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SEMIFINALISTS IN THE 2013 NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM September 12, 2012 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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Semifinalists Named in the 2013 National Merit® Scholarship Program

(Evanston, Illinois) Today officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 58th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,300 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 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 2013 Competition

About 1.5 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2011 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, 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 2013. 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 4,800 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2013 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 291,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

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Semifinalists: 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program

WASHINGTON

ANACORTES
ANACORTES H. S.
902 Hallingstad, Ellen

AUBURN
HOMESCHOOL
999 Leonard, Karina M.

THOMAS JEFFERSON H. S.
628 Byeon, Yen Ji
171 Jaquish, Paul D.
627 Pu, Shelley H.

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND
BAINBRIDGE H. S.
450 Gray, Emma E.
907 Greason, Nathaniel F.
450 Shea, Gregory

BELLEVUE
BELLEVUE H. S.
605 Chao, Derek W.
303 Wagner, Cole J.
454 Wen, Starr

INTERLAKE H. S.
870 Ahluwalia, Shiv
160 Braun, Sarah E.
520 Gabrielle, Haley K.
303 Guenter, Grant M.
303 Gulati, Gurwinder S.
682 Henshaw, Dawson B.
628 Hou, Darren
209 Hua, Christopher J.
209 Jordan, Graham M.
946 Kadie, Benjamin V.
843 Kiral, Taner M.
450 Li, Kevin K.
160 Locke, Margaret
162 Miller, Kayla
214 Mirzarian, Pedraam
457 Patel, Ryan
742 Pflieger, Luke B.
200 Rodriguez, David
700 Stiers, Laura E.
200 Sullivan, Emma
214 Tang, Gina
450 Taves, Jay H.
450 Verma, Kanika
204 Vu, Kevin M.
999 Wang, Haoming
209 Zhang, Huadian
741 Zhou, Kathleen C.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
628 Badiie, Ryan K.
999 Becker, Katherine M.
742 Dana, William L.
463 Lund, Maggie

NEWPORT H. S.
456 Brallier, Rose
791 Burgess, Cassandra M.
303 Chien, Isabel
467 Choi, Kevin L.
450 Graue, Elisa B.
907 Hou, Amy
300 Jardine, Gail K.
254 Klinge, Michael R.
450 Qiu, Yue
467 Ren, Shannon
907 Sie, Amanda Y.
450 You, Marisa
450 Zhang, Emily

SAMMAMISH H. S.
999 Acone, Ben P.

BELLINGHAM
SEHOME H. S.
160 Junntila, Kara E.
792 Sheinkopf, Zoe R.

SQUALICUM H. S.
450 Goo, Anthony C.
628 Truong, Hannah P.

BREMERTON
CROSSPOINT ACADEMY
907 Pledger, Philip J.

CAMANO ISLAND
HOMESCHOOL
627 Wolf, Christine E.

CAMAS
CAMAS H. S.
742 Bintz, Marcus J.
461 Hsu, Jake
843 Roche, Evan P.

UNION H. S.
904 Cheng, Yun
904 Schauer, Trevor J.

COLFAX
COLFAX H. S.
833 Knaack, Hannah

HOMESCHOOL
770 MacDonald, Katharine E.

DEMING
MOUNT BAKER H. S.
451 Bean, Nicholas W.

EDMONDS
EDMONDS - WOODWAY H. S.
161 Spence, Emma C.
999 Strauss, Scarlett H.

EVERETT
EVERETT H. S.
160 Peterson, Deborah J.

ARCHBISHOP MURPHY H. S.
185 Conley, Mariah F.
168 Leat, Alexander J.
467 Vilgalys, Max A.

FEDERAL WAY
TODD BEAMER H. S.
200 Yoo, Joon G.

DECATUR H. S.
843 Nicol, Michael E.

GIG HARBOR
GIG HARBOR H. S.
451 Gordon, Amanda L.
463 Long, Hannah C.
999 Mikkelborg, Anna C.
999 O'Neill, Aidan B.

