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**Academy Student Named Commended Scholar in 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program**

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – Harrisburg Academy student **Jacob C. '18** has been recognized as a Commended Scholar in the 2018 National Merit® Scholarship Program.

The National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSPP) honors individual students who show exceptional academic promise. About 34,000 students throughout the nation have been recognized as Commended Scholars. These students, including Jacob, have placed among the top 50,000 scorers of the more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2018 competition by taking the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).



In our last five graduating classes, more than 10 percent of all Harrisburg Academy seniors have been celebrated as Commended Scholars, with 6 percent advancing to achieve Semifinalist status. Of those Semifinalists, five students finished the program as Finalists, with one earning the Merit Scholar title and a \$2,500 scholarship.

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 420 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.

**About Harrisburg Academy:**

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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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