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Badin's Christyn Bigler named National Merit 'Commended' Student

Christyn Bigler, a senior at Badin High School, has been named a Commended Student in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program, Badin Principal Frank Margello has announced.

"Christyn has done a very nice job at Badin High School and this is further proof of her ability," Margello said. "She's certainly left a positive mark during her career here."

Bigler is the daughter of Tim and Patricia Bigler of Hamilton and a graduate of St. Peter in Chains School.

Bigler called the announcement "a happy surprise." She's looking to study nursing or physical therapy at the University of Cincinnati or Ohio State. She attributed her academic success to "lots of motivation to do well. I've stayed home many nights studying when I could have been doing other things. My parents have always encouraged me to do the best that I can."

Christyn joins Michael Begovich and Jake Woodward on the National Merit list from Badin this year. Begovich and Woodward were previously announced as National Merit Scholarship semifinalists.

Christyn will receive a Letter of Commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, 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 2010 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

"The young men and women named Commended Students represent some of the most academically talented students in the country," commented a National Merit spokesman. "We sincerely hope this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and encourage them in their pursuit of academic success."

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