GRANITE FALLS
GRANITE FALLS H. S.
450 Benthin, Jessy

ISSAQUAH
ISSAQUAH H. S.
202 Hahn, Braden F.
160 Han, Tiffany
999 Hansen, Alexander D.
160 Kapusinski, Zoey L.
454 Kim, Allen Y.
940 Poulain, Viviane R.
200 Rasquinha, Christine L.
520 Repp, Emily A.
628 Sapienza, Hunter P.
999 Sirohi, Nikita A.
360 Wang, Allen A.

KENMORE
INGLEMOOR H. S.
450 Bachal, Rahul
772 Sokol, Henry J.
200 Zhou, Kathleen
161 Zhu, Cynthia

KENNEWICK
KAMIakin H. S.
628 Booth, Hannah E.
870 Duncan, Brenna R.
999 Miskho, Alexandria C.
450 Rakowski, Robin M.
450 Thevuthasan, Sangeetha

KENT
KENT - MERIDIAN H. S.
999 Hanson, Jonathan W.

KENTLAKE H. S.
501 Owsen, Kyle J.
830 Raybuck, Michael T.

KENTRIDGE H. S.
628 Dugan, James K.
600 Ie, Timothy B.
160 Sanford, Emily M.
628 Singh, Karanbir
300 Yu, Jeannette L.

KIRKLAND
EASTSIDE PREPARATORY
SCHOOL
999 Parker, Conrad R.

HOMESCHOOL
467 Walsh, Gordon F.

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
SCHOOL
142 Collyer, Amanda Y.
999 Ganesan, Priya
943 Han, Yena
160 Lin, Amanda
162 Sukumar, Smrithi

JUANITA H. S.
999 Hsu, Gabrielle M.

LAKE WASHINGTON H. S.
999 Roberts, Katherine A.

LACEY
POPE JOHN PAUL II H. S.
450 Wetzell, Rebecca L.

NORTH THURSTON H. S.
943 Henderson, Emily C.
999 Veis, Annika C.

LAKE STEVENS
LAKE STEVENS H. S.
470 Brazelton, Alan P.

LONGVIEW
MARK MORRIS H. S.
843 Avalon, Grant A.
830 Leslie, Nathaniel A.

LYNNWOOD
MEADOWDALE H. S.
200 Lee, Rachael S.

MEAD
MOUNT SPOKANE H. S.
843 Bastian, Carter J.

MERCER ISLAND
MERCER ISLAND H. S.
600 Chong, Samuel J.
451 Gest, Erik M.
742 Grosf, Isaac B.
870 Malik, Dhruv
870 Mayer, Calista A.
999 McRuer, Kaya L.
870 Morse, Emily C.
843 Williamson, Christina L.

MILL CREEK
HENRY M. JACKSON H. S.
161 Chu, Eunice J.
999 Steckler, Christopher J.

MOUNT VERNON
MOUNT VERNON H. S.
999 Glackin, Caroline

MUKILTEO
KAMIAK H. S.
461 Baron, Kevin W.
830 Chepuri, Sanjay N.
628 Huang, Alice X.
451 Kim, Younsu C.

200 Tran, Yvana
712 Xia, Julie X.

NORTH BEND
HOMESCHOOL
160 Adwan, Kenneth R.

OAK HARBOR
HOMESCHOOL
450 Fitzgerald, Jacob

OLYMPIA
CAPITAL H. S.
906 Jamison-Schneider, Freya

PORT ANGELES
PORT ANGELES H. S.
950 Hennessey, Erin

POULSBORO
NORTH KITSAP H. S.
455 Leonard, Mencius T.

PROSSER
PROSSER H. S.
467 Sperl, Hannah J.

PULLMAN
PULLMAN H. S.
459 Jayaram, Vivek
843 McAleer, Stephen M.

PUYALLUP
HOMESCHOOL
906 Balough, Benjamin A.

