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### **COMMENDED STUDENTS IN THE 2018 NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Reston, VA., - The principal, Tanya Klitsch, of Dominion Christian School announced today that William Burns, Chloe Konson and Mark Rockefeller have been named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from Dominion and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students out of 1.6 million students (top 2%) throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. "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."

#### **About Dominion Christian School**

Serving Northern Virginia for more than 23 years, Dominion provides a comprehensive K-12 classical Christian college-preparatory program. From mummifying chickens in second grade to a Barbarian (student) invasion in fifth grade, to participation in Harkness-style roundtable conversations about Plato, Homer, Augustine, Herodotus, and the founding documents of the United States in the middle and upper school years, Dominion is a place that makes learning rich, engaging, and memorable.

Classical education's holistic approach emphasizes formation, Great Books in the Western tradition, and teaching through the Trivium, a developmentally-sensitive approach to learning that includes formal instruction in grammar (knowledge, facts, and information), logic (the art of argumentation), and rhetoric (the art of writing and oration).

Dominion students routinely score significantly higher on standardized tests than some of the best college-preparatory schools in the country, and Dominion's average high school SAT score is significantly higher than the independent school national averages as well as Fairfax County and Loudoun County Public School averages. For more information about Dominion, please visit [www.dominionschool.com](http://www.dominionschool.com)