



Board Meeting Date: 11/10/2025

Title: Commendation of National Merit Scholarship Program Honorees

Type: Consent

Description: The National Merit program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. These students took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) as juniors in the 2024-25 school year. The 19 Edina Semifinalists are among approximately 16,000 Semifinalists, representing the top half of one percent of the nation's most academically talented young people. Edina High School has had National Merit Finalists and Semifinalists each year since the National Merit Foundation's inception.

In addition, there are 23 Edina Commended Students who, though they will not continue in the competition for the 2026 National Merit Scholarship awards, are among the highest scorers, and in the top five percent of students who enter the competition by completing the PSAT/NMSQT. These students are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

Semifinalists and Commended students are announced in the fall when test takers are seniors. Finalists are announced in the spring before their graduation. Semifinalists proceed to the Finalist stage if they have a consistently strong academic record, write an essay, are endorsed and recommended by a school official, and take the SAT[®] or ACT[®] and earn a score that confirms the PSAT/NMSQT performance.

These students will be honored at a reception that will take place Wednesday, November 19, at the Edina Performing Arts Center (EPAC).

Recommendation: Congratulate these Edina seniors as National Merit Scholarship Program honorees.

Attachments:

1. List of Honorees (next page)

National Merit Scholar Semifinalists

Aneesh Adusumilli
Mihi Amara
Rishika S. Anasuri
Maheeya Bhattacharya
Raya Hou
Riley C. Knez
Pranika Kumar
Ethan C. Liao
Isaac W. McCarty
Henry C. Milbert
Brody Morton
Marit Peterson
Vincent P. Ronhovde
Jake A. Solow
Elizabeth Teskey
Lynn-Clara M. Tun
Josie Wagner
Eric J. Zhao
Kevin Zhao

National Merit Scholar Commended Students

Lynn Carter
Karissa J. Cheng
Helen X. Chu
Davis W. Donner
Jacques A. Gregoire
Alex Q. Han
Juliet F. Heffelbower
Hannah Hein
Coleman T. Hinkie
John H. Jerney
Zaeem S. Kaka
Colette L. King
Adeline J. Lovaas
Natalie Lu
Vikram Narayan
Valerie E. Schmitt
Samuel W. Sheridan
Roudrabh Sinha Choudhury
Aidan T. Sneller
Audrey E. Tate
William R. Thurk
Samantha E. Tietz
Griffin C. Zosel