



Summer Davidson



Allison Fraum



Elaina Reinsvold



William Humphreys

### **Four Thomas Jefferson students recognized for national scholastic achievement**

(Joplin, MO) The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has recognized four students at Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School as National Merit semifinalists and as commended.

The Thomas Jefferson National Merit Semifinalist selections are **Summer Davidson**, daughter of Terri and Robert Davidson of Joplin; **Allison Fraum**, daughter of Stephana and Lee Fraum of Joplin; and **Elaina Reinsvold**, daughter of Barbara and Thomas Reinsvold of Joplin. **William Humphreys**, son of Debra and David Humphreys of Joplin, was commended.

The names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 53rd annual National Merit Scholarship Program were announced today by officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards, worth \$34 million, that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must advance to the Finalist level of the competition by fulfilling several requirements.

To become a Finalist, a Semifinalist must have an academic record of very high performance, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier qualifying test performance. The Semifinalist and a school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's self-descriptive essay and information about the Semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities. Approximately 90% or 15,000 Semifinalists will advance to the Finalist level, and it is from this group that all, nearly 8,000, Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

#### **About Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School**

Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School is an independent, college preparatory school for students in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade. The school is dedicated to academic excellence and stands accountable for educating students to make the most of their abilities.