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NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS May 26, 2010 Announcement

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Note to editors: College-sponsored Merit Scholarship® winners in your state are listed alphabetically by city following this press release. News media are encouraged to contact high school principals for additional information about these outstanding students.

This material is prepared solely for news media to announce the names of Merit Scholar® designees; its use for any other purpose is prohibited.

Today's announcement is the third National Merit Scholar release in 2010 by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). NMSC named recipients of corporate-sponsored awards on April 21 and winners of National Merit® \$2500 Scholarships on May 5. Additional recipients of college-sponsored awards will be announced on July 12. By the conclusion of this year's competition, some 8,400 academic champions will have won National Merit Scholarships worth over \$36 million.

College-sponsored Merit Scholarship Winners Named

(Evanston, Illinois) More than 2,800 winners of National Merit Scholarships financed by colleges and universities were announced today by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among Finalists in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program who plan to attend their institution. These awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship. Another group of Scholars will be announced in July, bringing the total number of college-sponsored Merit Scholarship recipients in the 2010 competition to over 4,900.

This year 201 higher education institutions are underwriting Merit Scholarship awards through the National Merit Program. Sponsor colleges and universities include 120 private and 80 public institutions located in 45 states and the District of Columbia.

Winners announced today are among approximately 8,400 distinguished high school seniors of 2010 who will receive National Merit Scholarships worth \$36 million for college undergraduate study. Announced earlier this spring were winners of two other types of National Merit Scholarships—corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards and National Merit \$2500 Scholarships.

2010 National Merit Scholarship Competition

More than 1.5 million juniors in over 22,000 high schools entered the 2010 National Merit Scholarship competition when they took the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Last fall, some 16,000 Semifinalists were named on a state representational basis, in numbers proportional to each state's percentage of the nation's high school graduating seniors. Semifinalists were the highest scoring program entrants in each state and represented less than one percent of a state's seniors.

To compete for Merit Scholarship awards, Semifinalists had to advance to the Finalist level of the competition by fulfilling additional requirements. Each Semifinalist submitted a scholarship application that included presenting an outstanding academic record; being endorsed and recommended by a school official; and earning SAT scores that confirmed the qualifying test performance. The Semifinalist also wrote an essay and provided information about extracurricular activities, awards, and leadership positions. More than 15,000 Semifinalists met requirements for Finalist standing, and more than half of this group will be Merit Scholarship winners in 2010.

Established in 1955 to conduct the National Merit Program, NMSC is a not-for-profit corporation that operates without government assistance. The majority of National Merit Scholarships provided each year are made possible by the support of approximately 500 independent corporate and college sponsors. These sponsors join NMSC in its efforts to enhance educational opportunities for America's scholastically talented youth and to encourage the pursuit of academic excellence.

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CAUTION: Any attempt to compare high schools on the basis of numbers of Merit Scholarship winners will lead to erroneous and unsound 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.

Michael A. Caldwell Probable career field: Chemistry	BALTIMORE 21286	CALVERT HALL COLLEGE H. S., BALTIMORE
NATIONAL MERIT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP Michigan State, the nation's pioneer land grant university, offers about 200 different undergraduate programs and provides special opportunities for superior students through its distinctive, invitational Honors College. Each Honors College scholar follows a personal curriculum arranged in consultation with a faculty adviser. Many freshman-sophomore courses are taught in living-and-learning residence halls.		
Kathleen A. Connor Probable career field: Forensic Science	BALTIMORE 21234	EASTERN TECHNICAL H. S., BALTIMORE
NATIONAL MERIT PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP Penn State offers a breadth of academic programs as diverse as the interests of its nearly 80,000 undergraduate and graduate students university-wide. Students can start as freshmen at 20 of 24 campuses statewide, and choose from more than 180 Baccalaureate and Associate degree programs.		
Meghan P. Stanton Probable career field: Acting/Theater	BALTIMORE 21212	BRYN MAWR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, BALTIMORE
NATIONAL MERIT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP Northwestern University is a major teaching and research institution whose undergraduate campus is located in Evanston, Illinois. Its full-time undergraduate enrollment includes 7,300 students pursuing programs of study in the Arts and Sciences as well as the specific professional schools of Education, Social Policy, Engineering, Journalism, Music, and Speech.		
Jeremy E. Fallick Probable career field: Computer Science	BETHESDA 20817	MONTGOMERY BLAIR H. S., SILVER SPRING
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Sean M. Konig Probable career field: Architecture	CATONSVILLE 21228	CATONSVILLE H. S., BALTIMORE
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Laura E. Jones Probable career field: Medicine	CHEVERLY 20785	ELEANOR ROOSEVELT H. S., GREENBELT
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Jonathan J. Reyes Probable career field: Engineering	CLARKSVILLE 21029	RIVER HILL H. S., CLARKSVILLE
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Nicholas L. Stowe Probable career field: Computer Engineering	CLARKSVILLE 21029	RIVER HILL H. S., CLARKSVILLE
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Jeffrey X. Wang Probable career field: Engineering	COLLEGE PARK 20740	ELEANOR ROOSEVELT H. S., GREENBELT
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Alden D. Grobicki Probable career field: Materials Science/Engineering	COLUMBIA 21045	LONG REACH H. S., COLUMBIA
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Daniel X. Kong Probable career field: Biostatistics	ELLCOTT CITY 21042	CENTENNIAL H. S., ELLCOTT CITY
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Amy M. Zheng Probable career field: Medicine	FREDERICK 21703	TUSCARORA H. S., FREDERICK
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Timothy C. Lee Probable career field: Electrical Engineering	GAITHERSBURG 20878	MONTGOMERY BLAIR H. S., SILVER SPRING
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Hubert M. Shiau Probable career field: Accounting/Information Systems	GAITHERSBURG 20878	THOMAS SPRIGG WOOTTON H. S., ROCKVILLE
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Scott A. Zimmermann Probable career field: Computer Science	GAITHERSBURG 20878	MONTGOMERY BLAIR H. S., SILVER SPRING
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Joseph R. Burns Probable career field: Nuclear Engineering	GERMANTOWN 20874	SENECA VALLEY H. S., GERMANTOWN
NATIONAL MERIT GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP Georgia Institute of Technology is a state-supported institution located near the heart of Atlanta. With a total enrollment of approximately 13,000 students, 3,500 are in graduate programs. Over 25 different degree programs are offered for undergraduates in Engineering, Science, Architecture, and Industrial Management. Most of these fields also offer the graduate degree. Students come from all 50 states and over 50 foreign countries.		
Peter B. Dubyoski Probable career field: Geology	HALETHORPE 21227	LOYOLA BLAKEFIELD H. S., TOWSON
NATIONAL MERIT UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOLARSHIP The University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, is a private, independent, international university. About 14,000 students from 50 states and over 100 countries are enrolled. Undergraduate programs are offered in over 50 areas of study, and there are over 100 programs offered at the master's and doctoral levels. The libraries contain more than one million volumes. The Rosenstiel School of Marine & Atmospheric Sciences is one of 11 academic divisions of the university.		
Jana C. Hillenbrand Probable career field: Physical Science	KENSINGTON 20895	WALTER JOHNSON H. S., BETHESDA
NATIONAL MERIT UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER SCHOLARSHIP The University of Rochester is an independent, coeducational university located in Rochester, New York, with an undergraduate enrollment of 2,400 men and 1,800 women with 85% in residence. There are eight schools or colleges in the university, including the Eastman School of Music and the School of Medicine and Dentistry. The undergraduate academic calendar features a flexible period in the spring in which students may undertake special academic projects.		
Jennifer L. Schiller Probable career field: Neuroscience	LAUREL 20723	RESERVOIR H. S., FULTON
NATIONAL MERIT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP Brandeis University, located ten miles west of Boston, is a small research university committed to academic excellence in the liberal arts. Undergraduate enrollment is 2,800, graduate enrollment is 700, and the faculty numbers 360. Brandeis combines two important educational traditions: dedication to teaching characteristic of a small, selective college and the facilities and renowned faculty usually associated with a large research university.		
Carli Anne Gesiotto Probable career field: Secondary Education	MIDDLETOWN 21769	MIDDLETOWN H. S., MIDDLETOWN
NATIONAL MERIT UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL SCHOLARSHIP The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, founded in 1789, was the first state university. Carolina enrolls 15,400 undergraduates and 8,780 graduate students and provides instruction and research in the Liberal Arts, Sciences, Fine Arts, Journalism and Mass Communication, Education, Business, Medicine, Dentistry, and Law. Carolina's rich history, outstanding facilities, and research opportunities offer students a superior foundation for advanced study and a professional career.		

