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## Crespo Announces 2008--2009 General Assembly Scholarship Winners

*Eight students from district each receive one-year tuition waiver*

STREAMWOOD – 6/2/2008. State Rep. Fred Crespo (D- Hoffman Estates) on Monday announced the winners of the 2008-2009 General Assembly Scholarship, selected by the 44th District Independent Scholarship Committee.

"As a legislator, I have the opportunity to award eight talented students in the 44th District a one-year tuition waiver," Crespo said. "To ensure that the process remains fair and open, I established an independent committee to select the winner based on very specific criteria. The students that were selected this year are all very bright, motivated young people and I am sure they will be very successful in college."

Each year, Illinois lawmakers are allowed to provide eight students with a one-year tuition waiver that they can apply towards tuition at a publicly funded Illinois university. Crespo formed an independent scholarship committee made up of education leaders in our community to select the winners. To be selected, the student must reside in the 44th district, demonstrate financial need, possess a strong GPA and work experience, participate in extra-curricular activities, and provide the committee with a self-evaluation essay. Crespo also does not accept applications from or award scholarships to students who have contributed financially or otherwise to his political committee, nor their families. This year, scholarships have been awarded to the following students:

- Carla Andres of Schaumburg, attending the University of Illinois
- Sarah Braun of Hanover Park, attending Eastern Illinois University
- Thomas Enno of Streamwood, attending the University of Illinois
- Matthew Glista of Streamwood, attending the University of Illinois
- Matthew Keller of Hoffman Estates, attending the University of Illinois
- Megan Larsen of Streamwood, attending the University of Illinois

- Gordana Milosevic of Streamwood, attending the University of Illinois
- Prutha Parikh of Streamwood, attending the University of Illinois

"My office received a record number of applications this year, but unfortunately each legislator is only allowed to award eight scholarships," Crespo said. "I do not envy the task of the scholarship committee, but they did an excellent job because each student shows tremendous promise. I wish all our graduating seniors the very best in the upcoming school-year."

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