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WRHS Student ~ National Merit Scholar



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA –Warner Robins High School senior Miriam G. Baker was selected as a National Merit Scholarship winner by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). Only 2,500 Merit Scholars were chosen from more than 15,000 Finalists. Miriam received a \$2,500 scholarship.

To select scholarship winners, a committee of educators evaluated a substantial amount of information submitted by both the Finalists and their high schools. The academic record, to include difficulty of subjects studied and grades, earned; scores from two standardized tests; contributions and leadership in school and community activities; an essay written by the Finalist; and the recommendation written by a high school official were all part of the application.

National Merit Scholars have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills and potential for success in college. They were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors. These Scholars may use their awards at any regionally accredited U.S. college or university.

Miriam is the Warner Robins High Salutatorian. An avid reader and writer, she won National Novel Writing Month for six years and has advanced to the Amazon Breakthrough Novel Contest. When not writing, she served as president of her school's Academic Team, a competitive style she has been familiar with since her appearance on Jeopardy!'s Back-to-School Week in 2003. Other interests include mathematics, computers and foreign languages. She plans to attend Georgia Tech with a major in Computational Media and a minor in Japanese.

NMSC is a non-profit corporation founded in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. The majority of scholarships are underwritten by approximately 440 corporate and college sponsors.

Warner Robins High School is located at 401 South Davis Drive in Warner Robins. Steve Monday serves as principal. For more information, contact Monday at 478-929-7877 or visit: www.nationalmerit.org.

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