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Note to Editors: Using numbers of Semifinalists to compare high schools, educational systems, or states will result in erroneous conclusions. The National Merit[®] 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, see NMSC's Web site.

Semifinalists in the 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program

(Evanston, Illinois) The names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 51st annual National Merit Scholarship Program were announced today by officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). These scholastically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 Merit Scholarship[®] awards, worth \$33 million, that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements and 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 be selected as Merit Scholarship winners, earning the Merit Scholar[®] title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was founded in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Program. Scholarships awarded through the program are underwritten by NMSC's own funds and approximately 500 business organizations and higher education institutions which share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

Competition Steps

More than 1.3 million juniors in nearly 21,000 U.S. high schools entered the 2006 National Merit Program by taking the 2004 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT[®]), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The

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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 the high school years, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier qualifying test performance. The Semifinalist and a school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's self-descriptive essay and information about the Semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Approximately 15,000 Semifinalists will advance to the Finalist level and it is from this group that all Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

Merit Scholarship Awards

Three types of Merit Scholarship awards will be offered in 2006. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit \$2500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state representational basis. In addition, some 300 corporations and business organizations will underwrite about 1,100 corporate-sponsored scholarships 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. Also, about 200 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 4,600 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

Merit Scholarship winners of 2006 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join some 234,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the *Merit Scholar* title.

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MARYLAND

ANNAPOLIS

ANNAPOLIS H. S.
320 Moyer, Chloe J.

BROADNECK H. S.
999 Foley, Jillian E.

BALTIMORE

BAIS YAAKOV SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
870 Dubin, Yaira S.

BALTIMORE CITY COLLEGE H. S.
874 Ward, Andrew F.

BALTIMORE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
000 Mallott, Jacob M.
000 Paesani, David B.

BOYS LATIN SCHOOL OF MARYLAND
310 Loya, Edward K.

THE BRYN MAWR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
999 Badder, Anastasia R.
999 Duberg, Katherine A.
490 Hemmendinger, Sarah A.

CALVERT HALL COLLEGE H. S.
622 Gentry, Gregory H.
860 McMonagle, William J.

CATONSVILLE H. S.
440 Cummings, Neil E.
400 Peters, Andrew J.
400 Zhang, Simpson Z.

FRIENDS SCHOOL
630 Cook, Joseph B.
999 Nichols, Foster
459 West, Natalie E.

CARDINAL GIBBONS SCHOOL
310 Haas, Sean C.

GILMAN SCHOOL
630 Flow, Christian B.
505 Gamper, Richard S.
130 Lin, Christopher D.
208 Mason, Christopher S.
805 Naughton, Timothy R.
999 Odette, Daniel H.

MERCY H. S.
870 Sexton, Christina A.

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH H. S.
560 Riley, Peter J.

PARKVILLE H. S. CENTER FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND COMPUTER SCIENCE
310 Linford, Michael M.

PIKESVILLE H. S.
865 Guberman, Michael R.
999 Kind, Ryan C.
560 Shen, Michael J.
999 Warres, Alexander S.

ROLAND PARK COUNTRY SCHOOL
850 Cooper, Kelsie A.
999 Iglehart, Alice P.

TALMUDICAL ACADEMY OF BALTIMORE
484 Eisenberg, Moshe

YESHIVAT RAMBAM H. S.
999 Stein, Ariel B.

BEL AIR

JOHN CARROLL SCHOOL
560 Andreasik, Brenton R.
999 Sedney, Anne M.

BERLIN

WORCESTER PREPARATORY SCHOOL
692 Staubs, Emilie M.

BETHESDA

BETHESDA CHEVY CHASE H. S.
426 Arnson-Serotta, Zachary J.
870 Barr, Matthew W.
560 Brody, Sarah
456 Cohen, Rebecca E.
999 Cunningham, Sean P.
730 Go, Brian D.
608 Goldstein, Maura S.
999 Johnston, Miriam R.
999 Kolar, Caroline B.
999 McAnaney, Patrick T.
400 Roberts, Derek C.
444 Stelzig, Tyle C.

HOLTON ARMS SCHOOL
174 Haeri, Mitra H.
860 Joseph, Alison A.
999 Regan, Jennifer N.
999 Varney, Katherine E.
999 Waldman, Emmy A.
198 Wheeler, Julia M.

