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Mayor John Noak Presents Community Awards During the Annual State of the Village

During the Annual State of the Village Address, Mayor John Noak presented awards to the following:

Rasmussen College was named Village of Romeoville 2012 Large Business of the Year. Campus President Amy King accepted the award. Mayor Noak pointed out that Rasmussen has become an active member of the Romeoville community, since opening the Romeoville campus in the Fall of 2009, creating over 50 new jobs in Romeoville.

Rasmussen's community involvement does not stop there, Campus President Amy King also serves as Chair for Romeoville Chamber of Commerce and is also on the Board of Directors for the Will County C.E.D. Their staff also serves as members of Kiwanis, March of Dimes, and partners in education through the Chamber of Commerce.

Lou's Styling was named Village of Romeoville 2012 Small Business of the Year. Lou Aguirre is a local business owner that has been around the business for 36 years. Lou's styling, one of the first salons in Romeoville, started providing services to residents around 1961. After working for previous owner Lola Chambers, Lou took over Lou's Styling 24 years ago. Lou has not only excelled as a business owner but an active member in our community.

Lou has been active in:

- The Romeoville Chamber of Commerce since 2009
- A Board Member and Chair of the Membership Development Committee
- And serves on the Romeoville Fire and Police Commission

The Citizen of the Year Award was given to **Nancy Hackett**. A resident of Romeoville for over 30 years, Nancy has showed her dedication to community by her countless time spent volunteering for organizations such as the Girl Scouts and truly being the hub of the Romeoville Historical Society for more than 20 years. After serving as head librarian for 20 years, she decided her service to the community wasn't complete. She ran for office and currently is a trustee for the White Oak Library Board. Her dedication and love for the community does not stop there, as Nancy is currently working on a soon to be published book on Romeoville.

The Organization of the Year was awarded to **The Hampton Park Social Athletic Club**. Accepting the award on their behalf was Jeff Stood. Founded in 1959, this organization continues to be a vital part of our community. With a membership of over 200, they support numerous athletic organizations and community programs. Due to their efforts in fundraising throughout the year, the club was able to honor nine students with \$1,000 scholarships this year.

"Government cannot be effective without cooperation and collaboration within the community, and business and citizen involvement is essential. Words cannot express our gratitude to these award recipients," said Mayor John Noak.