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**Harrisburg Academy Named #1 Private School for 6th Year**

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – Harrisburg Academy has been recognized by Central Penn Parent magazine's 2017 Family Favorite Awards as yet again, the #1 private school in Central Pennsylvania. This is the sixth year the Academy has earned this title, in addition to ranking as a finalist in the preschool, childcare center, and summer camp categories.

"Harrisburg Academy's defining quality, as a school community, is its 'connection with intent,'" said head of school, Jim Newman. "Simply put, this means our teachers, students, parents, and staff work together as partners in each child's education. These personal and communicative relationships are invaluable, and they make a lasting impact on our students' collective success over time."

"Parents in Central Pennsylvania continue to recognize the value of our work and the outcomes of our students," he continued, "by voting us the #1 private school again this year. We are grateful for our parents' vote of support, year after year, as we seek to fulfill the mission of our school."

Central Penn Parent magazine's Family Favorite Awards competition highlights a wide range of businesses, non-profits, schools, and more across the region as voted on by thousands of Central Penn Parent readers. Winners and finalists in each of the nearly 100 award categories will be celebrated at the region's three Family Favorites Festivals in this summer.

Central Penn Parent magazine is the area's most trusted source of family information, reaching out each month to 80,000, parents, grandparents, educators, and caregivers. Since its launch in 1996, the magazine has won numerous national awards for editorial and design excellence. Central Penn Parent is distributed at more than 900 locations throughout Dauphin, Cumberland, Lancaster, Lebanon, and York counties.

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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