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### **H-F HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES ITS 2009 NATIONAL MERIT AND ACHIEVEMENT FINALISTS**

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**Flossmoor, IL, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009** – Homewood-Flossmoor High School announced the 2009 National Merit Finalists and Commended students and National Achievement Finalists and Participants Referred to Colleges on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT<sup>®</sup>)—a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year—and by meeting published program entry/participation requirements. The National Merit Scholarship Program has now determined which of the 16,000 Semi-Finalists named in September 2008 have met all requirements to advance to Finalist standing in the competition for scholarships. The following four students were recognized in this category: Michael Marszowski, Emily Siner, Daniel Sloan, and Scott Spencer.

The National Merit Scholarship Program also recognizes Commended Students. Commended Students do not continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarship, but some of these students do become candidates for Special Scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses. The following six students were recognized in this category: Daniil Abramov, Brett Bush, Christopher Izzo, Samuel Kearney, Kyle Van Der Vort, and Thomas Weingartner.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program is an academic competition established in 1964 to provide recognition for outstanding Black American high school students. The National Achievement Scholarship Program has now determined which of

the 1,600 Semi-Finalists named in September 2008 have qualified as Finalists in the competition to be considered for scholarships. The following four students were recognized in this category: Christen Elion, Raven Fisher, Maia Griffith, and Elise Smith.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program also recognizes students whose names are brought to the attention of about 1,500 four-year colleges and universities in the United States for their potential for academic success. The following eight students were recognized in this category: Evan Davenport, Victoria Davis, Raleigh Fatoki, Casmiro Fernandes, Erin Johnson, Norman Neely, Austin Redick, and Dwayne Reed.

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