Anthony B. Cole Probable career field: Medicine/Research	MOUNT AIRY 21771	SOUTH CARROLL H. S., SYKESVILLE
NATIONAL MERIT UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA SCHOLARSHIP The University of Central Florida, located in Orlando, is a member of the State University System of Florida, noted for excellence in undergraduate teaching. Its curriculum combines diversified programs in Engineering, Computer Science, Business Administration, Arts & Sciences, Education, and Health. Graduate programs through the Ph.D. and accompanying research activities provide enhancement and continual educational opportunities.		
Adam S. Trinkoff Probable career field: Music	OWINGS MILLS 21117	BALTIMORE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS, BALTIMORE
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Brett G. Mead Probable career field: Law	POTOMAC 20854	WINSTON CHURCHILL H. S., POTOMAC
NATIONAL MERIT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS SCHOLARSHIP Washington University is a private, middle-sized, coeducational institution of strong academic nature and stature, offering its students the close, personal contact of a small college community and the faculty and facilities of a much larger university. The university offers undergraduate degree programs in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences, as well as in Architecture, Business Administration, Engineering, and Fine Arts.		
Brian C. Sun Probable career field: Theater/Performing Arts	POTOMAC 20854	WINSTON CHURCHILL H. S., POTOMAC
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Andrew I. Yu Probable career field: Engineering	POTOMAC 20854	RICHARD MONTGOMERY H. S., ROCKVILLE
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Victoria Lai Probable career field: Computer Science/Law	ROCKVILLE 20850	MONTGOMERY BLAIR H. S., SILVER SPRING
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Andrea Y. Ng Probable career field: Computer Science	ROCKVILLE 20850	MONTGOMERY BLAIR H. S., SILVER SPRING
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Spencer K. Ollayos Probable career field: Medicine	ROCKVILLE 20852	WALTER JOHNSON H. S., BETHESDA
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Margaret C. Dozier Probable career field: Engineering	SEVERN 21144	ARCHBISHOP SPALDING H. S., SEVERN
NATIONAL MERIT VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University offers degree programs in over 75 fields of study in the academic colleges of Education, Arts & Sciences, Agriculture, Architecture, Business, Engineering, and Home Economics. A special honors program is available for superior students to provide additional enriched educational opportunities.		
Kyle S. Milligan Probable career field: Bioengineering/Medicine	SEVERNA PARK 21146	ARCHBISHOP SPALDING H. S., SEVERN
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Jonathan E. Kozlowski Probable career field: Engineering	SILVER SPRING 20902	MELVIN J. BERMAN HEBREW ACADEMY, ROCKVILLE
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Elaine Lin Probable career field: Mechanical Engineering	SILVER SPRING 20906	MONTGOMERY BLAIR H. S., SILVER SPRING
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Meredith H. Metcalf Probable career field: Entertainment	SILVER SPRING 20901	MONTGOMERY BLAIR H. S., SILVER SPRING
NATIONAL MERIT EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP Emory College is the undergraduate division of Emory University, a private, coeducational university located in suburban Atlanta. With over 3,000 students and a 12:1 student-faculty ratio, the college provides the advantages of individual attention plus the resources of a major university. Emory also offers undergraduate schools of Business Administration and Nursing, and graduate schools of Arts and Sciences, Dentistry, Law, Medicine, Allied Health, and Theology.		
Joseph R. Owen Probable career field: Computer Science	SILVER SPRING 20906	MONTGOMERY BLAIR H. S., SILVER SPRING
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Jeremy S. Rosenthal Probable career field: Business Management	SILVER SPRING 20902	MELVIN J. BERMAN HEBREW ACADEMY, ROCKVILLE
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