



## Southwest Allen County Schools

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### **Homestead Students Receive National Recognition**

*Fourteen high school seniors named 2016 National Merit Commended students.*

FORT WAYNE, IND., Sept. 25, 2015 — Homestead High School is proud to announce the names of fourteen students who have been named Commended Students in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Kayla Abramowski, Carla Barney, Kolin Behrens, David Choe, Kaitlyn Ducker, Samuel Dynako, Nkiruka Ezeakudo, Tessa Garwood, Mark Hammes, Jenna Haverstock, William Pennington, Adam Swiatkowski, Madison Van Buskirk, and Jacob Van Veld will receive a Letter of Commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their outstanding scholastic abilities.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2016 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2016 competition by taking the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

### **About Southwest Allen County Schools**

Nationally recognized and locally known for its award-winning programs, high-quality staff, and strong parental and community support, [Southwest Allen County Schools](http://SouthwestAllenCountySchools.org) is

dedicated to a shared mission of preparing today's learners for tomorrow's opportunities.

### **About the National Merit Scholarship Corporation**

The [National Merit Scholarship Corporation](#) (NMSC) was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 440 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

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