AQSA SCHOOL STUDENT WINS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Bridgeview, IL – Jenna Baker, a senior and member of the National Honor Society at Aqsa School, has been named one of the 200 State Finalists in the National Honor Society Scholarship from NASSP. These 200 NHS State Finalists were first chosen from among nearly 5,000 applicants. Each finalist receives a $1,000 college scholarship.

“Jenna is extremely bright and a hard worker. It is such a thrill to see her academic and extracurricular commitments recognized by prestigious national organizations such as the National Honor Society and Junior Achievement Scholarship committee. These awards are much deserved and I am very proud of her achievements,” said Ms. Tammie Ismail, Aqsa School Principal.

Participating National Honor Society chapters from across the country nominated at least two senior high members to compete in this year’s program. Finalists were selected on the basis of their leadership skills, participation in service organizations, clubs and other student groups at school and in the community, and their academic record. As a finalist, Baker is recognized as one of the top 200 NHS members in the nation this school year.

“We are proud to recognize Baker, for her outstanding achievements and contributions to her school,” said Ann Postlewaite, NASSP Student Programs director. “Students nominated for the NHS Scholarship not only demonstrate academic excellence, but also extraordinary performance in service, leadership, and character traits that are more important today than ever before. In recognizing leadership and involvement in student activities as well as strong academic performance, the NHS Scholarship acknowledges the importance of a well-rounded education.”

While at Aqsa School, Jenna Baker has been the National Honor Society president, and has also been awarded the top Junior Achievement Scholarship of $20,000 this year. This is the third year in a row that an Aqsa student has received the top Junior Achievement Scholarship. This Fall she plans to attend the University of Illinois at Chicago to study Pharmacy.

About the National Honor Society Scholarship

NHS Scholarships have been awarded by the NASSP since 1946, providing more than $12 million in scholarships to outstanding NHS members. Now in its 68th year, the program annually awards $250,000 in scholarships. Only chapters with active affiliation are eligible to participate in the NHS scholarship program. Additional information about the program can be found at www.nhs.us/scholarships.

About NASSP

NASSP is the leading organization of the national voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals, and all school leaders from across the United
States and more than 45 countries around the World. The association provides research–based professional development and resources, networking, and advocacy to build the capacity of middle level and high school leaders to continually improve student performance. Reflecting its longstanding commitment to student leadership development, NASSP administers the National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, National Elementary Honor Society, and National Association of Student Councils. For more information about NASSP, located in Reston, VA, visit www.nassp.org.