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## **Annual Westmont Chamber of Commerce Educational Foundation Scholarships Awards Luncheon**

### ***Westmont Students Recognized at Scholarship Luncheon***

**Westmont, Illinois, May 13, 2016** – The Westmont Chamber of Commerce Educational Foundation (WCCEF) and the Westmont Rotary Club combined to host a special luncheon to celebrate some of Westmont's brightest and exceptional graduating high school seniors. The luncheon was held on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at Vincitori Restaurant, 14 North Cass Avenue, Westmont.

The Westmont Chamber of Commerce Educational Foundation (WCCEF), is a not-for-profit, charitable organization with a mission to provide recognition and scholarships to area students. Throughout the year, the WCCEF holds several fundraising events to raise money for scholarships for Westmont residents.

As a result of the generosity of members of the Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau (WCCTB), and the community-at-large, through their commitment of time, monetary donations and resources, the WCCEF was able to offer \$11,000 in scholarships this year.

"This was our seventeenth year of awarding scholarships to young adults who reside in Westmont to assist them with their college expenses. Thanks to the generosity of everyone who contributed to our scholarship fund, we were able to award the largest amount of scholarship money (\$11,000) since the program began in 1999", remarked Joseph Moffa, President, WCCEF.

In addition to the WCCEF Scholarship, the Bill Rahn – Building a Positive Future Scholarship, named in honor of former Mayor Bill Rahn, was also presented. The Bill Rahn - Building a Positive Future Scholarship is awarded to a student that best exemplifies Mayor Rahn's passion of helping others and promoting the community through their past accomplishments and career plans for the future. This year's recipient was Grace Anderson from Benet Academy.

More information on the WCCEF and their scholarship program can be obtained by calling the Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau at 630-960-5553.

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Pictured from left to right in photo

Back row: Joe Gomez, John Paul Leagogo, Luke Abbatacola, Sam Soltwisch, Eliana Castillo O'Malley, Kristina Rogers, Haley Henrickson, Anna Michelle Gorman, Superintendent Community Unit School District #201 Kevin Carey.

Front row: WCCEF President Joseph Moffa, Carlin Hastings, Grace Anderson, Sarah Bayne, Erin Slattery, Veronica Williams Hall, Eliana Castillo O'Malley

Not Pictured: Yasmin Odtallah, Bashir Elzakhem, Paul Gordon, Adam Doll

