



# SPRINGWOOD SCHOOL

*Educating for Today, Tomorrow, and Eternity*

## PRESS RELEASE

September 29, 2016

**Springwood Senior, Venu Reddy, named a Commended Student in the 2017 National Merit Program**

Springwood Headmaster, Rick Johnson, announced last week that senior, Venu Reddy, has been named a Commended Student in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, was presented by Mr. Johnson to this scholastically talented student in front of the high school students and faculty.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional Academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2017 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2017 competition by taking the 2015 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).



“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 accomplishment, 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, “Venu diligently strives to be an outstanding student. To qualify in the top 5% of students on a national level is a remarkable accomplishment. Through his performance in the classroom, along with his participation in scholar’s bowl, robotics, and varsity tennis, Venu displays the ideals of Springwood as we help students develop with a balance of mind, body, and spirit. We congratulate Venu on this high honor.” Venu is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Kris Reddy of Lanett.