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### ST JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL, TRUMBULL ANNOUNCES 2018 NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP FINALIST

**FEB 9, 2018—TRUMBULL, CT—** St Joseph High School, striving to be Southern Connecticut’s premier college preparatory school, announced today that one of their Senior students, **Lavanya Sambaraju** has been selected as a 2018 National Merit® Scholarship Finalist.

This is the 63<sup>rd</sup> annual National Merit® Scholarship Program and approximately 16,000 semifinalists (including two from St Joseph High School) were announced in the fall. Of the finalists, these academically talented seniors will have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million.

“We could not be more honored! Lavanya is one of our top students and is very involved in our school community,” remarked **Dr. James Keane, Principal of St Joseph High School**. “This National Merit recognition further validates her accomplishments and the strength of our academic program.”

About 1.6 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The nationwide pool of Finalists represents less than 1% of US high school seniors.

**Lavanya Sambaraju** came to St Joseph High School from St Joseph School in Shelton, CT. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the AV Club, the Writing Center, and Yearbook. In addition, she is on the St Joseph track team, running long distance. Lavanya plans on applying to at least 10 colleges to study medicine.

St Joseph High School is proud to count a National Merit Scholar Finalist among our graduating class and we wish Lavanya the best of luck as she moves forward through the scholarship program.

#### **About St Joseph High School**

*St Joseph High School (SJHS) strives to be the premier college preparatory school in Southern Connecticut. The school provides a learning environment that embraces the Gospel values of the Roman Catholic faith and promotes a commitment to family and community. SJHS prepares young women and men to realize their potential, helps them to excel in higher education, and provides a foundation to guide them throughout their lives because where you go to high school matters. St Joseph High School is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools. [www.sjcadets.org](http://www.sjcadets.org)*

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