

Hannah Randolph Named National Merit Semifinalist



Kim Grilliot, Notre Dame Academy principal, congratulates senior Hannah Randolph for being a National Merit Semifinalist.

Notre Dame Academy senior Hannah Randolph (43606) was named a 2012 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. She is one of 16,000 Semifinalists. About 1.5 million juniors in some 22,000 high schools entered the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2010 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

To become a Finalist, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding high school academic record, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. The Semifinalist must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's essay, school participation, and leadership activities.

Ms. Randolph is a leader in the Notre Dame Academy community. She is student director of *THE DROWSY CHAPERONE* and has been a member of the stage crew of the fall musicals since she was a freshman. She was student director of the spring play for three years.

She is the Media Tech of Executive Cabinet of Student Council and was a freshman class officer and sophomore homeroom rep. She played on the Eagle Golf Team her freshman through junior years. She has participated on the Speech Team since she was a freshman and a State Qualifier her sophomore and junior years. She is involved in the Film Studies Club, JJAM Club, and Math Club.

Service oriented, she has been a peer tutor for four years and is a Notre Dame Academy "Big Sis." She has done volunteer work at the Sanger Library.

An honor student, Ms. Randolph carries over a 4.4 G.P.A. and will complete Advanced Placement courses in Calculus AB, Calculus BC, U.S. History, Art History, Psychology, U.S. Government, English Literature, and Statistics. She is applying to The Ohio State University, Boston University, Northeastern University, George Washington University, and William & Mary College. She plans a dual major in International Studies and Economics.