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**Ancilla College Student Selected as 500 Festival Princess**

**INDIANAPOLIS (February 23, 2010)** – Thirty-three young women from across Indiana have been selected to serve in the 2010 500 Festival Princess Program. One of those princesses is **Sophia Baldwin** from **Ancilla College**.

This year's 500 Festival princesses represent 13 Indiana colleges and universities and 24 cities and towns across the state. The young women were selected from 243 applicants based on communication skills, poise, academic performance and community and volunteer involvement.

The following **Ancilla College student** was selected as a 500 Festival Princess:

- **Sophia Baldwin**, Indianapolis, (Class of 2010), majoring in Health Science

**Becoming a 500 Festival Princess is an experience of a lifetime. As ambassadors of the 500 Festival, the 2010 Indianapolis 500® and their hometowns, the princesses will attend and volunteer at 500 Festival events and programs throughout the month of May. In addition, the 33 princesses will be involved with statewide outreach programs of their choosing. Princesses are also present at various Indianapolis Motor Speedway® functions and participate in the Indianapolis 500® Victory Circle celebration.**

To be eligible for the 500 Festival Princess Program, applicants must be between the ages of 19 and 23, single and legal residents of Indiana. Candidates must also be full-time undergraduate students in a fully-accredited Indiana college or university and maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.8 on a 4.0 scale.

Sponsors for the 500 Festival Princess Program include WTHR-TV 13, G.Thrapp Jewelers, Contemporary Dental Concepts and Indiana Blood Center. Apparel and accessory providers include The Secret Ingredient, Indianapolis Motor Speedway® and Vera Bradley.

To learn more about 500 Festival events and volunteer opportunities, please visit [www.500festival.com](http://www.500festival.com), or contact the 500 Festival at (317) 927-3378.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Photos can be viewed online at:  
<http://www.500festival.com/events/PrincessRoster.asp>

*The mission of the 500 Festival is to advocate and celebrate the spirit, heritage and legacy of the Indianapolis 500®. Through social, cultural and educational events and programs, the 500 Festival enhances the quality of life for all citizens of our communities.*

*The 500 Festival, a not-for-profit volunteer organization, was created in 1957 to organize civic events celebrating the greatest race in the world. Over the past 53 years, the 500 Festival has grown to become one of the largest festivals in the nation.*

*Last year, over 500,000 Hoosiers and visitors participated in nearly 50 events and programs throughout the month of May. Whether they were athletes running the Mini, fourth grade students participating in the Education Program, families enjoying the state's largest festival for kids or spectators being dazzled by one of the nation's premier parades, they were there, celebrating the legacy.*

Ancilla College is a Catholic, two-year, co-educational, liberal arts college in Donaldson, Indiana sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.