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Midland School Student Named as Commended Student in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program



William Johnston-Carter '10
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Los Olivos, CA – Will Graham, Head of Midland School, has announced that William Johnston-Carter, of San Luis Obispo, CA, has been named as a Commended Student in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. A letter of commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, was presented by Graham to Johnston-Carter, a senior at Midland School.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2010 competition for Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

“Recognition of high-achieving students is essential to advancing educational excellence in our nation,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “As demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly competitive program, the young men and women named Commended Students represent some of the most academically talented students in our country. We sincerely hope this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and encourage them in their pursuit of academic success.”

About Midland School

Founded in 1932, Midland School is a coeducational, college preparatory boarding and day school for grades 9-12. It is located in Santa Barbara County on a 2,860-acre working ranch. The school combines rigorous academics with intensive immersion in the environment, and maintains a philosophical commitment to authentic student leadership, simplicity, self-reliance and environmental stewardship. It is the blending of coursework and ecological practices at Midland that makes this school unique. In addition, Midland offers competitive athletics, an equestrian program, arts and metals programs, countless extracurricular clubs and a guest speaker program. Midland graduates are attending some of the most selective colleges including Stanford, Princeton, Wellesley, Williams, UCLA, Cal Berkeley, Occidental and the University of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Midland enrolls 90 students and employs 20 teachers, all of whom live on campus. Midland is a recipient of the 2009 Governor’s Environmental and Economic Leadership Award. **For more information about Midland School, please visit www.midland-school.org.**

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