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COMMENDED STUDENTS IN THE 2009 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

LaPorte, Ind. – October 6, 2008 –Headmaster Michael Kennedy of La Lumiere School announced today that Natalee Allenbaugh '09 has been named a Commended Student in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program. A letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, was presented by the Dean of Faculty, Kevin Spingler, to this talented senior.

Approximately 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2009 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2009 competition by taking the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

“Recognition of academically talented students and the key role played by schools in their development is essential to the pursuit of educational excellence in our nation,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “The young people named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program. We hope that this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and that they will continue to diligently pursue their professional goals.”

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La Lumiere is a coeducational lay Catholic boarding and day school that provides a comprehensive college-preparatory high school education for qualified young men and women from a rich diversity of backgrounds. It seeks to develop character, scholarship and faith, while remaining both independently accredited and faithful to its Catholic heritage. Current enrollment is 177 students. It is situated on a beautiful rural estate 8 miles north of La Porte. Please visit www.lalumiere.org for directions and additional information.