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Two Badin High students earn 'Commended' status on National Merit test

Anita Randrianantoanina and Matt Roesch, seniors at Badin High School, have been named Commended Students in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program, Badin Principal Frank Margello has announced.

"These are two very talented students academically who have also been very good for Badin High School," Margello said. "That they are 'commended' students on the National Merit scholarship test is no surprise to us, because we certainly commend them for their efforts at Badin."

Randrianantoanina is the daughter of Narcisse and Beata Randrianantoanina of Oxford. She is a graduate of Talawanda Middle School.

Roesch is the son of Chuck and Melanie Roesch of Fairfield. He is a graduate of Sacred Heart School.

Randrianantoanina called herself “proud of myself ... really excited ... (because) I wasn’t expecting that much out of it. I get to share it with the colleges I’m applying to, and that’s a pretty big deal.”

Randrianantoanina is an ice skater and musician and said some of her top college selections included Notre Dame, Rice, Vanderbilt, Brandeis and Tufts. She’s deciding between political science, psychology and journalism as a college major, and spent three weeks this summer studying at Georgetown University in Washington D.C.

Both of her parents are math professors at Miami University and have an interesting story in their own right. Her mother is from Poland and her father is from Madagascar ... they met in graduate school at the University of Missouri.

Anita said her experience at Badin “definitely gets better as I get older. I’ve liked it a lot. It’s been fun.”

Matt is the fourth of four Roesch children to attend Badin, and his parents are also Badin graduates. He called his commended status “an honor” because, for one thing, it will get him in the trophy case in the front lobby of the school.

“It’s something that I’ve seen throughout my years at Badin – the National Merit students are always in the trophy case,” he pointed out. “Those are the brightest kids in the school, and it’s nice to be seen in that light.”

Roesch is considering a finance major in college, and his first choice is Notre Dame. He’ll also apply to Miami University and the University of North Carolina. He’s on Student Council at Badin, a J. Kyle Braid Scholar, plays football, and is also active in Athletes Making Progress and Ambassadors.

“Matt is rounding out a terrific family legacy at Badin, and we’re very pleased that Anita made the decision to come here,” Margello said. “This National Merit success is just further evidence of what outstanding students they are.”

The students will receive a Letter of Commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Program, which conducts the program.

Some 34,000 Commended Students are being recognized throughout the nation for their exceptional academic promise. Although they are not eligible for National Merit Scholarships, they placed among the top five percent of the more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2009 competition by taking the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

“The young people named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program,” a National Merit spokesman said. “We hope this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and that they will continue to diligently pursue their professional goals.”

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