SEMIFINALISTS in the 2010 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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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, see NMSC’s Web site.

Semifinalists Named in the 2010 National Merit® Scholarship Program

(Evanston, Illinois) Today officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 55th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 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 500 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 Competition

More than 1.5 million juniors in about 22,000 high schools entered the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2008 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.

Merit Scholarship Awards

Three types of National Merit Scholarship awards will be offered in the spring of 2010. 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 scholarships will be provided by approximately 270 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 4,700 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2010 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 267,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.
Semifinalists: 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program

MARYLAND

ABERDEEN
ABERDEEN H. S.
450 Arguero, Carlos R.
773 Morrison, Conner O.

ANNAPOLES
ANNAPOLES H. S.
303 Wu, Huayu

BROADNECK H. S.
160 Berm, Matthew J.
323 Gilbert, Conner C.
700 Kardish, Edward W.

KEY SCHOOL
833 Shipp, Nora R.

Baltimore
BAIS YAAKOV EVA WINER H. S.
948 Vornov, Eliana A.

Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
454 Fan, Wujiong
999 Wilson, Saul Kriger

Baltimore Polytechnic Institute for the Arts
950 Trinkoff, Adam

Bryn Mawr School for Girls
700 Hermemdinger, Julia R.
907 Kim, Carol J.
943 Stanton, Megan P.

Calvert Hall College H. S.
904 Caldwell, Michael A.

Catonsville H. S.
999 Czajkowski, Alexander F.
123 Gruber, Samuel C.
742 Johnson, Peyton E.
121 Konig, Sean M.
999 Renda, Emily J.
830 Sunderwirth, Keenan
700 Warshaw, William D.

Eastern Technical H. S.
894 Connor, Kathleen A.

Friends School
626 Casella, Alex M.

Gilman School
520 Betrie, Evan B.
999 Kandel, Andrew T.
628 Levin, Austin L.
999 Moscardi, Christian L.
710 Naylor, Killian S.

Mount St. Joseph H. S.
999 Dodd, Samuel J.

Pikesville H. S.
870 Greenberg, Jason P.
870 Li, Alexander S.
628 Zafman, Kelly B.

Talbald Academy
college
200 Mitnick, Jonathan

Bel Air
John Carroll School
742 Sedney, Luke D.

C. Milton Wright H. S.
450 Hutcheson, Alex M.

Berlin
Stephen Decatur H. S.
450 Eisenman, Bonnie M.

Worcester Preparatory School
303 Douglass, Connor P.

Bethesda
Bethesda Chevy Chase H. S.
999 Finzi, Rebecca D.
450 Hogan, Paul H.
700 Kragie, Andrew W.
459 Metzler, Michael R.

Holton Arms School
000 Bies, Kelly E.
000 Carton, Molly A.
000 Cohen, Abigail C.
000 Hansen, Sarah B.
000 Kirk, Erin E.
000 Leonard, Veronica A.
000 Lin, Lisa Y.
000 MacLeod, Alexandra N.
000 Srinivas, Sreeraj
000 Tucker, Corinne M.

Walter Johnson H. S.
450 Emamian, Milad S.
836 Hillenbrand, Jana C.
628 Killay, Spencer K.
822 Sibitz, Sandra M.
742 Young, Jesse D.

Landon School
999 Scott, Andrew J.
999 Shroba, John J.
904 Zhu, Henry Tang

Walt Whitman H. S.
628 Agrawal, Surbhi
700 Craig, Sarah H.
450 de Sugny, Jean-Claude D.
821 Farsi, Rai
999 Green, Perry A.
999 Heiman, Carolyn C.
600 Hu-Wang, Eileen
906 Lewis, Benjamin R.
723 Lo, Chelsea H.
900 Massey, Emily A.
999 O'Sullivan, Michael P.
168 Savage, Emily
999 Savage, Susannah E.
628 Schnure, Melissa C.
303 Simington, Dylan S.
303 Simington, Sawyer W.
999 Umans, Rachel L.

Bope
Home School
999 Gorman, Sophie Miriam
821 Gorman, Teresa Anne

Brooklandville
The Park School
999 Gensler, Lee
999 Schneider, William J.

Cenvisburg
Gunston Day School
999 Hudgens, Clay M.

Clarkburg
Clarkburg H. S.
600 Bong, Woori

Clarksville
River Hill H. S.
774 Das, Munanil
162 Engle, Samuel D.
742 Fisher, Cara E.
830 Gerry, Emily C.
209 Jao, Emmet
999 Li, Daniel
999 Lu, Owen
999 Park, Anne T.
999 Porter, Stephanie L.
999 Reyes, Nathan J.
300 Stoew, Nicholas L.

Columbia
Atholton H. S.
160 Kumar, Tanya P.

Long Reach H. S.
455 Grobicki, Alden D.
999 Miller, Arielle S.

Wilde Lake H. S.
999 Miller, Arielle S.

Damascus
Damascus H. S.
999 Eisenberg, Julie E.
628 Santsell, Katherine R.