WALTER JOHNSON H. S.
870 Arciniega, Violeta
999 Cox, Derby
810 Greenberg, Jacob A.
999 Kurtz, Lisa A.
865 McCoy, Kevin M.
438 Petrosian, Armen A.
192 Popovkina, Dina V.
850 Zimran, Ariell E.

LANDON SCHOOL
692 Miller, Matthew V.

STONE RIDGE SCHOOL OF THE SACRED HEART
560 Herring, Allison A.
730 Jahnig, Leigh J.
655 Keegan, Eleanore L.

WALT WHITMAN H. S.
655 Cohn, Ezra A.
170 Cummins-Oman, Justine S.
620 Evans, Sarah T.
000 Forstein, Carolyn
870 Imas, Alexander
999 Kagan-Kans, Daniel F.
999 Laco, Katharine A.
999 Lipman, Kathryn R.
184 Musher, Daniel J.
490 Rodkin, Ethan N.
870 Shandliya, Ashwin G.
260 Tell, Nicholas S.
999 Umans, Benjamin D.
999 Vollmer, Lauren N.
482 Washburn, Richard S.
490 Williams, Elizabeth M.

BROOKLANDVILLE

THE PARK SCHOOL
300 Doyle, James A.
000 Hankin, Charles H.
999 Martin, Rebecca D.
638 Miller, Ezra J.
414 Trazkovich, Alex J.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL FOR BOYS
999 Murphy, Dylan J.

BURTONSVILLE

PAINT BRANCH H. S.
560 Blair, Rachel A.
200 Graves, Matthew S.

CENTREVILLE

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY H. S.
860 Roche, David F.

CLARKSVILLE

RIVER HILL H. S.
626 Aiken, Emily K.
999 Choe, Lisa I.
310 Curtiss, Wade H.
156 Gouker, Daniel A.
174 Gu, Xiao-Xiao
404 Li, Lidang
999 Rosinsky, Lisa E.

CLEAR SPRING

CLEAR SPRING H. S.
565 Lavigne, Sondra H.

COLUMBIA

ATHOLTON H. S.
854 Davis, Katherine E.

456 Persons, Kathryn E.
426 Shah, Arjun A.

HAMMOND H. S.

700 Greeley, Owen S.
999 Kuhn, Christine M.
426 Schoenfeld, Andrew N.
626 Seibert, Lauren E.

LONG REACH H. S.

560 Mehta, Chetan B.
260 Wilson, Emily E.

OAKLAND MILLS H. S.

310 Ballard, Andrew T.

WILDE LAKE H. S.

655 Finucane, Madelyn D.
730 Marsh, Andrew J.

CUMBERLAND

ALLEGANY H. S.
999 Smith-Drelich, Hannah

DAMASCUS

DAMASCUS H. S.
999 Choi, Erica J.
350 Nixon, Julianna R.

EDGEWATER

SOUTH RIVER H. S.
310 Mehl, Lauren A.

ELLICOTT CITY

CENTENNIAL H. S.
560 Chen, Anastasia G.
715 Chiu, Enid H.
560 Eltahir, Hosham T.
430 Heasley, Rachel L.
565 Huang, Linda C.
560 Wu, Eric
870 Zhang, Christiana M.
208 Zhu, Zeyu

GLENELG COUNTRY SCHOOL
655 Goodman, Jack H.

HOWARD H. S.

850 Oliver, Ryan M.
630 Raderman, John G.
459 Ragland, Elizabeth J.
170 Sayre, Patrick J.

MOUNT HEBRON H. S.

999 Chu, Chu G.
870 Karas, Kathryn L.
655 Keay, Laura A.
700 Lambert, Paul K.

FORT MEADE

MEADE H. S.
440 Neville, Alex U.

FREDERICK

LINGANORE H. S.
650 Witte, Kelly E.

ST. JOHN'S AT PROSPECT HALL

630 Coulter, Sarah J.
999 Marks, Stephanie A.

TUSCARORA H. S.

730 Barr, Matthew B.

FULTON

RESERVOIR H. S.
450 Holt, Amy E.
630 Landy, Justin F.

GAITHERSBURG

GAITHERSBURG H. S.
630 Breiner, Andrew R.

HOME SCHOOL

216 Maresco, John D.

QUINCE ORCHARD H. S.

692 Cutler, Nicholas R.
488 Donato, Katherine E.

WATKINS MILL H. S.

