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## The City of Joliet Congratulates the Joliet Area Historical Museum On recent 2010 AASLH Award of Merit

The City of Joliet is proud to congratulate the Board of Directors of the Joliet Area Historical Museum and the great Museum staff led by Executive Director Tony Contos in their recent Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH).

The Joliet Area Historical Museum won for Leadership in History Awards honoring their successful exhibit *The Soaring Achievements of John C. Houbolt*. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history.

As a shining example of Joliet history and pride, *The Soaring Achievements of John C. Houbolt* exhibit honors Joliet native and NASA scientist Dr. John C. Houbolt, the key proponent of the lunar orbit rendezvous concept with vibrant two story interactive elements.

The Joliet Area Historical Museum is honored to be part of the 2010 AASLH awards. The AASLH awards represent 49 organizations and individuals from across the United States. Award winners will be honored at a special banquet during the 2010 AASLH Annual Meeting September 24 in Oklahoma City, OK.

The City of Joliet is proud to echo the achievements of the museum and encourage residents throughout the Will County Area to visit and experience this award winning facility in downtown Joliet.

For information about the Joliet Area Historical Museum, 204 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet, visit [www.jolietmuseum.org](http://www.jolietmuseum.org) or phone 815-723-5201.

The City of Joliet is the fourth largest city in the state of Illinois, located just 45 miles southwest of Chicago's Loop. Home to over 152,000 residents, in addition to thriving businesses and attractions, the City of Joliet is easily accessible by rail, auto and bus transit. A perfect place to live, work and play, Joliet is constantly striving to promote growth and diversity. For more information on Joliet visit [www.visitjoliet.org](http://www.visitjoliet.org) or call 815.724.4000.

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