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**TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL EARLY GRADUATE
NAMED COMMENDED STUDENT IN
2012 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**



Texarkana, TX – Texas High School 2011 senior, Ellen Orr, has been named a Commended Student in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation were recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2012 competition by taking the 2010 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)

“The young men and women being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation.”

A Texas Early Graduate, Ellen is the daughter of Dr. Robin Rogers and Keith Orr. She was awarded the Nancy M. Christian Endowed Scholarship to Centenary College which is the highest academic award recognizing scholarship, leadership and service. The Nan Christian Scholarship covers tuition, fees, room and board for four years.

Ellen is currently the youngest student attending Centenary College and is a member of the Centenary Ladies Soccer Team and Zeta Tau Alpha.

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