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USF Student Receives Student Laureate Distinction

Joliet, Ill.- The University of St. Francis is pleased to announce that Laura Muñoz Lopez is this year's Student Laureate of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois. Laura is an outstanding senior completing a bachelor's degree in business management with a minor in political science.

Student Laureates are honored for their leadership and service in the pursuit of the betterment of humanity and for overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities. A selection committee consisting of administrators and faculty made the final selection.

"Receiving this award has reassured me that through hard work, dedication, and passion all things are possible," says Munoz, from Simpsonville, S.C.

Munoz plans to graduate in May of 2016 and pursue a career in the business management field. She is especially grateful for all those she has met while attending USF. Munoz describes them as "some of the best" she has met in her life.

On Saturday, Nov. 7, Laura will attend the 41st Annual Student Laureate Award Ceremony held in the Hall of Representatives of the Old State Capitol in Springfield. At this ceremony Governor Bruce Rauner, President of the Academy, will present Laura with the Student Laureate Medallion, a certificate of achievement and a monetary grant.

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