This Letter of Commendation is awarded to DAVID C. SMITH for outstanding performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in 2009.

Prepared by
Harmony Science Academy - BCS

Principal

President
National Merit Scholarship Corporation
Dear Commended Student:

This Letter of Commendation signifies your designation as a Commended Student in the National Merit® Scholarship Program. Your high Selection Index score places you among the top 50,000 of over 1.5 million students who entered the 2011 National Merit Program by taking the 2009 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). All of us associated with the program join officials of your high school in congratulating you for your excellent performance on the PSAT/NMSQT.

You are among about 34,000 Commended Students nationwide who have shown exceptional academic promise. Only the 16,000 higher-scoring program participants who qualified as Semifinalists will continue in the competition for Merit Scholarship® awards. However, your performance on the qualifying test was outstanding and recognition as a Commended Student is a credit to you, your parents, and your high school.

The degree of success you achieve in the future will depend upon you—your use of abilities and your perseverance toward the goals you set for yourself. We offer you our best wishes with the hope that being named a Commended Student in the National Merit Program will broaden your horizons and encourage you to develop your potential to the fullest.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation
September 2010

For immediate release by the school

COMMENDED STUDENTS IN THE 2011 NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The principal, **Ali Tekin**, of **Harmony Science Academy-BCS** announced today that **David C. Smith** has (have) been named (a) Commended Student(s) in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to this (these) scholastically talented senior(s).

About 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 by taking the 2009 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

“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 educational opportunities and encourage them in their pursuit of academic success.”

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