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Harrisburg Academy Students Named National Merit Scholarship Finalists
WORMLEYSBURG, PA – **Sophia Hoagland '20** and **Liam Douglas '20** have been recognized as Finalists in the 2020 National Merit® Scholarship Program (NMSP). NMSP honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

The NMSP has now determined which of the 16,000 Semifinalists named in September 2019 have met all requirements to advance to Finalist standing in the competition. All Finalists will be considered for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships that will be offered this spring.

Ben Murphy, the Academy's Head of Middle and Upper School, said, "With so many students eligible for this award, it is extremely impressive that Sophia and Liam earned this recognition. It speaks to their dedication to becoming scholars who challenge themselves and continue to grow as learners."

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, seven students have 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 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.

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 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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