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Poway Unified School District Students Named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Students from Del Norte, Mt. Carmel, Rancho Bernardo and Westview High Schools were among the 16,000 national semifinalists named in the 64th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program. The high school students named now have the opportunity to compete for 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million.

Semifinalists must meet a number of requirements to move on to the finalist level. According to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, over 90% of the semifinalists are expected to advance to the finalist level and about 50% of the finalists are expected to win a National Merit Scholarship and earn the title of Merit Scholar.

Over 1.6 million juniors in about 22,000 high schools entered the program by taking the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). This group of semifinalists represents less than 1% of U.S. high school seniors.

Congratulations to the following Poway Unified School District National Merit Scholarship semifinalists:

DEL NORTE HIGH SCHOOL:

Arora, Akul	Cruse, Kevin	Steinberg, Jesse I.
Arunkumar, Kaushik	Junaidi, Christabelle	Sudarshan, Aruna
Chan, Wynnie	V.	Tu, Michael Z.
Chari, Shrea A.	Krishnamoorthy,	Verma, Shruti
Chaudhary, Yaman	Vinod	Wei, Ryan K.
Chen, Angela J.	Liu, Johnny R.	Zhu, Katherine Y.
Chen, Danica	Sood, Divya	

MT. CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL:

Leslie, Rachel L.

RANCHO BERNARDO HIGH SCHOOL:

Kumar, Shubham

Liu, Angela

Orr, Zachary A.

Timmerman, Eric

Zublin, Cassidy M.

WESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL:

Alawani, Aniruddhag A.

Bhattacharya, Uposhanto

Bu, Amy

Chen, Kevin S.

Chin, Nicholas

Dyer, Riley J.

He, Mingda

Huang, Tina L.

Khanwale, Aniruddh P.

Lam, Jessica

Lu, Cameron R.

Ma, Clair

Nguyen, Khanh

Phuong, Ethan Y.

Qiang, Si Min

Schlusberg, Rachel A.

Song, Yang

Tong, Jacqueline C.

Wang, Su-Yue A.

Zhu, David S.

Zhu, Richard S.

Students moving on to the Finalist Level will be notified in February, and the National Merit Scholarship winners will be announced beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship winners will join some 338,000 distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

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