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SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY STUDENTS NAMED 2010 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS AND COMMENDED STUDENTS

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn., Sept. 16, 2009 – Saint Thomas Academy announced today that the following seniors placed in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program:

Semifinalists:

E. Badar
J. Garry
R. Palmer
M. Riehm
T. Walsh

Commended Students:

D. Brombach
D. FitzPatrick
C. McFadden
T. Mulvey
M. Neuberger
C. Nitschke
T. Pelletier
R. Peters
L. Ramsey
W. Rock
M. Rush
M. Vogt

“These bright young boys represent nearly 14% of the senior class at Saint Thomas Academy,” said Dr. Celeste Heidelberger, dean of academics. “This is consistent with previous years and is a testimony to the strong educational program at the Academy.”

These students have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 National Merit® Scholarships, worth more than \$35 million, that will be offered next spring. National Merit Scholarship recipients of 2010 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April 2010 and concluding in July.

More than 1.5 million high school juniors in the nation entered the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, which represents less than 1 percent of U.S. high school students, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. Commended Students pool, which represents the top 5 percent of U.S. high school seniors, is also made up of the highest scoring entrants in each state.

About Saint Thomas Academy

Founded in 1885, Saint Thomas Academy is an all-male, military/leadership, Catholic, college preparatory school committed to preparing young men to succeed in college and in life. Nationally accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS), the academy challenges young men to excel academically, spiritually, physically, and emotionally in and out of the classroom. For more information, please visit www.cadets.com.

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