400 Wilson, Hannah K.

GERMANTOWN

SENECA VALLEY H. S.
205 Rosenfeld, Jordan D.

GLENELG

GLENELG H. S.
225 Abbott, Matthew E.

GREENBELT

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT H. S.
172 Bailey, Allison S.
999 Davidson White, Imogen J.
560 Lakshman, Sudesna
999 Murchison, Michael J.
560 Reed, Susannah D.
000 Schwenn, Thomas A.

HAGERSTOWN

HOME SCHOOL
860 Keely, Sarah M.
NORTH HAGERSTOWN H. S.
414 Smith, Brennan J.

HAMPSTEAD

NORTH CARROLL H. S.
715 Campbell, Brian J.

HYATTSVILLE

DE MATHA CATHOLIC H. S.
156 Wixon, Henry R.

JAMSVILLE

URBANA H. S.
860 Denier, Nicole G.

INDIAN HEAD

HENRY E. LACKEY H. S.
404 Spies, Bradley R.

KENSINGTON

ACADEMY OF THE HOLY CROSS
655 Avedisian, Lindsey M.

ALBERT EINSTEIN H. S.
310 Finn, Kevin H.

LA PLATA

LA PLATA H. S.
400 Hocking, Erica G.

LEONARDTOWN

LEONARDTOWN H. S.
418 Galanie, Stephanie S.

ST. MARY'S RYKEN H. S.
870 Wrenn, Andrew W.

LUSBY

PATUXENT H. S.
560 Whittle, Kelly E.

MC DONOUGH

MC DONOUGH SCHOOL
999 Berry, Talley M.
000 Nathans, Riva H.
260 Snyder, Michael P.

MIDDLETOWN

MIDDLETOWN H. S.
404 Doggett, James M.
626 Quinn, Stephanie E.

MOUNT AIRY

HOME SCHOOL
872 Clarke, Stuart M.

NORTH BETHESDA

GEORGETOWN PREPARATORY SCHOOL
156 Kolm, Richard M.
999 Nogay, Jonathan S.
999 Rader, William A.
440 Vogel, Andrew R.

OWINGS

NORTHERN H. S.
404 Hance, Benjamin T.
730 Walter-Sherbert, Christopher D.

OWINGS MILLS

GARRISON FOREST SCHOOL
730 Alexander-Ozins, Annika K.

OWINGS MILLS H. S.

730 Beller, Daniel A.
400 Chircus, Lauren M.
999 Oppenheimer, Bradley E.

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Maryland (continued)

OXON HILL

OXON HILL H. S.
655 Leach, Clifton

PARKTON

HEREFORD H. S.
300 Drechsler, Andrew R.
140 Travers, Deborah M.

POTOMAC

WINSTON CHURCHILL H. S.
200 Chen, Jason D.
700 Drayna, Garrett K.
999 Fanaroff, Neil I.
999 Hyde, Timothy A.
192 Klinman, Eva S.
426 Krug, Michael J.
414 Ong, Jeremy C.
414 Richbourg, William J.
622 Rodgers, Paul J.

HEIGHTS SCHOOL

426 Junghans, John L.

ST. ANDREW'S

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
870 Shelton, Christopher E.

PYLESVILLE

NORTH HARFORD H. S.
400 Benjamin, Greg S.

REISTERSTOWN

FRANKLIN H. S.
400 Liptz, Daniel A.

ROCKVILLE

MELVIN J. BERMAN
HEBREW ACADEMY
999 Ginsburg, Jonathan L.

RICHARD MONTGOMERY H. S.

480 Ammah-Tagoe, Naa Adotsoe
200 Chyu, Yvette L.
130 Dickinson, Sarah B.
208 Feng, Tianyi
156 Fleming, Elizabeth E.
630 Grunes, Marissa E.
999 Higgins, Christopher R.
850 Kim, Stephanie H.
999 Kugler, Katherine H.
630 Larson, Dora M.
174 Le, Tuquynh K.
999 Lee, Grace C.
221 Liu, David M.
174 Maldarelli, Grace
140 Moskowitz, Kayla M.
404 Nusinovich, Yan A.
870 Ray, Christopher W.
999 Robinson, Jane M.
560 Singh, Vineeta
560 Sukumar, Rohit
999 Turnbull, Derek J.
870 Vincze, Eszter A.
999 Walker, Kristen L.
999 Yang, Alina Z.
999 Yang, Julia C.

