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## **History and Scholarships Local Church Gives Scholarships**

ALTON, Ill. – The 77th Lincoln-Douglas Scholarship Banquet will be held at the Lewis and Clark Community College Commons on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.

The event is hosted by Trinity A.M.E. Church and is a tradition of the church that dates back several years. In 1935, Lucille Burden King and her husband hosted the first banquet at Model A.M.E. Chapel. Years later, Model, in addition to two other churches, formed Trinity A.M.E. Church.

The banquet is a catalyst for bringing people in the community together. The event has discussions with guest speakers such as former dancer, Catherine Dunham where light is shone on issues such as racial problems and community relations. “It is nice to see a small organization giving back to the community,” says church member Jared Hennings. “It displays support for our youth because they are the future.”

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King was a supporter of higher education. The scholarships that are being awarded are given in her honor. Scholarship awardees are Alton High seniors, Sarah Hale, Michael Hastings and Arielle Wade.

In recent years, local guest speakers have given motivational speeches to college bound students and scholarship awardees. This year's guest speakers are McDonald's owner and operator, Dick Bold and radio personality, Delilah. Gospel singer, Angela Mary Hill is performing a few numbers.

Tickets for the event are \$10. For more information, please contact Jared Hennings at (618) 462-7865.

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