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## **63 Poway Unified Students Named 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists**

The Poway Unified School District is proud to announce that 63 PUSD high school seniors have been selected as Semifinalists in the 63rd annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

About 1.6 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state.

These academically talented students have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million. The Finalists will be chosen based on their academic record, information about the school's curricula and grading system, two sets of test scores, the high school official's written recommendation, information about the student's activities and leadership, and a personal essay. Finalists will be selected in February 2018, and all winners are chosen in the Spring of 2018.

### **2018 Poway Unified Semifinalists by School**

| <b>Name</b>          | <b>Site</b>           |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Advaita Chandramohan | Del Norte High School |
| Kevin J. Chen        | Del Norte High School |
| Valerie K. Chen      | Del Norte High School |
| Sarah K. Cheng       | Del Norte High School |
| Carolyn Du           | Del Norte High School |
| Rose M. Hong         | Del Norte High School |
| Sukruth S. Kadaba    | Del Norte High School |

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Sunwoo Kim           | Del Norte High School |
| Jordan Lam           | Del Norte High School |
| Haemin J. Lee        | Del Norte High School |
| Everett Lin          | Del Norte High School |
| Sameeksha Panda      | Del Norte High School |
| Emily Park           | Del Norte High School |
| Anjali Ramesh        | Del Norte High School |
| Nathaniel K. Schoppa | Del Norte High School |
| Urmi Suresh          | Del Norte High School |
| Jessica S. Trost     | Del Norte High School |
| Claudia Q. Xue       | Del Norte High School |
| Tracy Zeng           | Del Norte High School |

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| Carson Alfonzo    | Mt. Carmel High School |
| Eileen J. Bost    | Mt. Carmel High School |
| Jonathan P. Cline | Mt. Carmel High School |
| Juliana M. Fox    | Mt. Carmel High School |
| Johnathan T. Tran | Mt. Carmel High School |

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| Evan J. Bartholomeusz | Poway High School |
| Hannah G. Cheves      | Poway High School |
| Kai Yuan Liu          | Poway High School |

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| Daniel C. Chen      | Rancho Bernardo High |
| Wesley M. Domsalla  | Rancho Bernardo High |
| Elizabeth L. Durkin | Rancho Bernardo High |
| Ayaan A. Gopalan    | Rancho Bernardo High |
| Samuel Y. Hunter    | Rancho Bernardo High |
| Rachel M. Leete     | Rancho Bernardo High |
| Nina Lu             | Rancho Bernardo High |
| Robert C. Ozturk    | Rancho Bernardo High |
| Bradley A. Pickard  | Rancho Bernardo High |

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| Allison Bao        | Westview High School |
| Nathan D. Bradshaw | Westview High School |
| Steven Chen        | Westview High School |
| Robin L. Chu       | Westview High School |
| Alan B. Dinh       | Westview High School |
| Liam E. Fowler     | Westview High School |
| David A. Galash    | Westview High School |
| Jamie Geng         | Westview High School |
| Ricky R. Guo       | Westview High School |
| Eric H. Kang       | Westview High School |
| Jeeyu A. Kim       | Westview High School |
| Andrew Lee         | Westview High School |
| Nir Levin          | Westview High School |
| Rehana Nasser      | Westview High School |
| Kevin New          | Westview High School |
| Nicole Nolan       | Westview High School |
| Nandini Rajgopal   | Westview High School |
| Seth Siegel        | Westview High School |
| Charles Z. Wang    | Westview High School |
| Kerry X. Wang      | Westview High School |
| Jack Yang          | Westview High School |
| Ethan Y. Yao       | Westview High School |
| Andre A. Yin       | Westview High School |
| Kevin Yu           | Westview High School |
| Angela J. Zeng     | Westview High School |
| Eric Zhang         | Westview High School |