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Queen of Peace seniors Shannon Majka and Amanda Ranftl have been named as Commended Students in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program, Principal/President Kathleen Hanlon announced Sept. 26.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the U.S. are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended students are among the top 5 percent of the 1.5 million students who entered the 2009 competition by taking the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as high school juniors.

Majka is a talented artist who plans to study art in college. Outside of school she is a dancer, focusing on ballet, tap and jazz. She recently joined a photography club.

She is a graduate of St. Symphorosa School and lives in Chicago (57th and South Moody).

Ranftl will study mechanical engineering in college. She loves to read science fiction and is vice president of the Spanish National Honor Society. She also is a member of several Peace clubs, including Environmental Club, Human Rights Task Force and Sonic Youth Music Appreciation Club.

She is a graduate of St. Bede the Venerable School and lives in Chicago (42nd and 82nd Place).

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