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Villa Park High School Students Excel

ORANGE, Calif., February 24, 2011—The Orange Unified School District is pleased to announce that students from Villa Park High School have received numerous accolades recently. Those include:

The Constitutional Rights Foundation of Orange County announcing VPHS student awards in Mock Trial:

- Ally Fitzgerald was named as an Outstanding Attorney
- Chris Baker was named as an Outstanding Witness
- Michaela Holland won the competition for Courtroom Artist (successfully defending the title she won last year)
- Andrew Billiter was second place in the competition for Courtroom Journalist.
- Michaela and Andrew qualify to compete in State Finals, March 25-27, in Riverside.

Also, all six of Villa Park High School's National Merit semifinalists advanced to National Merit finalists. They include:

- Kim, Daniel
- Lai, Jasper
- Le, Andrew
- Tran, Kristine
- Wilensky, Leah
- Wong, Alison

In addition, senior Megan Messerly won the Gold Key Award in the Portfolio category at the state level of the Scholastic Arts and Writing Competition. Her award was presented to her at a special ceremony in Sacramento last week, and Megan's Portfolio, a compilation of pieces representing a variety of genres from both Advanced Placement English 11 and AP English 12, is the only one honored with the Gold Key. Megan will now compete at the national level in New York.

Finally, senior Brooke Miller has achieved an uncommon academic milestone as she has been granted Honors at Entrance by Loyola Marymount University

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