 Eldersburg
Liberty H. S.
161 Reynolds, Sean A.

Elicott City
Centennial H. S.
999 Chen, Katherine T.
162 Choo, Ruth E.
999 Barkas, Miriam R.
722 Hoon-Starr, Jennifer M.
999 Huang, Jeffrey
741 Huang, Shouchen
214 Kettle, Kara E.
121 Kong, Daniel X.
303 Li, Mulong
773 Mei, Lan
303 Negulescu, Ioan D.
161 Shah, Farhan
600 Wang, Melissa
160 Wu, Christina S.
940 Zhu, April

Glenelg Country School
742 Sandford, Emily R.

Home School
450 Southall, Steven E.

Howard H. S.
550 Stokes, Kelsey
550 Studt, Celia M.

Mount Hebron H. S.
450 Yep, Rebecca

Fort Meade
Meade H. S.
450 McPartland, Karl J.
603 Phillips, Victoria L.

Frederick
Tuscarora H. S.
161 Zheng, Amy M.

Fulton
Reservoir H. S.
450 Li, Kevin F.
160 Schiller, Jennifer

Gaithersburg
Quince Orchard H. S.
217 Chitty, Laura A.

Gambrills
Arundel H. S.
999 Xiao, Eva W.

Germantown
Home School
836 Sowberger, Sebastian J.

Northwest H. S.
160 Beard, Cynthia M.
628 Obrezut, Steven P.
204 Yu, Ida L.

Senecha Valley H. S.
470 Burns, Joseph R.

Greenbelt
Eleanor Roosevelt H. S.
999 Chang, Alice
628 Jones, Laura E.
843 Li, Andy X.
463 Neill, Marka R.
303 Rian, Wesley E.
907 Senecal, Thomas R.
160 Tewelde, Blossom Z.
940 Teoley, Ursula A.

Hagerstown
Home School
836 Shives, Matthew S.

North Hagerstown H. S.
843 Kramer, Elizabeth L.

South Hagerstown H. S.
465 Camarano, Jason A.

Huntingtown
Huntingtown H. S.
628 Anderson, Hayley C.
999 Jacobsen, Victoria R.
204 Tremblay, Jacqueline A.

Ijamsville
Linganore H. S.
123 Hickey, Siobhan R.

Urbania H. S.
160 Baig, Nimrah A.
300 Gao, Li

Leonardtown
Leonardtown H. S.
303 Davis, Elizabeth
162 Obien, Anthony T.
450 Schneider, Zachariah L.

Lusby
Patuxent H. S.
628 Scott, Thomas G.

Marrriottsville
Marrriotts Ridge H. S.
628 Fu, Yebo
628 Morales, Andre M.
303 Shen, Kevin W.

Middletown
Middleton H. S.
700 Gesiotti, Carli Anne
254 Kirkwood, Lauren E.

Millersville
Rockbridge Academy
710 Brennan, John H.
907 Bustanoby, Beau G.

North Bethesda
Georgetown Preparatory School
999 Kim, Yoon

North East
Tome School
459 Glackin, Lauren M.
774 McNeely, Leslie K.
467 Stayback, David T.

Olney
Our Lady of Good Counsel H. S.
833 Stadnik, Matthew C.

Owings Mills
Mc Donogh School
792 Cromwell, Caitlin M.
520 Maguire, Augusta K.
160 Rothen, Emily V.
303 Zimmern, William B.

Parkton
Hereford H. S.
450 Turner, Nick E.

Poolesville
Poolesville H. S.
303 Khetarpal, Ishan
120 Li, Andrew Y.

Potomac
Bullis School
454 Park, Paul S.

Winston Churchill H. S.
999 Bendall, Lisa C.
907 Cho, Monica M.
450 Duh, Allison Y.
171 Ku, Patty B.
450 Lin, Yu ha
700 Mead, Brett G.
Semifinalists: 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program

Maryland (continued)

720 Mulhern, Kiera A.
904 Shu, Jack
999 Stackhouse, Mary R.
999 Sun, Brian
999 Yen, Lawrence M.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
950 Gallagher, Matthew R.
774 Orr, Jonah P.

ROCKVILLE
MELVIN J. BERMAN HEBREW ACADEMY
209 Kozlowski, Jonathan E.
720 Nagar, Yael R.
200 Rosenthal, Jeremy S.

RICHARD MONTGOMERY H. S.
520 Ammah-Tagoe, Adoley
794 Berry, Mark E.
175 Buchbinder, Julien M.
999 Cahill, Benjamin H.
999 Chang, Julia J.
628 Chang, Victoria A.
774 Charlie, Julia
200 Cheng, Julie K.
303 Finch, Ellen Y.
000 Hendrix, Luke S.
459 Krishnan, Maya I.
628 Liang, Lydia J.
906 Lu, Shannon N.
999 Montgomery, Sophia W.
450 Naval, Marianne S.
999 Ni, Katherine
720 Peletier, Elizabeth F.
252 Peng, Andrew
459 Perry, Elena K.
199 Reback, Dana S.
907 Rothman, Joshua
999 Sacks, Natalie L.
999 Sandler, Nora L.
628 Shi, Yiyen
200 Wu, Andrew Anqi
209 Yang, Jiayi N.
999 Yu, Andrew
723 Zong, Mark

ROCKVILLE H. S.
000 Hollies, Steven R.

