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COMMENDED STUDENTS IN THE 2010 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Thomas Calder, the principal of Spotswood High School, announced today that **Youstina Asaad** has been named a Commended Student in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2010 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQAT).

“Recognition of high-achieving students is essential to advancing educational excellence in our nation,” commented a spokesperson for 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 education opportunities and encourage them in their pursuit of academic success.”

The Spotswood Board of Education congratulates Youstina on this exceptional achievement and wishes her continued success.