

November 3, 2014 – Lee Students Among Commended Students in the 2015 National Merit® Scholarship Program

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Staunton, VA - The principal of Robert E. Lee High School, Dr. Mark Rowicki has announced that Elizabeth Cady van Assendelft & Forrest Augustus Hollberg have been named Commended Students in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors and they will also be recognized at the November School Board meeting and at the high school's Senior Day Celebration in May 2015.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2015 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2015 competition by taking the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

"The young men and women being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."

"Less than 3% of the students who take the PSAT nationwide are recognized for their achievement so this is definitely a tremendous honor for these students. We are extremely proud of Elizabeth and Forrest," said Dr. Rowicki.



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