentservices@illinois.gov, and through a dedicated State Scholar-only text message number at 847.380.3909. Text your first and last names to get started.

An ISACorps member is stationed in your area. You will find his or her contact information, as well as interactive tools to help with the college-going process at our Student Portal: isac.org/studentportal. The 2020-21 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) can be submitted at fafsa.gov beginning on October 1, 2019. We encourage you to do so as soon as possible, in order to have the best chance of receiving federal or state financial aid for which you might be eligible.

I salute you, your family and your teachers for your accomplishment. Congratulations and good luck as you begin this exciting new chapter in your life.

Sincerely,

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