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## PRESS RELEASE

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### Springwood School senior Catherine McClendon named Commended Student

Headmaster Rick Johnson announced that Catherine McClendon has been named a Commended Student in the 2015 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 Mr. Johnson 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 2015 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2015 competition by taking the 2013 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).



*Mr. Rick Johnson congratulates Catherine McClendon*

“The young men and women being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”

Mr. Johnson stated, “Catherine diligently strives to be an outstanding student. To qualify in the top 5% of students on a national level is a remarkable accomplishment. Through her performance in the classroom, along with her participation in scholar’s bowl, robotics, and varsity tennis, Catherine displays the ideals of Springwood as we help students develop with a balance of mind, body, and spirit. We congratulate Catherine on this high honor.” Catherine is the daughter of Jason and Dr. Jennie McClendon of Lanett.