



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

DATE OF MEETING: **October 8, 2019**

TITLE: **Recognition of National Merit Scholarship Commended Students and Semi-Finalist**

BACKGROUND:

We are proud to recognize the following students for being a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist and Commended students:

National Merit Scholarship Commended Students:

Benjamin Ferre, Canyon del Oro High School
Joshua Henderson, Canyon del Oro High School
Kathryn Hess, Canyon del Oro High School
Skyler B. Kaufmann, Ironwood Ridge High School
Julia C. Otto, Ironwood Ridge High School
Caitlyn R. Pueschner, Ironwood Ridge High School

In late September, more than two-thirds (about 34,000) of the approximately 50,000 high scorers on the [PSAT/NMSQT®](#) receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. Commended Students are named on the basis of a nationally applied Selection Index score that may vary from year to year and is typically below the level required for participants to be named Semifinalists in their respective states. Although Commended Students do not continue in the competition for National Merit® Scholarships, some of these students do become candidates for Special Scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses.

National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist:

Vincent Burgess, Canyon del Oro High School

Students qualify to become semi-finalists based on their scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test ([PSAT/NMSQT®](#)). Nationwide, this group of approximately 16,000 semi-finalists 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 nearly \$31 million 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 item is presented for the Governing Board's recognition.

INITIATED BY:

Michael Bejarano
Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education

Date: September 27, 2019

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent