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Bloomington-Normal Students Selected for Great Plains Life Foundation's "Stay 4" Project ®

Normal, Ill. - The Great Plains LIFE Foundation announces the names of high school students within Bloomington District 87, Normal Unit 5, and the Regional Alternative School that have been selected among 82 students statewide for the "Stay 4" Project®. Those chosen were from school districts in Bloomington-Normal, Decatur, Champaign, Urbana, Peoria, as well as the Rockford area.

Students selected include Juniors Manvella Lusambo, Selena Aviles, and Shyresse Winters from Bloomington High School, Hannah Bach, Karla Alberan, and Kywana Bellamy from the Regional Alternative School, Alexandria Perez, Hana Abbed, and Radi Diamonkia from Normal Community High School, and Alexis Bruun, Carlos Torres, and Jade Morgan from Normal Community West High School.

School faculty and staff choose students for the program based on a variety of criteria, including those who demonstrate the aptitude and ability to finish high school and continue into a post secondary educational program. Students are required to fulfill specific requirements relating to academics, extracurricular activities, and community service. Upon completion of all program criteria, graduation from high school and enrollment in a 4-year university, community college, or trade school, the student will receive a minimum \$1,000 support grant to help with their continuing educational efforts.

For more information on the "Stay 4" Project ®, please contact The Great Plains LIFE Foundation at 309-828-3406, or go to www.stay4.org.