

## NEWS RELEASE

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Mariemont City Schools

### **Mariemont Seniors Named 2009 National Merit Finalists**



The National Merit Scholarship Program has announced that Mariemont High School seniors Leah Hamlin, David Spooner, and Nicholas Weaver have met all requirements and have advanced to Finalist standing in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards to be offered in 2008.

The application process for Finalist standing is a rigorous one whereby semifinalists must show evidence of academic excellence, extracurricular involvement, and consistent achievement both in the classroom and on the SAT test. In addition to acquiring the endorsement of their school, semifinalists must also write an essay about their interests, accomplishments, plans, and goals.

Hamlin, Spooner, and Weaver join the group of approximately 15,000 National Merit Semifinalists who advanced to the Finalist level in the 2009 competition. Approximately half of the Finalists will win Merit Scholarship awards and be honored as Merit Scholar designees. Notification of scholarship awards will be made in one of three announcements in April, May, or July.

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*Mariemont High School seniors Nicholas Weaver, David Spooner and Leah Hamlin have been named National Merit Finalists.*

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