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LTS Senior Honored with Scholarships

Dorset, VT—Nora Fiore, a Long Trail School senior from Pawlet, has been designated a National Merit Scholarship winner and is the recipient of the LEAD International Scholarship.

In the National Merit Scholarship Competition, driven by PSAT scores, Fiore competed with 1.4 million test takers. After review, this group was narrowed to 16,000

Semifinalists (the highest 1% in each state level). Of these students, 15,000 continued to Finalist status, who were selected by not only their test scores, but also an essay, grades, contributions to school and community, and recommendations. Nora is one of only 1,100 students to receive a National Merit Corporate Scholarship of \$2,500 and the designation of National Merit Scholar.

Additionally, Fiore won the \$1000 scholarship essay contest for LEAD International. The Marion Gray Memorial Scholarship focuses on women's history in Vermont. This year's theme, "Women's Art: Women's Vision", inspired Fiore to write about Dee Tigie of Manchester, Vermont, her long-time vocal teacher and friend. On April 23rd, Fiore was honored by the Vermont Statehouse as part of a resolution marking Women's History Month.

After pursuing a multitude of interests, including writing plays, acting in various venues in both Vermont and New York, performing with an opera company, Fiore will continue her education at Middlebury College this fall. She hopes to major in neuroscience and music.



Dee Tigie, Nora Fiore and John Malcolm, VT State Representative for Pawlet, Rupert, Wells and Middletown Springs, after reading the resolution honoring Dee Tigie and marking Women's History Month.