ROCKVILLE H. S.

630 Randall, Diana M.

CHARLES E. SMITH JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

870 Deutsch-Feldman, Ezra
999 Distenfeld, David S.
999 Falk, Benjamin C.
870 Marcus, Ezra B.
999 Meiselman, Yonah S.

THOMAS SPRIGG

WOOTTON H. S.
440 Loewy, David
250 Marston, Alexander W.
400 Pardo, David J.
870 Pike, Jonathan R.
192 Voss, Laura H.
999 Zhang, Zhiyuan

ROYAL OAK

HOME SCHOOL
170 Stone, Joshua P.

SEVERN

ARCHBISHOP SPALDING H. S.
410 Higuera, Adam V.

SEVERNA PARK

SEVERN SCHOOL
715 Iliff, Benjamin W.

SEVERNA PARK H. S.

000 Cyr, Bryan T.
700 Hagemeyer, Natasha D.
999 Horman, Kenneth M.
000 Lamb, Anya E.
560 Maheshwari, Varun
418 Nie, Edward J.
700 Smith, Laura E.
999 Thompson, Katharine S.
216 Vidal, Ethan J.

SILVER SPRING

THE BARRIE SCHOOL
400 Graham, Perry T.

MONTGOMERY BLAIR H. S.

148 Albert, Elizabeth R.
400 Alm, Alexander M.
655 Arbit, Michael C.
870 Asbell, Jacob
999 Bell, Rachel C.
188 Bhaskar, Jahnavi S.
870 Bhat, Kiran N.
999 Chen, Lu
560 Dhar, Abhishek
999 Donaldson, Gregory P.
400 Emery, Katrina G.
400 Esch, Frederick W.
560 Feinberg, Rose K.
999 Gillen, Daniel J.
876 Gold, Alexander K.
310 Goldstein, Jordan C.
999 Goodman, Jeremy L.
999 Hendryx, Robert W.
000 Howard, Gregory L.
156 Joseph, Ravi
999 Katz, Mitchell C.
655 Kim, John Y.
655 Kirsch, Rachel M.
300 Li, Erik Z.
999 Li, Yueyang
450 Lorenz, Joseph B.
310 Morawski, Maksym M.
999 O'Brien, Sean
999 Pass, Margot Z.
170 Paul, Samir J.
205 Silberholz, John M.
872 Tao, Yvchen
174 Voellmer, Andreas S.
172 Wang, Eddie C.
655 White, David
990 Wolfman-Arent, Avi
999 Wolk, Sarah R.
400 Yang, Nina D.
414 Zhang, Yuan
200 Zhang, Yuning

JAMES HUBERT BLAKE H. S.

620 Livingstone, Grace A.
620 Lorber, Benjamin J.
488 Purucker, Adam D.

HOME SCHOOL

630 Cooper, Susanna L.

SPRINGBROOK H. S.

870 Thakore, Pratiksha I.

ST. JAMES

ST. JAMES SCHOOL
730 Brooks, Andrew M.

SYKESVILLE

SOUTH CARROLL H. S.
730 Osteen, Richard G.

TIMONIUM

DULANEY H. S.
872 Baron, Adam M.
560 Kim, Irene
650 Schwartz, Stacy E.
200 Yang, Jingying

TOWSON

CARVER CENTER FOR ARTS
AND TECHNOLOGY
870 Binkley, Erin E.
260 Gold, Tracy C.

LOCH RAVEN H. S.

999 Haynes, Tyler L.
400 Meninger, David J.

LOYOLA BLAKEFIELD H. S.

400 Abubaker-Sharif, Budri S.
999 Hein, Christopher R.
870 Higdon, Robert F.
630 Hsu, Joseph C.

NOTRE DAME

PREPARATORY SCHOOL
999 Burke, Catherine F.
872 Colgan, Jennifer Y.
488 Woods, Mariel K.

TOWSON H. S.

170 Fessler, Emily B.
560 Yang, Jessica
999 Zimand, Paul

WALKERSVILLE

WALKERSVILLE H. S.
852 Atelsek, Kira J.
400 Hubbard, Derek T.
360 Nicodemus, Anna G.

WESTMINSTER

WINTERS MILL H. S.
560 Jupitz, Jennifer M.

WHEATON

OUR LADY OF GOOD
COUNSEL H. S.
999 Lewis, Mary I.