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CLARK STUDENTS IN THE 2015 NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

STUART, FL (Oct. 17, 2014) – Debra Kohuth, Principle of the Clark Advanced Learning Center, announced today that Bradford Blankman, Kate McMahon, Ronald Orr and Clark graduate Emily Kiner have been named Commended Students in the 2015 National Merit® Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

Clark senior Bradford Blankman, resident of Stuart, is interested in a career in electrical engineering. Palm City resident and Clark senior Kate McMahon plans to pursue a career in political science or journalism. Another Clark senior, Ronald Orr of Hobe Sound is looking forward to a career in software engineering. Clark graduate Emily Kiner from Palm City is currently studying Pre-Dental at the University of Florida.

Located on the Chastain Campus of Indian River State College, Clark Advanced Learning Center is ranked as the top high school on the Treasure Coast and among the top ten high schools in Florida. Clark serves about 240 high school sophomores, juniors and seniors, enabling them to earn high school and college credits free through dual enrollment with the convenience of a college campus. Clark students also engage in internships related to their interests and utilize technology in project-based learning. A personal laptop computer is assigned to each student while in attendance at the school. The high-performing school is located at 2400 S.E. Salerno Road in Stuart.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. 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®).

“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.” ###

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