Saint Joseph Academy Senior Gabrielle Kim Named Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program

CLEVELAND, OH – Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced that senior Saint Joseph Academy student Gabrielle Kim is a Finalist in the 65th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Gabrielle competed with 1.6 million students from 22,000 high schools nationwide who took the PSAT/NMSQT®, the initial screen for National Merit Semifinalists. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state.

With this honor, Gabrielle now has the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit® Scholarships worth nearly $32 million that will be offered in the spring. The National Merit Finalists will be considered for the National Merit Scholarships to be offered in 2020 and the scholarship awards will be announced in the beginning of March.

Gabrielle is actively involved in both academics and extracurricular activities at Saint Joseph Academy. She has already completed six Advanced Placement (AP®) classes, adding four more this year. Outside of the classroom, Gabrielle serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Saint Joseph Academy Yearbook, President of Science Olympiad, member of the Academy Ambassadors Executive Board, and Treasurer of the Math Club. She also volunteers her time through St. John Medical Center and is a parish school of religion teaching assistant.

These activities and coursework allow Gabrielle to deepen her knowledge of mathematics, laying the foundation for a successful future. “The combination of high expectations and encouraging support from the entire Saint Joseph Academy community has inspired me to always do my best work. The teachers I
have had for my Honors and AP® classes, especially Honors Discrete Math and AP® Statistics, have helped me develop invaluable study skills and work ethic. Having these classes really opened me up to how much excitement math can bring and helped pushed me to consider Mathematics as a college major,” she shared. Gabrielle lives in Westlake, is a graduate of Lee Burneson Middle School, and is the daughter of Mr. Eduardo and Mrs. Jessica Kim. She plans to major in Economics/Mathematics in college, and is currently undecided which college she will attend. Congratulations, Gabrielle!

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