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SPRINGFIELD – Lt. Governor Sheila Simon will give the commencement address on Thursday for the Carl Sandburg College Class of 2013.

Simon will highlight the accomplishments of eight graduates who overcame obstacles to earn associate degrees that link them to in-demand jobs or bachelor's degree programs. Her featured students include a student who enrolled at Sandburg a week before classes began, a soccer player who wants to be the next Bill Gates, and a graduate who entered Sandburg with 29 college credits.

"I'm thrilled to celebrate this milestone with the Sandburg Class of 2013," said Simon, the state's point person on education reform. "As these graduates transition to bachelors programs and into the workforce, it's important to recognize their accomplishments."

In her first year in office, Simon visited each of the state's 48 community colleges in an effort to increase the proportion of adults with a college credential to 60 percent, up from the current 41 percent, by 2025.

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