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## **Governor Blagojevich Announces Spring 2009 Recipients of Civil Engineer Scholarship Program**

### ***Program yields success, promotes careers in civil engineering***

**SPRINGFIELD** – Governor Rod R. Blagojevich is pleased to announce the first recipients of the Illinois Department of Transportation’s (IDOT) Civil Engineer Scholarship Program. The new scholarship program utilizes federal transportation funds to enhance the diversity and quality of IDOT’s civil engineering workforce. The selected recipients will be offered up to \$3,500 in tuition assistance for the upcoming Spring 2009 semester.

“Higher education is an integral part of the success of so many of our young people. These students are preparing themselves for a rewarding career in engineering and these scholarships will help provide them the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of Illinois residents,” said Governor Blagojevich.

The scholarship program is for Illinois residents who are admitted to or enrolled full-time at select Illinois colleges and universities in a curriculum leading towards a degree in civil engineering. Scholarship recipients may receive the opportunity to work for IDOT during summer breaks and could be offered full-time employment with the Department upon graduation.

“Civil Engineers are a key component in the construction of our bridges and in building safe roadways for the motoring public,” said IDOT Secretary Milton R. Sees. “I would like to congratulate the award recipients and wish them continued success on their educational journey.”

Each scholarship recipient may receive up to \$7,000 per academic year. The scholarship program may provide support for up to five years per student. Up to two years of graduate school may be included in those five years.

Governor Blagojevich would like to extend congratulations to the following students receiving scholarship awards for the Spring 2009 semester:

| <b><u>Name</u></b> | <b><u>Residence</u></b> | <b><u>College/University</u></b>             |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Robert Bates       | Dixon, Illinois         | University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign |
| Westley Bauling    | Polo, Illinois          | University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign |
| Tiffany Colson     | Chicago, Illinois       | University of Illinois at Chicago            |
| Carrie Desmond     | Chicago, Illinois       | University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign |
| Airen Foney        | Chicago, Illinois       | Bradley University                           |
| Jessica Lambert    | Elmhurst, Illinois      | University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign |
| Matthew Lew        | Hanover Park, Illinois  | University of Illinois at Chicago            |
| Nathaniel Lowman   | New Lenox, Illinois     | Southern Illinois University at Carbondale   |
| David Medina       | Chicago, Illinois       | University of Illinois at Chicago            |
| Maciej Mroczek     | Elmhurst, Illinois      | University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign |
| William Murray     | Springfield, Illinois   | Western Illinois University                  |
| Eric Prichard      | Morton, Illinois        | Southern Illinois University at Carbondale   |
| Mary Sisay         | Chicago, Illinois       | Illinois Institute of Technology             |
| Roger Steele       | Chicago, Illinois       | University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign |
| Jeremy Streater    | Bellwood, Illinois      | Western Illinois University                  |
| Elizabeth Tewolde  | Elgin, Illinois         | University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign |
| Jared Thoele       | Springfield, Illinois   | University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign |
| Kathryn Weissman   | Chicago, Illinois       | Illinois Institute of Technology             |
| Toni Whitfield     | Johnston City, Illinois | Southern Illinois University at Carbondale   |

For additional information and to obtain an application for the fall 2009 semester, please visit [www.dot.il.gov/scholarships](http://www.dot.il.gov/scholarships).

To obtain information for other financial assistance opportunities for college students, please visit the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) Web site at [www.collegezone.com](http://www.collegezone.com).