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La Lumiere Student Named Semifinalist in 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program

LaPorte, Ind. – September 23, 2009 – La Lumiere senior, Elaine B. Fehrs of Michigan City was named a Semifinalist in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Competition on September 14. More than 1.5 million juniors in about 22,000 high schools entered the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

Ms. Fehrs has been an active member of La Lumiere's award winning Science Olympiad team and a key player in the school's drama productions.

The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state.

To become a Finalist, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. Approximately 15,000 Semifinalists are expected to advance to the Finalist level and it is from this group that all National Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference. National Merit Scholarship winners of 2010 will be announced in the spring.

About La Lumiere School

La Lumiere is a coeducational lay Catholic boarding and day school with an enrollment of 190 students that provides a comprehensive college preparatory 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. It is situated on a beautiful rural estate, 25 miles west of South Bend, 60 miles east of Chicago, and 8 miles from both La Porte and New Buffalo.

More information about La Lumiere School can be found at www.lalumiere.org

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