

HIGHLANDS SENIOR ADVANCES TO NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALIST STANDING

Irving, Texas (February 13, 2009) — Molly Miller, senior at The Highlands School, is being recognized as a finalist by the National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSPP) for her achievement on the PSAT test taken during her junior year. Though more than one million students nationwide took the PSAT in the fall of 2007, only 15,000 (1.5%) of those students are being considered for one of the 8,200 merit scholarships. NMSPP will announce the scholarship winners next month.

In reaction to the news, Molly said, “I am very excited about the award, and I appreciate all of my teachers’ hard work.” In her past seven exemplary years at The Highlands School, she has been a National Latin Exam Gold Medalist for three consecutive years, a Model UN Outstanding Delegate, and won awards for leadership, Latin, drama, history, music, and mathematics. Additionally, she has published an article on the National Catholic Exchange website. Molly is the daughter of Robert and Cheryl Miller of Irving.

In early September, about 16,000 students, or approximately one-third of the 50,000 high scorers, were notified that they qualified as Semifinalists. Both the Semifinalist and a high school official then submitted a detailed scholarship application that included a self-descriptive essay, participation records, and school and community leadership documentation.

To become a Finalist, a Semifinalist must maintain an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student’s earlier performance on the qualifying PSAT test.

Three types of National Merit Scholarship awards will be offered in the spring of 2009. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit \$2500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state representational basis. About 1,100 corporate-sponsored scholarships will be provided by some 300 corporations and business organizations for Finalists who meet their specified criteria. In addition, approximately 200 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 4,600 college sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

About The Highlands School

Established in 1986, The Highlands School is a Catholic college-preparatory school directed by the Legionaries of Christ. Offering grades Pre-K through 12th, the mission of The Highlands School is the development of the whole person, consisting of a profound intellectual, human, and spiritual formation. Personalized attention from faculty, staff, and religious provides each student with the maximum opportunity for growth.

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