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Two Crossroads College Prep Seniors Are Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition

CENTRAL WEST END — The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has announced that Class of 2012 members Alisa Berg and Nell Briggs have advanced to finalist standing.

Finalists are selected through several rounds of the competition. Of the 1.5 million juniors who take the Preliminary SAT, approximately 50,000 students with the highest Selection Index qualify for recognition. In early September, about 16,000 students, or approximately one-third of the 50,000 high scorers, are notified that they have qualified as Semifinalists. In February, some 15,000 Finalists are notified that they have advanced to finalist standing . The National Merit Scholarship Program awards 8,400 scholarships worth more than \$36 million.

“Being a National Merit Finalist is an honor that both students and their families can be extremely proud of,” says Clark Daggett, head of school at Crossroads College Prep. “Beyond the individual level, the accomplishments of Alisa and Nell are also representative of the strength and depth of the Crossroads College Prep curriculum.”

Nell Briggs is an All-Conference athlete in volleyball, basketball, and soccer. A straight-A student, she delights in learning for learning’s sake and once memorized pi to 400 digits. Alisa Berg is a tri-lingual (English, French, and Lithuanian) artist who is an accomplished equestrian competitor in dressage. Also a straight-A student, Alisa uses her artistic talents to raise awareness for human and animal rights and is co-founder of the school’s Social Justice Club.

Crossroads College Preparatory School offers an academically challenging curriculum to a diverse and inclusive community of students in grades seven through twelve.

Crossroads College Prep encourages its students to engage their imaginations in every endeavor, ranging from the sciences to the fine arts, and strives to develop respectful citizens, who apply scholarship, imagination, and critical thinking to civic and social responsibility in their communities and beyond.

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