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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 2025-26 State Scholar, one of "the best and the brightest" of Illinois high school seniors in the Class of 2025. 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, being designated a State Scholar is a prestigious honor on your academic resume.

ISAC issues a digital 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, and others. Access your badge through the ISAC Student Portal at [isac.org/studentportal/badge](https://isac.org/studentportal/badge), and then follow the on-screen prompts. Complete instructions are available on our website at [isac.org/SSPbadge](https://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; ISAC is here to help. ISAC Student Engagement 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](mailto:isac.studentservices@illinois.gov), and through a dedicated State Scholar-only text message number at 847.232.0814. Text your first and last name to get started.

An ISACorps member is stationed in your area. You will find contact information, as well as interactive tools to help with the college-going process at our Student Portal: [isac.org/studentportal](https://isac.org/studentportal). The 2025-26 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) can be submitted at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov), and the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid is available on ISAC's website at [isac.org](https://isac.org), for eligible applicants. We encourage you to complete one of the applications as soon as possible after it becomes available for applicants (anticipated by early December 2024), to have the best chance of receiving federal and 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,

Eric Zarnikow  
Executive Director