

## 6 Commended Students in 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program



### Six North Shore Commended Students

Principal Albert Cousins of North Shore High School proudly announced that Matthew Abramowitz, Cecilia Castellano, Claire Castellano, Angus Mackenzie, Olivia McDonagh, and Sean Whalen, were named Commended Students in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, was presented to these scholastically talented seniors.

Approximately, 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2011 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2011 competition.

“Recognition of high-achieving students is essential to advancing education excellence in our nation,” commented a spokesperson for the NMSC. “As demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly competitive program, the young men and women named Commended Students represent some of the most academically talented students in our country. We sincerely hope this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and encourage them in their pursuit of academic success.”

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