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## State Farm Holiday Classic announces scholarship winners

Bloomington, IL – The Classic Tournament, Inc., which organizes the largest coed high school holiday basketball tournament in the nation called the State Farm Holiday Classic, has selected three winners as recipients of the 2007 Holiday Classic Scholarship award. Each of the winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to go directly to their college of choice to help pay for tuition costs.

Established to recognize and award scholarships to eligible high school seniors who participated in this past year's event, a selection committee of current and former educators was to choose a male and female winner representing high schools within McLean County, and a male and female winner from high schools outside McLean County. Only three winners were selected this year due to a lack of applicants in the McLean County female category.

The 2007 Holiday Classic Scholarship awards go to:

- **Jack Hainline, Stanford Olympia High School** – Jack is co-captain of both the basketball and baseball teams, earning all-conference awards in both sports. He was also a representative on the Student Council and National Honor Society, and worked as an umpire last summer for the Olympia Progressive Baseball Association. He currently plans to attend the University of Illinois this fall, majoring in Business.
- **Patrick Doggett, Crescent Iroquois High School** – Patrick has participated in basketball (CPCI co-op), soccer and baseball all four years, earning team MVP awards in basketball and soccer. He was President of both the National Honor Society and SADD chapter, class officer all four years, and participated in the school band and chorus. He plans to major in History at either Illinois State or Eastern Illinois.
- **Kimberly White, Olney East Richland High School** – Kimmy played basketball and soccer all four years, as well as participating in the marching band, concert band and choir. She was on the student council and a member of both Peers in Leadership Opportunities Training Students (PILOTS) and Youth Alive for Christ (YAC). She plans to attend Asbury College in Wilmore, KY and major in Elementary Education.

"This is the second year of existence for our scholarship program, and we are excited to once again honor such a fine group of student-athletes," said tournament vice-president Dave Oloffson. "It is always a difficult decision for our selection committee to choose one winner in each category, but these three student-athletes stood above the rest based on their experiences in school and their community."

Applicants were judged on their leadership skills and academic performance, while demonstrating their experiences in student activities and community service. They were required to submit their intentions to attend a two-or four-year college or university, provide two letters of recommendation, and submit an essay titled "How my high school sports experience helped prepare me for success in higher education."

For more information about the State Farm Holiday Classic, visit the official tournament Web site at [www.theclassic.org](http://www.theclassic.org).