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### **“Focus On Your Future” 2011-2012 Scholarships Awarded At Business/Education Partnership Event**

Three local college-bound seniors were awarded financial scholarships at a special ceremony conducted during a meeting of the Business/Education Partnership (BEP) Advisory Board at The Chamber offices on Tuesday, March 22, 2011.

The scholarships, coordinated by the BEP, an affiliate organization of The Chamber, are financed by Lincoln Land Community College, Robert Morris University, and University of Illinois Springfield. Dr. Adarsh Kumar, a Springfield dermatologist, also contributed a donation to the FOYFS fund. Winners were selected from a pool of nearly 50 applicants by a review panel made up of representatives from Land of Lincoln Goodwill Industries, Lincoln Land Community College, University of Illinois Springfield, and Robert Morris University. Below are the 2011-2012 Focus On Your Future Scholarship recipients.

Lauren Cannedy (Glenwood High School) will attend Lincoln Land Community College, majoring in Agriculture. She plans to complete her Bachelors Degree in Agricultural Management at Illinois State University, and wants to manage and expand her family's cattle farm, Prairie Meadow Herefords, after graduation.

Lauren Mordacq (Williamsville High School) will attend Robert Morris University and plans to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Management. After completing her Bachelor's Degree, Lauren's long-term goal is to be accepted to law school and become an attorney.

Bailey Young (Pawnee High School) will attend University of Illinois Springfield, majoring in Elementary Education. Already involved in youth-related and community activities, Bailey's career goal is to ensure that her future students receive the highest-quality education.

The Focus On Your Future Scholarship is awarded every year. For information on the application process and requirements, please contact Allan Woodson, Ed.D., Director of Workforce Development for The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce at 217-525-1173, or by email at [awoodson@gsc.org](mailto:awoodson@gsc.org).

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