

## GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent

**DATE OF MEETING: NOVEMBER 18, 2014** TITLE: **Recognition of National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists BACKGROUND:** We are proud of the six Amphitheater Public School District students who were recently named as National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists. The students are Nicole Enos and Michael Yuhas from Canyon del Oro High School, and Ryan Larson, Scott McKinley, Matthew Mitchell, and Mitchell Wagner from Ironwood Ridge High School. Students qualify to become semifinalists based on their scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/SMSQT). Nationwide this group of approximately 16,000 semifinalists represent less than one percent of all U.S. high school seniors. These very bright and talented young students have a chance to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarship money for college. To become a finalist, the students and their schools must submit a detailed scholarship application providing information about their academic achievements, community projects, leadership experience, employment, and honors they have received. **RECOMMENDATION:** This is presented for the Board's information and recognition. **INITIATED BY:** Mindy Blake Mindy Blake, Director of Community Relations Date: November 7, 2014 Patrick nelson