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### Focus on Your Future Scholarship Recipients Named

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce and the Business/Education Partnership of Sangamon County announced the recipients of the Focus on Your Future Scholarships. These four Chamber Awards promote the advancement of education to career.

The Focus on Your Future Scholarship are intended to reward students who have been proactive in preparing themselves for the world of work through after school employment, community service and responsibilities at home. One scholarship is offered for each higher education institution in Sangamon County.

Ms. Katie Howard, a senior at Auburn High School, wants to pursue a career in nursing and received a scholarship from Benedictine University at Springfield. The financial award will provide half tuition for freshman and sophomore years of an associate degree program, and renewable for half tuition of the junior and senior years of a bachelor's degree program.

Ms. Holly Chesher, a senior at Virden High School, plans to take college courses that will assist her in becoming a designer of video games and received a scholarship to Robert Morris University. The financial award will provide half tuition for freshman and sophomore years of an associate degree program, and renewable for half tuition of the junior and senior years of a bachelor degree program with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Ms. Caitlin Glandon, a senior at Auburn High School, plans to take college courses in business administration and management at University of Illinois Springfield. The financial award will provide tuition for two semesters

Ms. Kayla Goodman, a senior at Southeast High School, plans to seek a degree in psychology or in medicine at Lincoln Land Community College. The financial award will provide tuition and fees for two semesters

This annual scholarship program is open to high school seniors in the Lincoln Land Community College District who meet entrance requirements of awarding institution at the time of application to the institution and currently maintain a "C" average.

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The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce is focused on enhancing the business climate and promoting and stimulating economic development in Sangamon County for the benefit of its members and the community. The Quantum Growth Partnership (Q5) is an initiative by The Chamber, local governments, labor and business leaders, to build wealth, unity and prosperity in Sangamon County, with 4,500 new, retained and expanded jobs and \$2.6 billion in wealth by 2012.

The Business/Education Partnership of Sangamon County (BEP) is an affiliate of The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. BEP includes the educational community, the business community and other stakeholders to provide the highly skilled, literate and productive workforce necessary to support a successful economic development environment.