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MCAULEY SENIOR RECOGNIZED AS NATIONAL MERIT RECIPIENTS

Dr. Christine Melone, president/principal of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, is pleased to announce that senior Rachel Page of Oak Lawn has been recognized as a National Merit Semifinalist.



Rachel took the qualifying PSAT test on National Testing Day in October of 2007. Currently more than 1.5 million students in more than 21,000 high schools enter the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Rachel now has the opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 8,200 merit scholarship awards. To become a Finalist, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the students' earlier qualifying test performance. Semifinalists must also complete an application which includes a self-descriptive essay and information about the applicant's participation and leadership in school and community activities. Merit Scholarship winners of 2009 will be announced beginning in the spring.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. There are approximately 259, 000 distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title since its inception.

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