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13 Students from Schools in the Archdiocese of Boston Named As National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Students are among the highest-scoring entrants in Massachusetts

BRAINTREE (September 9, 2015) -- Thirteen students from eight schools in the Archdiocese of Boston were announced today as National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists. Approximately 1.5 million students applied for the program as juniors by taking the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, and less than one percent of current high school seniors qualified to become semifinalists.

The finalists, who will be announced in February, will go on to compete for a \$2,500 National Merit Scholarship, of which there are 2,500 available. In addition, corporations, colleges, and universities will also sponsor approximately 4,900 Merit Scholarships. Scholarships are awarded in spring/summer 2016. Merit scholars are chosen based on their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

Congratulations to:

Margaret C. Barrett - Matignon High School, Cambridge
A Senior from Saint John's Preparatory School, Danvers
Erin E. Grela - Ursuline Academy, Dedham
Daniel P. Casey - Boston College High School, Dorchester
Brendan D. Connolly - Boston College High School, Dorchester
Cameron J. Donovan - Boston College High School, Dorchester
Colm R. Feeney - Boston College High School, Dorchester
Noah A. Peterson - Boston College High School, Dorchester
Colin M. Harvey - Malden Catholic High School, Malden
James P. Ryan - Saint Sebastian's School, Needham
Olivia M. Comeau - Bishop Fenwick High School, Peabody
Christina E. Zoldak - Bishop Fenwick High School, Peabody
Emma C. Tilley - Austin Preparatory School, Reading

For more information on the National Merit Scholarship Program, visit www.nationalmerit.org.

About Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Boston

Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Boston educate 38,000 students in 116 schools. The schools offer a high-quality, rigorous education that is rooted in Catholic faith and values for students age 2.9 through grade 12. www.catholicschoolsboston.org

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