SEMIFINALISTS IN THE 2017 NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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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 in the 2017 National Merit® Scholarship Program

(Evanston, Illinois) Today officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semiﬁnalists in the 62nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth about $33 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 about 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 420 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.

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Steps in the 2017 Competition

About 1.6 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2015 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 his or her 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 2017. 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 230 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 190 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 4,000 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2017 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 323,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

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FLORIDA

ALACHUA
SANTA FE H. S.
600 Triplet, Tiffany M.

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS
LAKE BRANTLEY H. S.
302 Czech, Lauren A.
100 Gros, Paul T.
191 Harper, Amy A.
906 Harvey, Erin M.
450 Nolan, Stephanie L.
161 Crozzo Vega, Claudia D.

AVE MARIA
HOMESCHOOL
700 Henderson, Teresa M.

BARTOW
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SCHOOL
700 Beller, Vasileiki
101 Patel, Nandan S.
628 Silas, Mahima A.

BOCA RATON
BOCA RATON COMMUNITY H. S.
188 Christie, Katherine
463 Faris, David J.
700 Fleming, Kathleen T.
160 Kerr, Susan L.
450 Taddionno, Matthew J.
742 Utsumi, Yuria

BOCA RATON COMMUNITY H. S.
168 Christy, Katherine

CAPE CORAL
HOMESCHOOL
999 Williamson, Jacob D.

CELEBRATION
CELEBRATION H. S.
162 Hollingsworth, Alexis N.

CLEARWATER
ALLENDALE ACADEMY
000 Clark, Nicolette

COCOA
SPACE COAST H. S.
743 Bowen, Daniel H.

COCOA BEACH
COCOA BEACH H. S.
303 Gansler, Wilson V.
150 Olsson, Benjamin
854 Vogt, Jarod
300 Ziegler, Courteney S.

COCONUT CREEK
ATLANTIC TECHNICAL H. S.
162 Rowe, Melissa M.

COIMBRA
HOMESCHOOL

COLD SPRINGS
N. S. U. UNIVERSITY SCHOOL
559 Lurie, Meredith S.

COLD SPRINGS H. S.
904 Paez, Mariana C.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE
168 Cortes, Lauren A.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CUTLER BAY
FORT LAUDERDALE H. S.
185 Atzali, Amir

DAVIE
COLLEGE ACADEMY AT BROWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
450 Bivins, Lorelei M.
843 Crayev, Christopher A.
201 Esthet, Jacob
999 Deas, Schuyler J.
162 Farrero, Czar
168 Rodriguez, John-Robert

NOVA H. S.
550 Tran, Isabella
450 Dool, Alejandra
300 Worley, Rohit

DE LAND
DE LAND H. S.
628 Ahmed, Naanu S.
214 Cortes, Luis

DEERFIELD BEACH
DEERFIELD BEACH H. S.
160 Medina, Mathieu D.
161 Seebaran, Natasha
162 Shringani, Sumant R.

DELRAY BEACH
AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL
303 Campbell, Lulu M.
450 Danesh, Anna R.
164 Mish, Lila S.
999 Nair, Sriprath
628 Patel, Aashay
870 Torko, Megan A.
833 West, Griffin

ATLANTIC COMMUNITY H. S.
550 Das, Sagar L.
710 Goltz, Danya
720 Ochoa, Sabrina A.
843 Rosen, Jordan W.

HOMESCHOOL
175 Garrett, Sophie I.

DOBBIN
HOMESCHOOL

DOVER
STRAWBERRY CREST H. S.
600 Cheacko, Kevin M.
628 Chandran, Nikitha
450 Cooper, Sheamus
302 Delgado, Joshua
454 Ashoro, Morenike T.
450 Ferguson, Phoebe M.
160 Gaetner, Kristen E.
300 Hinton, Cameron S.
450 Kehmeyer, Ryan J.
487 Shah, Devan S.
487 Tamagni, Spencer T.

EAGLE LAKE
LAKE REGION H. S.
999 Tang, Sarah L.

ENGLEWOOD
LEMON BAY H. S.
900 Hinke, Sean D.

FERNANDINA BEACH
FERNANDINA BEACH H. S.
162 Afzali, Amir
950 Rogers, Madeline B.

FORT LAUDERDALE
FORT LAUDERDALE H. S.
950 Rogers, Madeline B.

FORT PIERCE
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS H. S.

GAINESVILLE
BUCHOLZ H. S.
300 Campo, Christopher J.
100 Khan, Tawhid W.
550 Killingsworth, Elijah J.
100 Kim, Eugene
164 Nguyen, Kim-Ahn
999 Shiaw, Marie A.
160 Song, Joanna
160 Stead, Thor S.
160 Vemuri, Harish
160 Woodward, Elizabeth A.
160 Zhang, Jason H.