PUYALLUP H. S.
303 Chiu, Carter

REDMOND
BEAR CREEK SCHOOL
999 Benson, Andrew D.
843 Diamond, Karin L.
742 Lee, Yoon

THE OVERLAKE SCHOOL
722 Bond, Claire P.
843 Sun, Tiffany H.
999 Teper, Rebecca J.
700 Zhan, Jennifer

REDMOND H. S.
870 Brown, Isabella C.
843 Daw, Aron
999 Dietz, Olivia B.
450 Holtzinger, Meg L.
773 Jain, Samvit
628 Kim, Jennie
450 Martinez, Ashley N.
161 Narayanan, Arthi K.
999 Qu, Frank L.
999 Ranade, Ishan S.
950 Ronneburg, Alexander J.
950 Ronneburg, Karl A.
999 Sanu, Kanupria
450 Shubin, Vita
907 Wang, Daniel Y.
628 Ye, Joshua R.

RENTON
LIBERTY H. S.
254 Austin, Veronica M.

RICHLAND
HANFORD H. S.
999 Grate, Eva
999 Lu, Linda
120 McTighe, Katie L.
450 Sriram, Akhila
742 Stephens, Sean A.
600 Xie, Xi

RICHLAND H. S.
160 McKinley, Douglas E.

RIDGEFIELD
CEDAR TREE CLASSICAL
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
843 Meadowcroft, Nathanael S.

ROCKFORD
FREEMAN H. S.
161 Carasco, Benjam C.
459 Flack, Jonathan E.

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Washington (continued)

SAMMAMISH

EASTLAKE H. S.
999 Ainslie, Rachel I.
999 Concha, Felipe
300 Garland, Andrew G.
214 Palekar, Ajay

SKYLINE H. S.

629 Chung, Carlene
218 Guo, Jessica A.
303 Lee, Michael H.
451 Murching, Siddharth
200 Ning, Diana L.
200 Peng, Mary Alice
843 Shyamkumar, Nitin H.
907 Smith, Andrew P.
161 Ye, Sonya

SEATTLE

BALLARD H. S.
907 Lennon, Benjamin L.
451 Powell, Julian W.

THE BUSH SCHOOL

742 Anderson, Alexandra E.
999 Diamond, Michael M.
999 Garcia, Andreas S.

CENTER SCHOOL

943 Conley, Tara N.

GARFIELD H. S.

214 Barley-Greenfield, Evan
792 Carey, Catherine E.
741 Fenbert, Tavish W.
303 Gasaway, Derek B.
000 Huffaker, Hallie M.
450 Jacobs, Joel M.
000 Kaman, Nicholas
454 Layzer, Bailey
999 Lynch, Joanna
999 Rasch, Samuel A.
000 Schwartzberg, Galen B.
907 Skurdal, Kemper D.
710 Sussman, Franklin J.
999 Zhou, Judy

NATHAN HALE H. S.

905 Watrous, Marshall W.

HOLY NAMES ACADEMY

561 Causbie, Jacqueline M.
606 Welsh, Jacqueline R.

HOMESCHOOL

999 Narita, Nathan D.

INGRAHAM H. S.

175 Beauchamp, Sandra S.
999 Weiss, Peter J.

JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL H. S.

950 Herold, Rosemary G.

KINGS H. S.

467 Caplow-Munro, Devin S.
303 Kim, Seongwook

LAKESIDE SCHOOL

999 Abajian, Alexander C.
999 Anderson, Claire C.
209 Bodas, Aditya S.
904 Chen, Maximilian H.
600 Chen, Steven L.
209 Chou, Andrew S.
160 Deo, Sneha R.
169 Eitel, Helena
000 Fisher, Thayer A.
999 Glassford, Alexander S.
160 Glerum, Jennifer A.
710 Hathii, Gautam K.
000 Inglis, David C.
870 Johnson, Lavran M.
843 Klebanoff, Sam D.
999 Koh, Melanie Y.
000 Lang, Emily A.
999 Larus-Stone, Nicholas L.
450 Lawal, Aminah O.
360 Lee, Kyle A.
870 McElroy, Elizabeth M.
628 McGanney, Samantha A.
000 McHenry, Kathryn M.
742 Nirkhe, Chinmay

906 Ramos, Rebecca J.
999 Runde, Eleanor B.
303 Shum, Michael M.
454 Srivatsan, Akshay
790 Stonecipher, Grace C.
941 Taylor, Ellen L.
457 Tong, Alexander Y.
000 Ummat, Ishani T.
999 Verzuh, Daniel K.
000 Warren, Houston S.
700 Wilson, Francis L.
999 Wojciehowski, Shea E.
999 Wood, Sophia R.
451 Xing, Nicholas L.
999 Xu, Justin L.
712 Zucker, Leo M.

