



Merit Scholarship Semifinalists named

Two Academy of Holy Angels seniors have been named Semifinalists in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are **Sean McSweeney** and **John Peichel**.

They are among 16,000 students nationwide who achieved Semifinalist status as the result of the qualifying test they took in their junior year. They have the opportunity to continue in competition for some 8,300 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$34 million, to be offered in the spring.



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Six students receive Merit Scholarship Commended Student honors

Six seniors at the Academy of Holy Angels have been named Commended Students in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.

They are **Madeline Esterl, Laura Jaede, Monica Knaack, Frank Mork, Davis Nygren** and **Rita Taylor**.

The designation as Commended Students means that these students scored in the top five percent of the 1.5 million juniors who entered Merit Scholarship competition by taking the qualifying test. Although they do not continue in competition for scholarship awards, the Merit Scholarship Corporation honors them for their fine performance and academic promise.



AHA's National Merit Scholarship Commended Students are (front row, left to right) Madeline Esterl, Rita Taylor, Laura Jaede, Monica Knaack; (back row) Frankie Mork and Davis Nygren.

40 AHA students earn Advanced Placement Honors

A total of 40 AHA students and 2012 graduates received honors for their performance on last spring's Advanced Placement (AP) exams. The College Board's Advanced Placement Program provides students the opportunity to take rigorous, college level courses while still in high school and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on AP exams. In addition, The College Board recognizes students who perform well on multiple exams. See a list of the names of the students who received AP honors at www.academyofholyanfels.org > What's New at AHA > See all.

Academic letter winners honored

During a reception on August 29, the Academy of Holy Angels honored 141 students who earned academic letters during the 2011–12 school year. In order to earn an academic letter, a student must maintain a 3.6667 grade-point average throughout the school year. GPAs are based on a four-point scale.

To see the names of the academic letter winners, go to www.academyofholyanfels.org > What's New at AHA > See All.

AHA's annual academic letter reception is a family affair!

Among those attending this year were Joseph Lam and his parents Theo Lam and Chau Nguyen.



HOLY ANGELS RECEIVES RECYCLING GRANT FROM HENNEPIN COUNTY

The Academy of Holy Angels has earned an \$8,500 grant from the Hennepin County School Recycling Assistance Program. The purpose of the program is to increase significantly the recycling efforts at the school. The grant will allow the school to:

- Purchase new recycling and composting bins
- Purchase compostable cutlery and food-service ware
- Upgrade its recycling awareness program for students and staff
- Pay a part-time program coordinator
- Institute procedures for measuring the results of the program efforts