GOLD BEACH
THE PINE SCHOOL
999 Warier, Rohit
710 Shore, Brittany A.
161 Alvarez, Carlos E.

HIALEAH
MATER LAKES ACADEMY H. S.
160 Peraza, Gillian M.

HIALEAH GARDENS
MATER ACADEMY CHARTER H. S.
161 Alvarez, Carlos E.
160 Bormey, Christopher

HOBIE SOUND
THE PINE SCHOOL
455 Omentrini, Hannah M.
Florida (continued)

HOLIDAY
ANCLOTE H. S.
160 Williams, Samantha W.

HOMESTEAD
SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES
904 Fernandez, David A.
218 Lee, Miriam V.

JACKSONVILLE
ATLANTIC COAST H. S.
000 Kudre, Pranit N.
THE BOLLES SCHOOL
450 DeMarco, Jared H.
450 Kanaparti, Kunal S.
214 Lee, Francis C.
906 Mizell, Cassidy E.
214 Peek, Catherine M.
999 Perry, Alan G.
550 Pillai, Natasha
200 Thames, William R.
999 Wise, Journey L.
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
461 Ohno, Samuel K.

BISHOP KENNY H. S.
451 McDonald, Joshua W.

MANDARIN H. S.
456 McCain, Michael

PAXON SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES
162 Snow, Isabel A.
467 Stevens, James

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL
300 Butler, Andrew J.

STANTON COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL
628 Boggis, Jill E.
907 Daniel, Madeline M.
628 Dantizer, Michelle
628 Dillard, Jackson
742 Ge, Victoria
833 Goldstein, Samuel J.
940 Hu, Joyce
900 Kimbrough, Emily A.
453 Lee, Haley
450 Lopez, Isabella
836 Mallari, Orven Froie A.
160 Malone, Ashlie D.
185 Mandavalli, Akhil
463 Mendoza, Hannah M.
740 Page, Sarah L.
628 Perisetti, Naveen
450 Ralt, Jason Z.
455 Shi, David Y.
303 So, Andrew
303 Sommi, Arvind
559 Spencer, Rebecca L.
999 Srikakolapu, Saiabhavana
142 Starks, Valerie M.
833 Su, Victoria
456 Tola, Redi
950 Varshney, Rohan

JUPITER
JUPITER COMMUNITY H. S.
836 Albrighton, Matthew
628 Kushner, Jared N.
772 Smith, Dianna A.

KEY WEST
KEY WEST H. S.
467 Coward, Brian P.

KISSIMMEE
GATEWAY H. S.
628 Ahmad, Zubayr S.

LAKE MARY
LAKE MARY H. S.
160 Cadden, Bailey N.
450 Chase, Sydney
450 Dadhania, Dhruv A.
999 Duarte, Daniela
999 Gile, Ian C.
451 Hoffman, Samantha
300 Karr, Sarka

MIAMI
ARCHIMEDEAN UPPER CONSERVATORY
999 Hands, Andrea J.

BELEN JESUIT PREPARATORY SCHOOL
171 Guio, Esteban

CARROLLTON SACRED HEART SCHOOL
907 Griffin, Charlotte
628 Lee, Gabriela G.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS H. S.
628 Aguilar, Jonathan A.
450 Riad, Jorge A.

CORAL REEF H. S.
950 Amador-Lage, Dario
454 Curr, Daniel M.
999 Dickson, Kyle A.
209 Fahmy, Mahmoud M.
628 Halley-Wright, Leila A.
843 LaVecchia, Gianni M.
467 Whiddon, Timothy J.

JOHN A. FERGUSON H. S.
906 Flores, Christian
970 Hernandez, Julian A.
463 Thomas, Ann M.

GULLIVER PREPARATORY SCHOOL
201 Atkinson, Nicholas R.
450 Caughhey, Brent
700 Cohen, Katherine P.
904 Lyons, Mason
300 Masroor, Faraz
742 Srivatsav, Tejas

DR. MICHAEL M. KROP H. S.
907 Block, Matthew I.
302 Manley, Benjamin D.
450 Plotnik, Brian
161 Rodriguez, Ashley L.

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450 Duran, Kalani A.
628 Gao, Jiong
833 Haines, Cynder L.
451 Heltin, Jose E.
999 Kim, Sungdong

MIAMI PALMETTO H. S.
160 Bunce, Sean T.
454 de Soto, Kaylee M.
450 Gray, John C.
605 Ortiz, Brooke N.
200 Roth, Jonathan
830 Tordi, Benjamin P.

NEW WORLD SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
467 Caruso, Daniel M.
554 del Pino, Alyson E.
162 Gonzalez-Piot, Amanda

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200 Romeu, Isabel G.

