



Caption: Montini Catholic High School's Principal, Maryann O'Neill (center) congratulates seniors Stephanie Kaefer (left) and James Miller (right) on being named National Merit Commended Scholars.

Montini Catholic Seniors Named National Merit Commended Scholars

Mrs. Maryann O'Neill, Principal of Montini Catholic High School, is proud to announce that seniors Stephanie Kaefer and James Miller have been named *Commended Students* in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program. These scholastically talented seniors have earned a Letter of Commendation from Montini Catholic and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

More than 1.5 million high school juniors throughout the United States entered the program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The Semifinalists, which represent less than one percent of US high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. National Merit Commended Students are named based on a nationally applied index score. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the Nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

"Recognition of high-achieving students is essential to advancing educational excellence in our nation," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "As demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly competitive program, the young men and women named Commended Students represent some of the most academically talented students in our country. We sincerely hope this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and encourage them in their pursuit of academic success."

Stephanie Kaefner is a high honor senior from Lombard. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society, and the Secretary of Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society). Stephanie is a member of the Cross Country Team, the Math Team, Spanish Club, and the Social Justice Club. She is a Captain of the Broadcasters, and Editor for the school's Literary Magazine, *Musings*, and a Board Member of the Lasallian Youth Group. Stephanie is a member of the Treblemakers and has earned Academic All-Conference.

James Miller is a high honor senior from Lombard. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society, and President of Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society). James is a member of the Varsity Boys Basketball Team, Math Team, Math Club, and the Spanish Club.

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