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Special Live Announcement: Friday, Nov. 4 at 10:45 a.m.

(arrive at 10:30 a.m. for set-up)

McCormick Auditorium, Harrisburg Academy

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AFTER FRIDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT****

**Harrisburg Academy's Entire 8th Grade Awarded Trip to National WWII Museum
in New Orleans**

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – The 32 members of Harrisburg Academy's 8th grade class — unbeknownst to them and the rest of the Academy community until Friday's special live announcement — will be traveling to New Orleans in April through a \$16,500 grant secured by their history teacher, Lindsay Bowman. Of the 100-plus applications submitted to DSF Charitable Foundation (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) in September, only two schools in North America were chosen to receive the grant. Harrisburg Academy is one of the two.

The DSF Charitable Foundation, in collaboration with the National WWII Museum in New Orleans, sponsored the travel grant opportunity for the first time this year. It was specifically earmarked for North American schools located 400 miles or more away from the crescent city and that serve students in 7th through 12th grade.

The majority of travel, hotel, ground transportation, and meals for the Academy's 8th grade and its five adult chaperones will be funded through the grant. Students will also receive two free days of admission to the museum, including an option for a docent-guided tour, viewing of the museum's award-winning 4D experience, "Beyond All Boundaries" and "Final Mission: USS Tang Experience," and a hands-on classroom session featuring WWII artifacts and archive exploration.

Bowman is excited to have this opportunity with her students and believes her application was chosen because of her previous experience planning field trips, her own personal travel history in the name of teaching and learning, and the clear plan she included in her application stating how she would spend the grant money and structure the trip.

"I believe in experiential education," Bowman said. "If I could take field trips all of the time, I would. The more my students can see in person and do in person, the better. This is why I'm always traveling in the summer, myself!"

Four years after joining the Academy's faculty, Bowman has indeed traveled the world through several Harrisburg Academy Trustee and Head of School Fellowship opportunities and external program grants. She has spent professional development time at the following locations: The National WWII Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana; President George Washington's home in Mount Vernon, Virginia; President Dwight D. Eisenhower's home in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Several Holocaust sites in Germany and Poland; McGill University in Montreal, Canada; and C-SPAN in Washington, D.C.

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In addition, Bowman is invested in history teaching and learning on the home front, serving as director of Harrisburg Academy's Center for Global & Local Citizenship and as a board director for the World Affairs Council of Harrisburg.

As she stated in her travel grant application: "This past summer, I had the amazing opportunity to spend a week in New Orleans at the National WWII Museum with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Learning from Donald L. Miller, Tim Bailey, and Joshua Goodman, in addition to meeting veterans each day, was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I could take what I learned in our classroom sessions and immediately apply it to what I was seeing in the museum.

"That is the kind of experience I strive to give my students each day," she continued. "Visiting the National WWII Museum will help me bring the material they've learned to life, and will give them the kind of experience I received from Gilder Lehrman and the staff at the museum."

About DSF Charitable Foundation:

The DSF Charitable Foundation is the charitable-giving organization of the David Scaife family. The Foundation seeks to promote excellence in three program areas: health, human services, and education. The grant program focuses on southwestern Pennsylvania, primarily Pittsburgh, where the Foundation is based. The Foundation has a particular interest in helping to create or sustain models of excellence that have potential to be replicated elsewhere and may therefore be of more general benefit to the nation.

The Foundation was established in 2000 when the assets of an existing foundation were divided. Thus far, the Foundation has awarded over 250 grants and has paid or pledged a total of almost \$40 million.

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.p

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