RANSOM EVERGLADES SCHOOL
999 Andreassen, Thorstein R.
121 Broudo, Lea
999 Cai, Eric Y.
907 Chaturvedi, Kayva
999 Dyke, Owen S.
160 Ebenbach, Sylvia
999 Freeman, Benjamin A.
628 Guilien, Ryan M.
628 Gutierrez, Anne E.
999 Junghahn, Mattias
999 Kalandriak, Paul T.
600 Kim, Joon Young
999 Kruisjes, Adina E.
833 Lubarsky, Deallah M.
999 Mistele, John H.
999 Namias, Chloe A.
451 O'Brien, Timothy
162 Otero, Cristina B.
600 Ramirez, Juliana A.
999 Sannia, Alejandro F.
842 Smkovic, Lauren S.
999 Simmons, Clara C.

RIVERA PREPARATORY SCHOOL
000 Johnston, Alexcis C.

SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES - SOUTH
540 Abbott, Katherine A.
999 Tateo, Nicholas E.

SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES - WOLFSON
161 Dorsey, Michael
459 Ortiz-Ezquerro, Tamara
303 Shestovaplov, Ivan V.

ST. BRENDAN H. S.
999 Miller, Kaitlyn J.

TERRA ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
303 Clegg, Christopher T.
628 Gonzalez, Michael J.
999 Gonzalez-Pagliere, Lucas
461 Levy, Luis R.

MIAMI BEACH
MIAMI BEACH H. S.
201 Burstein, Benjamin P.
452 Kawachika, Spencer J.

MIRAMAR
EVERGLADES H. S.
999 Robinson, Sydney N.
450 Siu, Jesse

NAPLES
BARRON COLLIER H. S.
450 Myers, Christopher K.
457 Rowe, Nicholas
999 Theberge, Kyle

COMMUNITY SCHOOL
160 Ghuman, Allison K.
303 Hilbert, Kyle G.
741 Hixson, Cory C.
999 Konnda, Dominik M.
628 Mccarthy, Connor P.
628 Moriconi, Camberly
999 Zeller, Jacqueline G.

GULF COAST H. S.
302 Fecher, Jake E.
904 Holzaepfel, Matthew

HOMESCHOOL
520 Gillen, Pierce T.

NAPLES H. S.
303 Davis, Christopher J.
948 Martin, Elizabeth K.

SEACREST DAY SCHOOL
741 O'Reilly, Sean M.

NEPTUNE BEACH
DUNCAN U. FLETCHER H. S.
999 McIntosh, Stephen E.

NEW PORT RICHEY
GULF H. S.
161 Qi, May

NEW SMYRNA BEACH
NEW SMYRNA BEACH H. S.
160 Spioroulos, Kori A.
628 Spradlin, Joseph H.

NICEVILLE
COLLEGATE H. S. AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE
836 Ness, Cailey E.

NICEVILLE H. S.
457 Brake, Hunter B.
168 Kaufman, Stephanie E.
463 LaFollette, Amanda K.

NORTHEAST FLORIDA PREPARATORY SCHOOL
NORTH FORT MYERS
NORTH FORT MYERS H. S.
461 Reagan, Sean P.
185 Robertson, Helena M.
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### NORTH PORT
- NORTH PORT H.S.
- 161 Guill, Henley E.

### Ocala
- HOMESCHOOL
- 455 Player, Zachary E.
- 907 Reynolds, Ellen T.

### Vanguard H.S.
- 161 Devis, Terry
- 520 Egito, Daniel J.
- 454 Mosley, Jacob A.
- 628 Patel, Riya L.
- 103 Phillips, Harrell H.
- 162 Upadya, Kunal

### Orange Park
- FLEMING ISLAND H.S.
- 302 Braddy, Colton J.
- 627 Ecker, Lauren E.
- 185 Gibson, Hallie D.
- 204 Hayes, Sydney H.
- 629 Palaca, Gisselle E.

### Ocala
- ORANGE PARK H.S.
- 455 Bruns, Catherine N.

### Ridgeview H.S.
- 185 Farooq, Nabeel
- 463 Tappan, Isaly A.

### Orlando
- BISHOP MOORE CATHOLIC H.S.
- 628 Fritz, Zachary T.
- 160 Tiu, Michael

### Cornerstone Charter Academy
- 160 Fischer, Thomas W.

### Cypress Creek H.S.
- 628 Bassi, Yasmina R.
- 628 Kottadia, Mayan S.
- 999 Navani, Dev

### East River H.S.
- 457 Styles, Andrea N.

### Edgewater H.S.
- 773 Slaski, Jonathon C.

### Freedom H.S.
- 454 Bagri, Mehdi J.
- 960 Prematittileke, Sanuki

### Lake Highland Preparatory School
- 303 Canora, Dominic J.
- 628 Chavez, Valeria
- 600 Fess, Michael G.
- 999 Forbes, Erica
- 467 Fu, Bryan
- 600 Gallagher, Juliet E.
- 450 King, Michael
- 160 Madan, Vrinda
- 450 Myers, Anderson
- 900 Nodarse, Francisco
- 908 Patel, Krupali R.
- 200 Pearson, Taylor E.
- 459 Sowinski, Andrew J.
- 162 Verma, Hannah

### Olympia H.S.
- 836 Amouge, Benjamin A.
- 450 Desai, Jay M.
- 454 Kelberman, Madison M.
- 160 Kim, Gabriella J.
- 450 Ramos, Kyle D.
- 454 Singh, Arjun K.
- 628 Wright, Julian A.

