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## **National Merit College-Sponsored Scholarship Awarded to Rancho Bernardo High School Senior**

*Claire Chung receives \$500-2,000 from University of Southern California (USC)*

(Evanston, Illinois) – Recently, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced over 3,100 winners of National Merit Scholarships financed by U.S. colleges and universities. One Poway Unified School District student was named a recipient of this distinguished achievement:



**Claire Chung:** Rancho Bernardo High School (Rancho Bernardo)  
National Merit University of Southern California (USC) Scholarship  
Probable Career Field: Finance

This award provides between \$500 and \$2,000 annually, for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship. This year, 160 higher education institutions financed merit scholarships, including 85 private and 75 public colleges/universities in 42 states and the District of Columbia (DC).

To date, 14 PUSD students have received merit-based awards from NMSC for the 2021-2022 academic year. NMSC named recipients of corporate-sponsored awards on April 21 and winners of National Merit® \$2500 Scholarships on May 12. Additional recipients of college-sponsored awards will be announced on July 12, 2021.

By the conclusion of this year's competition, about 7,500 academic champions will have won National Merit Scholarships, worth approximately \$30 million.

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