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Press Release

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National Merit Recognizes EBRPSS Students

Baton Rouge, LA – Two East Baton Rouge Parish School System (EBRPSS) students out of more than 1,600 African-American high school seniors who were semi-finalists nationally have been chosen for **National Achievement Scholarships**. In addition, **one local student** of more than 1,000 will receive a **National Merit Scholarship for finalists, and three students have won National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships**.

In the National Achievement Scholarships, 800 students nationally won scholarship awards for college undergraduate study. A total of nine students from East Baton Rouge Parish School System were semi-finalists.

In the 45th annual Achievement Scholarship by the National Achievement Scholarship Program, McKinley High School's Devin Guillory won a National Achievement Scholarship of \$2,500 by National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the National Achievement Scholarship Program. Guillory hopes to pursue a career in Electrical Engineering. In addition, **Aaron Moore of Baton Rouge Magnet High School won a National Achievement Scholarship** of \$2,500. It was underwritten by the New York Times Company Foundation Inc. Moore plans to study Law.

All Achievement Scholar awardees were selected from the finalist group on the basis of their abilities, accomplishments and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The program, conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation, is a privately financed academic competition that operates without government assistance.

In the National Merit Scholarship, finalist Logan Cummings of the Baton Rouge Magnet High School won the Dr. Joseph J. Jacobs National Merit Scholarship. She plans to pursue a career in international business.

In addition, three EBRPSS students won **National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships** as determined by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Out of 2,500 national winners plucked from a total talent pool of 15,000 for 2009, local student winners were: **Angela Chun, Seena Khosravi and Mary Moroney, all of Baton Rouge Magnet High School.** The scholarships are funded by the Corporation itself.

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