

District 99 boasts 28 commended scholars

This year, 34,000 students were identified by the National Merit Scholarship Program as Commended Students on the basis of a national Selection Index score of 203, applicable to all program participants without regard to state-by-state distribution. These Commended Students are being recognized for the exceptional academic promise demonstrated by their outstanding performance on the qualifying test used for program entry.

Community High School District 99 officials have announced that the following North High School students have been recognized as Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship Program:

Alexandra Bogus, Nicholas Buckles, Katherine Hibbeln, Kate Kinsella, Kristen Mulcrone, Alex Ruff, Ian Sassano, Joseph Skonie, Nathaniel Wolf, Andrew Zajac, all of Downers Grove; and Sapna Desai, Shannon Ford and Daniel Mehl, all of Woodridge.

Downers Grove South High School students named National Merit Commended Students are:

Elizabeth Augustine, Christina Cavallo, James Cuber, Jeffrey Danziger, Dale Magliola, Sankalp Malhotra, Kevin Norberg, David Olsen, Alexandra Petrakos, Michael Salazar, Thomas Sansone and Danielle Tannenbaum, all of Downers Grove; Natalie Tapaskar of Westmont; and Maria Herman and Jennifer Lee of Woodridge.

These students represent the top 5 percent of more than one million students who entered the 2007 Merit Program competition by taking the 2006 PSAT Qualifying Test. Although they will not continue in the 2007 competition for Merit Scholarship awards, commended students are provided with a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and their school.