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**Harrisburg Academy Student Selected in 300 MASTERS in the 2017 Broadcom MASTERS®**

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – Harrisburg Academy congratulates Alexander S. '22 on being selected as one of the Top 300 MASTERS in the 2017 Broadcom MASTERS®, a program of the Society for Science & the Public that recognizes outstanding student science fair projects. Six thousand projects from across the United States were nominated for the competition.

Broadcom MASTERS®, (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering Rising Stars), is a premier science and engineering competition for middle school students. Affiliated science fairs around the country nominate the top 10 percent of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade participants to enter this prestigious competition.

Seman names science teacher, Lakshmi Shrikantia as the teacher who inspired and assisted him with his science fair project during the 2016-17 academic year.

"I am very happy and proud of Alex's achievement. He was one of nearly 6,000 middle school students nominated to enter this competition based on his success at Capital Area Science & Engineering Fair (CASEF)," said science teacher, Lakshmi Shrikantia. "To be named as one of the top 300 young scientists in the nation is a tremendous achievement. His project, *'Does a Cosmic Ray Collector's Surface Area or Elevation Above the Ground Impact Its Ability to Collect Charge?'* was very interesting and executed to perfection. Congratulations, Alex!"



The Society for Science & the Public is dedicated to the achievement of young scientists in independent research and to public engagement in science. Established in 1921, the Society is a nonprofit whose vision is to promote the understanding and appreciation of science and the vital role it plays in human advancement. Through its world-class competitions, including the Regeneron Science Talent Search, the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, and the Broadcom MASTERS, and its award-winning magazine, Science News and Science News for Students, Society for Science & the Public is committed to inform, educate, and inspire. Learn more at [www.societyforscience.org](http://www.societyforscience.org).

**About Harrisburg Academy:**

Established in 1784, Harrisburg Academy is the 17<sup>th</sup> 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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