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William Chaddock '18 Receives National Merit Scholarship

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – Will Chaddock '18, a Harrisburg Academy graduate, has been named a 2018 recipient of a college-sponsored Merit Scholarship® award for use at the institution financing it. Chaddock has been offered and chose to accept the college-sponsored scholarship to Arizona State University, where he will attend in the fall.

Chaddock, who has attended Harrisburg Academy since 8th grade, is an International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate. As a Diploma candidate, he is taking the highest level courses available. During his five years at the Academy, he participated in Model UN, Brain Busters, tennis and fencing, and made significant contributions to the Quiz Bowl team.

Chaddock will be studying biomedical engineering at Arizona State and is very interested in research and development of prosthetic limbs. "I feel biomedical engineering is a balanced mix of all the sciences, and it gives me a chance to make a contribution to society," said Chaddock.

About 190 colleges and universities currently underwrite approximately 4,000 National Merit Scholarships in each annual competition. Only Finalists who plan to attend a college or university that sponsors Merit Scholarship awards can be considered for one. Winners are chosen by an official of the sponsoring college or university.

From approximately 1.6 million students who entered the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program, only about 16,000 were named Semifinalists. In order to advance in the competition and be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, a Semifinalist had to become a Finalist by fulfilling several requirements that included submitting a detailed scholarship application and presenting a record of very high academic performance. All winners of about 7,500 National Merit Scholarships are being chosen from the group of approximately 15,000 distinguished Finalists.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 440 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

Established in 1784, Harrisburg Academy is the 17th oldest non-public school in the nation and Harrisburg's only independent school. Our coed, diverse school community inspires students from age three through 12th grade by providing an academically challenging and globally minded liberal arts education focused on dynamic classroom experiences, strong student outcomes, and a commitment to character development. The Academy proudly stands as the first school in the greater Harrisburg area to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and merit scholarship.

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