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Fourth Round of National Merit Scholars Announced, Westview Student among Finalists

Mars Whiteside receives \$500-2,000 from University of Southern California (USC)

(Evanston, Illinois) – One Poway Unified School District student was named a recipient of a college-sponsored scholarship in the final round of National Merit Scholarship awards:

Mars T. Whiteside: Westview High School (Torrey Highlands)
National Merit University of Southern California (USC)
Scholarship
Probable Career Field: Mechanical Engineering



Mars joins more than 3,100 other awardees who were announced in June. To date, 15 PUSD students have received merit-based awards from NMSC for the 2021-2022 academic year.

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). 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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