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Three CCSD students named 2015 National Merit Scholarship competition winners

Students will receive college scholarships through corporate-sponsored merit scholarships

LAS VEGAS – Three Clark County School District (CCSD) students were named winners of Corporate-Sponsored Merit Scholarships through the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Competition. Out of more than 1.4 million high school juniors who were entered in the competition after taking the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), the following CCSD students were among the first group of 1,000 winners honored for their exceptional academic ability:

- **Eric M. Lujan**, Coronado High School - National Merit State Farm Companies Foundation Scholarship winner
- **Sean Berman**, Green Valley High School - National Merit Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Scholarship winner
- **West E. Wagner**, Silverado High School - National Merit Luxottica Scholarship winner

To qualify for the corporate-sponsored scholarships, students needed to advance to the finalist level of the National Merit Scholarship competition by completing a detailed application process. Additionally, students had to meet the criteria of their scholarship sponsors. Corporate sponsors provide National Merit Scholarships for finalists who are children of their employees, who are residents of communities the company serves, or who plan to pursue college majors or careers that the sponsor encourages.

Most National Merit Scholarship awards are renewable for up to four years of college undergraduate study and provide annual stipends that range from \$500 to \$10,000 per year. Others provide a single payment between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Winners can use their awards at any regionally accredited U.S. college or university of their choice.

By the end of the 2015 competition, approximately 7,600 finalists will have received National Merit Scholarships totaling \$34 million. The program, established in 1955, continues to recognize students with the strongest combination of academic skills and achievements, accomplishments in extracurricular activities and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

To learn more about the National Merit Scholarship program, visit nationalmerit.org.

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