### Orlando Science Colleges
- 450 Patel, Nikhil

### Dr. Phillips H.S.
- 712 Martin, Amelia A.

### Timber Creek H.S.
- 600 Diaz, Caleb J.

### Palmetto Bay
- BAY H.S.
- 000 Parkas, George M. A.

### Panama City
- RUTHERFORD H.S.
- 833 Conroy, Joseph A.
- 628 Khan, Sarah

### Panama City Beach
- J. R. ARNOLD H.S.
- 204 McGuire, Chad M.

### Parkland
- MARYJO STONEMAN DOUGLAS H.S.
- 160 Bishop, Samantha
- 450 Ren, Sabina

### Pembroke Pines
- PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER H.S.
- 160 Farenhelm, Jordan A.

### Pensacola
- PENNSACOLA CATHOLIC H.S.
- 450 Reynolds, Matthew T.

### Port Orange
- SPRUCE CREEK H.S.
- 907 Handel, Danielle V.

### Punta Gorda
- CHARLOTTE H.S.
- 870 deSilva, John A.

### Riverview
- RIVERVIEW H.S.
- 161 Sethi, Nikita K.

### Rivera Beach
- SUNCOAST COMMUNITY H.S.
- 999 Ali, Ryan A.
- 160 Anbukkarasu, Preethashree
- 843 Bannister, Nathaniel
- 990 Brodrick, Eleanor A.
- 450 Carroll Smith, Austin
- 450 Chen, Jacqueline
- 999 Fontaine, Sophie C.
- 628 Gubi, Himani
- 999 Hancock, Justin J.
- 450 Imru, Rahel M.
- 628 Kalkat, Meher
- 303 Kempel, Natasha L.
- 454 Kogstrom, Carl T.
- 303 Magnuson, Jacob E.
- 628 Moore, Lauren A.
- 450 Mulligan, Thomas J.
- 162 Pandit, Meghna
- 522 Riso, Christina L.
- 450 Sai, Sebastian L.
- 450 Sem, Karen L.
- 450 Shrestha, Swocchhanda
- 450 Yang, Jerry

### Sanford
- CROSSES ACADEMY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- 457 Gaedeke, Andrew D.
- 457 Guerra, Oscar L.
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**SEMINOLE H. S.**
- 160 Crane, Elijah A.
- 836 Dai, Alexander X.
- 999 Delgadillo, Andrew T.
- 870 Delteil-Rodrigue, Siara
- 600 Hasan, Sayed A.
- 999 Hyder, Melissa A.
- 999 Kapil, Joli
- 303 Khatri, Trisha
- 999 Kibble, Samuel B.
- 450 Ladines, Jennifer G.
- 946 Ludlow, Landon J.
- 628 Mallik, Duaa
- 628 Patel, Raveena
- 843 Qin, Jimmy
- 000 Sark, Adrian K.
- 000 Stacy, Brandon Q.
- 450 Williams, Grant R.
- 160 Yoon, Keejin
- 628 Zhang, Aaron

**SARASOTA RIVERVIEW H. S.**
- 999 Flaherty, Connor D.
- 870 Walton, Elisabeth

**SEBASTIAN BEERING H. S.**
- 628 Green, David A.
- 300 Green, Mark
- 834 Howell, Jessica L.

**SEFFNER ARMWOOD H. S.**
- 907 Black, William

**SEMINOLE HOMESCHOOL**
- 710 Soja, Jozef M.

**SOUTHWEST RANCHES CANTERBURY SCHOOL OF FLORIDA**
- 836 Cox, Jordan

**ST. AUGUSTINE HOMESCHOOL**
- 950 Remmer, Grace K.

**ST. JOHNS BARTRAM TRAIL H. S.**
- 161 Kirsche, Erin
- 904 Turner, Samuel G.

**CREEKSIDES H. S.**
- 454 Diaz, Miranda H.
- 450 Mahone, Jackson S.
- 897 Schrader, Robert
- 520 Smith, Elijah R.

**ST. PETERSBURG CANTERBURY SCHOOL OF FLORIDA**
- 836 Cox, Jordan

**NORTHEAST H. S.**
- 201 Taylor, Ashley N.