

## NEWS RELEASE

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## Record Entries for University of Saint Mary Annual Lincoln Art Contest

(Leavenworth, Kan.)— A record 405 schoolchildren participated in the annual University of Saint Mary Lincoln Art Contest this year, with the winners receiving their awards at USM's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln Lecture on Thursday, Feb. 12, the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

Entrants came from children from nine area schools: Lansing Elementary, Lawson Elementary, Bradley Elementary, McArthur Elementary, Howard Wilson Elementary, Nettie Hartnett Elementary, David Brewer Elementary, Muncie Elementary, Xavier Elementary, and Xavier Middle School. Five students took home the top prizes — \$25 cash and a certificate.

The Lincoln Lecture Art Contest winners were:

- Stoa Tolbert, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at Howard Wilson Elementary, who won best overall
- Michael Quinn, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Xavier Middle School, who won for best portrait
- Leah Wieggers, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at Lansing Elementary, who won for best theme
- Sara Hutchens, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Bradley Elementary, who won for best use of color
- Dylan Skeels, a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Howard Wilson Elementary, who won for best abstract

Pete Payne, president of MidAmerican Bank & Trust Company, the benefactor of the Lincoln Lecture series, presented the awards at Thursday's Lincoln Lecture at USM's Xavier Theatre. The winners were also congratulated by USM President Sister Diane Steele and Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell, IV, commanding general of Fort Leavenworth.

Lt. Gen. Caldwell delivered this year's Lincoln Lecture, "Leadership in a Time of Crisis," which examined parallels between the crises Abraham Lincoln took on during his presidency and the challenges facing the nation today.

The University of Saint Mary began the Lincoln Lecture series in 1999 to acknowledge the university's 10,000-piece Lincoln Collection, which Dr. Bernard Hall donated to De Paul Library in 1969. The most noteworthy piece in the collection is a rare original parchment copy of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment signed by President Lincoln

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**Best Overall Winner,  
Stoa Tolbert, congratulated  
by (from left) Lt. Gen.  
Caldwell, Sister Diane Steele  
and Pete Payne.**



**Best Portrait Winner  
Michael Quinn**



**Best Theme Winner  
Leah Wiegars**



**Best Use of Color Winner,  
Sara Hutchens**



**Best Abstract Winner  
Dylan Skeels**



**Best Overall,  
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