

Alec Merski Bio

Alec Merski, 18, is a senior attending James Madison High School in Vienna, VA, where he will graduate with an advanced diploma in June 2014.

An Honor Roll student, Alec attended the Nysmith School in Herndon, VA and Landon School in Bethesda. An avid language student, Alec was one of two students at Landon taking two languages in addition to maintaining a regular curriculum. Alec spent two summers in Spain and a summer in China, living with host families, in an intensive language program to hone his language skills. He was also the recipient of the Excellence in Foreign Language Award. Alec served as the President of the China Roundtable of Washington, an annual forum held at the Chinese Embassy allowing experts on China to address current economic, cultural, and educational changes in China.

During his high school years, Alec ran Cross Country, and was named Captain of the Varsity team this past fall, receiving the Coaches' Award. Alec played Varsity Squash and was team captain for the past two seasons. He was an active member and officer of Model UN and served as the President of the Environmental Club. Alec also interned with the United States-Asia Foundation and the International Trade Commission in Washington, DC last summer.

Alec currently resides in Vienna, VA with his sister Alyssa, and parents, Rich and Donna Merski. Alec plans to major in International Relations and Economics when he enters college this fall.