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The National Merit Corporation recently recognized Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School senior Patricia Radecka of Oak Lawn as a National Merit Scholar. Patricia scored a perfect 800 on the verbal/critical reading portion of the test.

Patricia competed for one of approximately 8200 merit scholarship awards to be offered in Spring of 2007. To become a Finalist, a student must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier qualifying test performance. Patricia also completed an application which included a self-descriptive essay and information about the applicant's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Patricia was also named an Illinois State Scholar and received the US President's Award for Excellence. Earlier this spring, her artwork was selected for the Illinois Art Education Association's "Youth Art Month Poster." Her work was chosen out of hundreds of student entries from all over the state of Illinois.

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Photo attached



Mother McAuley senior, Patricia Radecka of Oak Lawn, National Merit Scholar.