## Glenbard Township High School District 87

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## Glenbard East student named Golden Apple Scholar

Glenbard East High School student Robert Lega has been selected as one of 100 students selected from 1,300 nominees to be named a Golden Apple Scholar of Illinois.

Robert will be honored on April 9 at an awards ceremony at the Field Museum in Chicago.

The Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program prepares talented high school graduates who represent a rich ethnic diversity for successful teaching careers in high-need schools throughout the state.

The program offers advance teacher preparation and financial assistance for college. All Golden Apple Scholars receive up to a \$5,000 scholarship loan per year for four years. Scholars must attend one of 54 Illinois colleges and universities that participate in the program.

Golden Apple Scholars participate in teaching internships and seminars about teaching through the Summer Institute, a program taught by Golden Apple Award-winning teachers. They also receive a \$2,000 stipend for each summer of Summer Institute.

Golden Apple Scholars receive mentoring support from award-winning teachers who are part of the Golden Apple Scholar network.

The program enables participants to experience the realities of teaching in a high-need setting, provides them with opportunities to put coursework theories into practice, allows them to observe different subjects and grade levels so they can better decide their specialty, and gives them support and feedback from Golden Apple Award-winning teachers and other scholars.

Golden Apple Scholars must earn a bachelor's degree at one of 54 Illinois universities that participate in the program, obtain Illinois teacher certification and teach for five years in an Illinois school of need.

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