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Over 40 Poway Unified Students Named Semifinalists in 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program

(Evanston, IL) – Today the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 66th annual NMSC Program for 2021. Poway Unified School District (PUSD) is proud to announce that 41 Poway Unified students belong to this honorable group:



Del Norte HS

Zahir Ahmed
Laura Cho
Katelyn V. Dale
Eagan G. Kaminetz
Omkaar R. Kulkarni
Emily H. Mun
Saaya D. Sitlani
Jacob R. Todd
Kevin Q. Wang
Luya Wei
Lindsay Wright
Christine S. Wu
Allen R. Yang
Joshua Z. You
Cynthia Zhang
Katherine Zhang

Mt. Carmel HS

Audrey I. Dickinson
Anna E. Ensberg
Hashmatullah Hatamy
Matthew C. Niedre
Amita V. Ram

Poway HS

Kaitlyn R. Chan

Rancho Bernardo HS

Kate S. Ahn
Mackenzie R. Bivin
Claire D. Chung
Adam A. Khoja
Dhruv Kumar
Jaden M. Nguyen
Lauren G. Pickard

Westview HS

Andrew S. Jia
Heidi Q. Lau
Austin M. Li
Gary J. Lin
Rebecca Liu
Ashley Y. Ma
Daniel H. Shaw
Daniel A. Sjolholm
Maya T. Whiteside
George H. Wu
Michael Wu
Allen J. Zhang

Over 1.5 million junior in about 21,000 high schools across the nation entered the 2021 NMSC Program by taking the 2019 Preliminary STA/NMSC Qualifying Test. The pool of Semifinalists represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, and includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. These PUSD students, as well as semifinalists across the state, will have the chance to compete for 7,6000 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$30 million. These scholarships will be offered in Spring 2021.

About the National Merit Scholarship Corporation

NMSC is a not-for-profit organization that was established in 1955 with the collective goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence. Scholarships are awarded in part by NMSC's own funds and contributions from approximately 400 business organizations and institutions of higher education. More information about NMSC can be found [here](#).

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