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SEMIFINALISTS IN THE 2014 NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM September 11, 2013 Announcement

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Note to editors: Semifinalists in your state are listed alphabetically by city and high school following this press release.

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Caution: Using numbers of Semifinalists to compare high schools, educational systems, or states will result in erroneous conclusions. The National Merit® Scholarship Program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The program does not measure the quality or effectiveness of education within a school, system, or state. For more information about the competition, please visit NMSC's website at www.nationalmerit.org.

Semifinalists Named in the 2014 National Merit® Scholarship Program

(Evanston, Illinois) Today officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 59th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,000 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$35 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and more than half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 440 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

Steps in the 2014 Competition

About 1.5 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2012 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. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become a Finalist, the Semifinalist and their high school must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the Semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.

From the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of Finalists. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

National Merit Scholarships

Three types of National Merit Scholarships will be offered in the spring of 2014. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit \$2500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state representational basis. About 1,000 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards will be provided by approximately 240 corporations and business organizations for Finalists who meet their specified criteria, such as children of the grantor's employees or residents of communities where sponsor plants or offices are located. In addition, about 200 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 4,500 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2014 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 300,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

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Semifinalists: 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program

NEVADA

CARSON CITY

CARSON H. S.
160 Gray, Zoey I.

ELKO

ELKO H. S.
542 Schmidt, Kelley E.

HENDERSON

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA
H. S. - SOUTH
457 Stubberud, Allen J.

CORONADO H. S.

175 Farre, Ashley A.
559 Fisch, Robert J.
999 Gates, Crawford S.
600 Kawaguchi, Brandon M.
900 Longley, Marylin

GREEN VALLEY H. S.

870 Kaboud, Yasmeen
162 Yaffe, Noah M.

LIBERTY H. S.

907 Smith, Brayden A.

LAS VEGAS

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES
ACADEMY
836 Knoeppel, Matthew G.
843 Podzorski, Mateusz
710 Ponciano, Timothy
454 Tucker, Benjamin L.

CENTENNIAL H. S.

164 Madsen, Lindsey

EDWARD W. CLARK H. S.

303 Berger, Spencer A.
619 Chang, Stephanie K.
999 Grant, Craig A.
200 Jiang, Siyu
301 Kern, Theodore E.
628 Kim, Geewoo
999 Kwok, Michael G.
451 Merrill, Evan K.
522 Mooney, Michael G.
836 Palagi, Joshua S.
160 Shattler, Zachary L.
467 Tabor, Griffin F.
999 Wan, Frank C.
201 Zhang, Kevin K.

CORAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

451 Winkler, Aaron J.

FAITH LUTHERAN H. S.

451 King, Ishmael R.

BISHOP GORMAN H. S.

160 Teng, Jennifer M.

HOMESCHOOL

450 Siegel, Noah

MEADOWS SCHOOL

200 Brown, Parker G.
943 Hopper, Jared B.
553 Manzini, Sabina A.
999 Mayes, Melaney A.
161 Ramakrishnan, Divya

PALO VERDE H. S.

162 Bruce, Angele K.
600 Shen, Brenda J.

RANCHO H. S.

455 Schwartz, Hava R.

SILVERADO H. S.

837 Branigan, Mary K.

VALLEY H. S.

999 Heavey, Jack C.

712 Peron, Soraya
160 Ta, Jonathan

WEST CAREER

TECHNICAL ACADEMY
742 Fernandez, Dayne J.
185 Yang, Alan W.

MINDEN

DOUGLAS H. S.
450 Niday, Katherine E.
950 Phillips, Elizabeth M.

NORTH LAS VEGAS

LEGACY H. S.
605 Steidl, Tyler P.

RENO

ACADEMY OF ARTS, CAREERS
AND TECHNOLOGY
843 Trunnels, Trevor N.
450 Vavra, Mitchell S.

DAMONTE RANCH H. S.

943 Hickox-Young, Isaac B.

THE DAVIDSON ACADEMY OF NEVADA

830 Bauer, Rebecca
454 Chien, Lillian
121 Gaetke, Timothy M.
999 Gibbs, Kevin M.
999 Hayes, Alexander
204 Huh, Christopher J.
166 Lokshin, Jacob
743 Rohatgi, Karthik W.
628 Shinagawa, Austin N.
550 Thompson, Rebecca
999 Van Havel, Jason
742 Vulich, Benedict J.
000 Wei, Dennis H.
999 Weiss, Hadley S.

GALENA H. S.

168 Watkins, Bailey C.

HOMESCHOOL

457 Poston, Jamie E.

BISHOP MANOGUE CATHOLIC H. S.

830 Gray, Daniel T.
999 Ramirez, William R.

ROBERT MC QUEEN H. S.

455 Lynam, Hudson S.
160 Nelson, Rachel R.

RENO H. S.

906 Blair, Brittany B.
900 Eckert, Madison C.
459 Gupta, Ariel M.
302 Kerr, Nathan J.
160 Luo, Tania

SAGE RIDGE SCHOOL

946 Barnaby, Celeste L.
204 Robison, Konner K.
904 Taylor, Ashley M.
302 Thompson, Finn C.
901 von Nagy, Helena C.

EARL WOOSTER H. S.

453 Carson, Jacob H.
520 Ebner, Charlotte
628 Eom, William
000 Farrar, Benjamin D.
000 Galvan, Sergio
185 Wan, Michael Y.

SPARKS

EDWARD C. REED H. S.
169 Berger, Cory A.
999 Miller, Anna

SPANISH SPRINGS H. S.

999 Azcarate, Heather E.