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SEMIFINALISTS IN THE 2011 NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM September 15, 2010 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 2011 National Merit® Scholarship Program

(Evanston, Illinois) Today the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 56th annual National Merit Scholarship Program were announced by officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,400 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$36 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 approximately 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 450 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 Competition

About 1.5 million juniors in some 22,000 high schools entered the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2009 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, which represents 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, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. The Semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's essay and information about the Semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Approximately 15,000 Semifinalists are expected to advance to the Finalist level and it is from this group that all National Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen. 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 2011. 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 250 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 4,900 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2011 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 275,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

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Semifinalists: 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program

NEVADA

BOULDER CITY

BOULDER CITY H. S.
630 Ahrens, Dallas N.
843 Richner, Nathan J.
999 Woodbury, Grant J.

CARSON CITY

CARSON H. S.
162 Duong, Connie Y.
120 Jiron, Sierra D.
999 Kortemeier, Emma C.
628 Swezey, Elizabeth R.

HENDERSON

CORONADO H. S.
630 Blair, Lauren R.
303 Burhan, Murtaza
999 Carle, Alex B.
600 Cottrell, Christina
450 Du, John L.
999 Pak, Jason
000 Wilson, Ryan K.
000 Yu, Allen

EXPLORE KNOWLEGE ACADEMY
CHARTER SCHOOL
624 Campling, Andrew F.

GREEN VALLEY H. S.
843 Callahan, Connor S.
821 Montero, Jadon C.
200 Nam, Stephanie J.
164 Welch, Benjamin C.

LAS VEGAS

THE ADELSON SCHOOL
843 Wexler, Joshua A.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES
ACADEMY
160 Kiyantseva, Anna A.
160 Tully, Michael A.

CENTENNIAL H. S.
450 Abramson, Rachel E.
450 San Jose, John N.

EDWARD W. CLARK H. S.
454 Both, Nathalia A.
463 Kang, So Won
774 Kim, Yuna
950 Ling, John T.
454 Ni, Calvin
450 Regner, Karl A.

DEL SOL H. S.
999 Acker, Richard J.

BISHOP GORMAN H. S.
450 Harty, Michael J.
906 Morea, Jacqueline N.
999 Roush, Elizabeth K.
450 Santoro, Nicole J.
162 Shoemaker, Matthew J.
712 Zentner, Sarah K.

HOME SCHOOL
160 Wright, Sarah C.

LAS VEGAS ACADEMY OF
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND
PERFORMING ARTS
943 Carrol, Rebecca M.
400 Rodriguez, Monique N.
450 Ross, Karah R.

MEADOWS SCHOOL
999 Batra, Ajay K.
162 Batugal, Troy G.
200 Campbell, Sterling M.
162 Chung, Kelly K.
160 Daulat, Shilpa
162 Gupta, Sanchay
999 Lopez, Adelaide S.
999 Lopez, Sinead A.

712 Park, Sharon
836 Rehberger, Alex J.
900 Silbey, Spenser P.
250 Stone, Chelsea B.

PALO VERDE H. S.
169 Grimes, Nathaniel G.
999 Harrison, Stephanie
303 Lopez, Derek A.
999 Mann, Jeremy A.
450 Marek, Matthew B.
710 Shen, Alexander J.
160 Veerappan, Ramanathan

SIERRA VISTA H. S.
999 Chan, Tiffany

VALLEY H. S.
904 Malone, Alexandria W.

MINDEN

DOUGLAS H. S.
450 Lane, Dylan L.
712 Miller, Patrick T.
303 Nicholson, Nolan A.
559 Niday, William B.

RENO

THE DAVIDSON ACADEMY
OF NEVADA
628 Jan, Darlon
170 Jensen, Erik G.
553 McLaughlin, Sasha M.
501 Rasmussen, Tristan H.

GALENA H. S.
999 Geerling, Danielle M.
999 Stachofsky, Mary E.

HOME SCHOOL
303 Etchart, Cameron M.

BISHOP MANOGUE CATHOLIC H. S.
837 dePolo, Paige E.
906 Gansert, MacKenzie E.
843 Gray, Kathryn A.

RENO H. S.
628 Bryant, Lisa
168 Vallas, Alexandra N.

TRUCKEE MEADOWS COMMUNITY
COLLEGE H. S.
870 Kirchoff, Ileah M.

EARL WOOSTER H. S.
742 Henjum, Dana R.
450 Smith, Brin R.

SPARKS

EDWARD C. REED H. S.
907 Littlefield, Tara R.

SPANISH SPRINGS H. S.
999 Duggan, Michelle M.
162 Strozza, Steven M.