THE NORTHWEST SCHOOL

999 Marklyn, Rachel A.
720 Murphy, Michaela
628 Palmer, Mackenzie D.
450 Wu, Peter H.

ROOSEVELT H. S.

950 Early, Bronwyn
950 Pengra Sult, Evan

SEATTLE ACADEMY

791 Arborico, Brynn E.

**TRANSITION SCHOOL FOR EARLY
ENTRANCE PROGRAM**

999 Cannistra, Caroline O.
999 Haghanegi, Harrison M.
999 Ma, Christine K.

**UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY
ACADEMY**

520 Volk, Emma O.

SHORELINE

SHORECREST H. S.
999 Falkenberg, Tzuria M.
999 Kau, Robert U.
712 Sui, Jennifer L.

SHOREWOOD H. S.

160 Hickman, Nathan J.
450 Yuen, Rebecca S.
600 Zhou, Yi

SILVERDALE

CENTRAL KITSAP H. S.
771 Anderson, Nicholas J.
999 Grey, Seona
450 James, Austen A.
520 Stoehr, Savannah E.
450 Wyllie, Joshua L.

SNOHOMISH

GLACIER PEAK H. S.
628 Ingalls, Bailey K.

SNOHOMISH H. S.

628 Pisac, Anna M.

SNOQUALMIE

MOUNT SI H. S.
185 Apone, Nicholas S.

SOUTH HILL

EMERALD RIDGE H. S.
742 Lund, Samuel C.

SPOKANE

GONZAGA PREPARATORY
SCHOOL
450 Wright, Benjamin M.

LEWIS AND CLARK H. S.

602 Li, David S.
450 Webster, Colin G.

MEAD H. S.

461 Baird, Andrew R.
907 Thackston, Jacob

OAKS CLASSICAL
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
999 Cable, Nikolas T.

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL

628 Choka, Maxwell A.
999 Culbertson, Bruce T.
455 Heftel, Justin D.

WEST VALLEY H. S.
999 Gallaher, Gail H.

SPOKANE VALLEY

CENTRAL VALLEY H. S.
254 Allen, Lauren R.
470 Kable, Charles W.
459 Moore, Alexandria J.
302 Schutts, John B.

UNIVERSITY H. S.

450 Maningas, Kevin G.

TACOMA

BELLARMINE PREPARATORY
SCHOOL

628 Casey, John
303 Doenges, Ryan H.
450 Harroun, Alexis J.
628 So, Brandon

CHARLES WRIGHT ACADEMY

900 Mayer, Katherine M.
300 Patterson, Keegan A.

TUMWATER

TUMWATER H. S.
303 Icenogle, James A.

UNIVERSITY PLACE

CURTIS H. S.
454 Phan, Katherine X.

VANCOUVER

COLUMBIA RIVER H. S.
920 McCarthy, Steven J.

EVERGREEN H. S.

836 Downer, Lydia

HOMESCHOOL

619 Bombardier, Hannah E.

MOUNTAIN VIEW H. S.

628 Kim, Rachel H.
200 Lan, Miranda
741 Nagari, Rohith T.

**SETON CATHOLIC COLLEGE
PREPARATORY H. S.**

833 Beale, Ada S.

WOODINVILLE

WOODINVILLE H. S.
450 Chiesa, Dante J.
454 Matthews, Christian J.
185 Ramesh, Karthik K.

YAKIMA

WEST VALLEY H. S.
185 Rhodes, Jessica