



Beaufort Academy announces National Merit Finalist, Michael Bible

Michael is the fifth BA senior to be named as a Finalist in the last four years.

Carrying on tradition, BA is proud to announce that senior Michael Bible is a National Merit Finalist. In addition to numerous Semifinalists and Finalists in previous years, this marks the fourth consecutive year that a BA senior has been named. In the last four years, five BA seniors, Kaitlyn Becker ('09), Luke Hetherington ('10), Nathaniel Rollings ('10), Lily Westergaard ('11), and now Michael Bible ('12), went on to become Finalists.

Bible, whose father currently serves in the US Navy as a PA on Parris Island, has attended BA since the 7th grade and has a cumulative GPA of 4.98. In addition, he recently scored 2250 on his SAT, with a 760 on the Math portion, a 760 on Critical Reading, and 730 on Writing. Bible has received numerous academic accolades, and beyond the classroom is involved in both school life and his community. He is currently a member of the National Honor Society, the French Honor Society, Interact Club, Quiz Bowl team, Math Team, and Literary Meet team. Michael is also the Student Body Treasurer, Editor of the Yearbook, Co-director of this year's school play, and competes on the Varsity Swimming, Basketball, and Soccer teams.

Off campus, Michael has served as an intern at both Beaufort Memorial Hospital and the Animal Medical Center of the Lowcountry, as well as spent a summer volunteering at the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Pharmacy. Last summer he was awarded the annual Thomas H. Horton, Jr. Memorial Scholarship and studied abroad in Switzerland in a French Immersion program.

"It is with greatest pleasure that Beaufort Academy announces that Michael Bible is a finalist for the National Merit Scholarship Program," said Ms. Julie Corner, Head of School at Beaufort Academy. "He is an exemplary student in many ways. This award seeks to honor Michael's academic achievements, while we at Beaufort Academy see that and so much more. He is an active community volunteer, school leader in numerous clubs, honor societies and student government, and accomplished in athletics and on stage. Michael exemplifies our core values of intellect, respect, pride, integrity, and leadership."

Of more than 1.5 million applicants from across the country, Michael Bible was announced as one of 16,000 students to be named a National Merit Semifinalist in the fall. These 16,000 students represent less than 1% of US high school seniors, and include the highest-scoring entrants in each state on the 2010 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

According to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, to become a Finalist, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.