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Eight Saint Joseph Academy Seniors Receive Prestigious National Merit Recognition

CLEVELAND, OH – Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced that Saint Joseph Academy senior Margaret Seikel is a Semifinalist in the 62nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program. In addition, seven Saint Joseph Academy seniors were named National Merit Commended Students: Kaylyn Johnson, Greta Noeth, Marisa Petticord, Anna Renner, Victoria Smith, Brittney Ward and Margaret Weaver.

Both NMSC honors continue Saint Joseph Academy’s long-standing tradition of academic excellence through the National Merit Program. Commended Students are among the top five percent of the 1.6 million students who entered the 2017 competition by taking the PSAT/NMSQT®. National Merit Semifinalists are among the top one percent.

In making the announcement, Principal Jeff Sutliff congratulated the students on their incredible milestone: "Although testing is only one part of the larger educational equation at Saint Joseph Academy, the PSAT/NMSQT is known for showcasing the best and brightest in our country. This recognition will help broaden each of these young women’s educational opportunities, and we are very proud of all they have accomplished." Saint Joseph Academy offers more than 100 different academic courses, including 18 Advanced Placement and 31 Honors classes, that help students learn at the pace that’s right for them.

Noted Semifinalist honoree Seikel: “One thing that I appreciate about the academic challenges at Saint Joseph Academy is that we are not only taught information, we are also given chances to apply this
learning. For example, I was able to travel to Washington, D.C. as part of my Contemporary World Studies class, where we learned about world affairs firsthand at the State Department. Saint Joseph Academy realizes that learning does not exist in a bubble; they give us opportunities to live it out in the real world.”

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Now in its 126th year, Saint Joseph Academy is the only all-girls Catholic high school in the City of Cleveland. With a current enrollment of more than 725 young women, Saint Joseph Academy is rooted in the spirituality of the Congregation of St. Joseph and works to foster unifying relationships with God and all creation. Each young woman is empowered to achieve academic excellence, and inspired to a life of compassionate leadership and service in a global society. Saint Joseph Academy is located at 3470 Rocky River Drive in Cleveland. For more information, visit www.sja1890.org or call 216.251.6788.