CHARLES E. SMITH JEWISH DAY SCHOOL
161 Geller, Ruth J.
450 Raanan, Joshua M.
450 Rudman, Ezra J.

THOMAS SPRIGG WOOTTON H. S.
628 Ahmed, Rowana
254 Burklow, Emily M.
000 Chen, Bo
000 Cunningham, Natalie A.
999 Haeutenschild, Christian C.
605 Hyman, Max A.
999 Lenardo, Timothy E.
520 Levine, Amy M.
160 McWhite, Claire D.
628 Or, Anita H.
628 Park, Byong W.
454 Reineke, Alex D.
999 Saff, Evan M.
000 Shiu, Hubert M.
303 Tumarkin, Jessica T.
843 Venkatakrishnan, Prashanth S.
160 Wang, Eric
710 Wynant, Allison N.
200 Zheng, Margaret

SALISBURY
JAMES M. BENNETT H. S.
950 Kelley, Sean M.

SANDY SPRING
SANDY SPRING FRIENDS SCHOOL
837 Miller, Morgan A.

SEVERN
ARCHBISHOP SPALDING H. S.
999 Dozier, Margaret C.
450 Dustin, Megan K.
628 Milligan, Kyle S.

SEVERNA PARK
SEVERN SCHOOL
740 Nakos, Constantine S.
214 Salvesen, Amanda G.
836 Weiss, Mary J.

SEVERNA PARK H. S.
999 Hildebrand, Laura A.

SILVER SPRING
MONTGOMERY BLAIR H. S.
770 Bae, Alexander S.
459 Carlson, Stephen
000 Chellappa, Deepa K.
628 Chen, Wenyi
168 Cho, Lawrence S.
400 Choi, Angela E.
303 Cohen, Michael B.
742 Curley, Roger G.
200 Deng, Sophia Y.
553 Detzner, Adam S.
303 Fallick, Jeremy E.
450 Higgins, Richard E.
450 Hurwitz, Jacob B.
450 Hyder, Andrew K.
000 Jia, Lena
522 Jing, Diana D.
161 Jones, Emily A.
204 Kannan, Matthew W.
160 Ko, Pin-Joe
303 Lai, Victoria
459 Lee, Timothy C.
821 Li, Yifan
465 Lin, Elaine
450 Lin, Haozhi
628 Liu, Amy C.
628 Liu, Siqing
501 Ma, Li
946 Metcalf, Meredith H.
303 Mittal, Urja R.
303 Molina, Nina F.
843 Muskin-Pierret, Joel L.
303 Ng, Andrea Y.
175 Novello, Rebecca C.
303 Owen, Joseph R.
742 Oza, Anand D.
946 Pitt, Caroline R.
999 Puttagunta, Rohan
160 Qiao, Peter L.
628 Qiu, Xinhong
450 Shaya, Benjamin L.
999 Shen, Michelle
209 Shiu, Eliesa
628 Sui, Xinyi
200 Tao, David
999 Teitelbaum, Claire S.
300 Tolnay, David
000 Toussley, Jeremy M.
830 Wang, Jennifer
743 Xiao, Y.
999 Yu, Scott S.
628 Zhang, Chenmuren
999 Zhang, Devin D.
303 Zimmermann, Scott A.

SPRING BROOK H. S.
450 Leung, Christopher H.

THORNTON FRIENDS SCHOOL
999 Howley, Malka C.

YESHIVA OF GREATER WASHINGTON
774 Lobel, Ayelet R.

SMITHSBURG
SMITHSBURG H. S.
520 Baldasare, Anna M.

ST. JAMES
ST. JAMES SCHOOL
628 Brooks, Robert M.

SYKESVILLE
SOUTH CARROLL H. S.
774 Cole, Anthony B.

TAKOMA PARK
TAKOMA ACADEMY
870 Roberts, Zachary T.

TIMONIUM
DULANEY H. S.
450 Doud, Nathaniel G.
772 Evans, Rachel M.
160 Xu, Danna

TOWSON
LOYOLA BLAKEFIELD H. S.
450 Dubyoski, Peter B.
999 Sheehy, Michael C.

NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY SCHOOL
450 Hunt, Katherine S.

TOWSON H. S.
628 Chase, Sarah L.
454 Fessler, Abigail
999 Helmers, Jacob C.
999 Mersinger, Katherine E.
999 Metz, Eva
843 O'Donnell, Alan E.
901 Robinson, Alexander B.

WESTMINSTER
WESTMINSTER H. S.
467 Baldwin, Ransom L.

WINTERS MILL H. S.
999 Winter, Alexandra N.