

Julia Slupska, of the 2009 graduating class of Stella Maris Academy, was awarded a full four-year merit scholarship by Portsmouth Abbey School in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

Julia wrote recently for a Portsmouth brochure: “The Diman Scholarship has given me the very unique opportunity to evolve morally and academically in a school that is both diverse and grounded in the thousand-year-old Benedictine tradition.”

The prestigious merit-based grant is awarded each year to one boarding student entering grade nine. The recipient receives a full scholarship equaling the annual tuition, room and board that will be renewed each year of the student’s career at Portsmouth Abbey School, subject to a satisfactory yearly assessment by the Merit Scholarship Committee.

The Diman Scholarship has been established in honor of Reverend Dom Hugh Diman the founder and first headmaster of the school.

To qualify for the Diman Scholarship, test scores should be in the 90th percentile or above. Julia ranked in the 99th percentile nationally on the Secondary School Admissions Test (SSAT). The Diman Scholarship finalists, chosen by the Merit Scholarship Committee, are invited to visit campus during a weekend in February to meet faculty, staff and students. While on campus, each finalist is required to write an essay and be interviewed by members of the Diman Scholarship Committee.

Stella Maris Academy congratulates Julia Slupska on being the finalist among many deserving contestants for the Diman Scholarship. We recognize her courage on leaving her family and friends in San Diego and traveling to the east coast to pursue a solid liberal arts education and become the kind of person she desires to be.