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## Six Poway Unified Students Named National Merit Corporate Scholarship Winners (2021)

*(Evanston, Illinois)* – The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) released today the names of approximately 1,000 corporate-sponsored scholarship winners from high schools across the country. Six students in the Poway Unified School District were included in this honorable group.



**Amita Ram:** Mt. Carmel High School (Rancho Peñasquitos)  
National Merit Leidos Inc. Scholarship  
Probable Career Field: Bioengineering

**Kaitlyn Chan:** Poway High School (Poway)  
National Merit Bristol-Myers Squibb Company Scholarship  
Probable Career Field: Medicine

**Kate Ahn:** Rancho Bernardo High School (Rancho Bernardo)  
National Merit Northrop Grumman Scholarship  
Probable Career Field: Screenwriting/Directing

**Adam Khoja:** Rancho Bernardo High School (Rancho Bernardo)  
National Merit Northrop Grumman Scholarship  
Probable Career Field: Computer Science

**Gary Lin:** Westview High School (Torrey Highlands)  
National Merit Ametek Scholarship  
Probable Career Field: Bioinformatics

**Allen Zhang:** Westview High School (Torrey Highlands)  
National Merit Pfizer Inc. Scholarship  
Probable Career Field: Computer Science

Each PUSD student was chosen because they advanced to the Finalist level in the NMSC competition and met criteria of their scholarship sponsors. Most of these awards are renewable for up to four years of college undergraduate study and provide annual stipends that range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 per year.

NMSC will name the recipients of National Merit \$2,500 scholarships on May 12, and winners of college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards on June 2 and 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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