



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

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**DATE OF MEETING: May 7, 2024**

**TITLE: Recognition of 2024 National Merit Scholar**

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**BACKGROUND:**

Students qualify to become semifinalists based on their scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test ([PSAT/NMSQT®](#)). 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 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.

**Kayden Brant**, from Ironwood Ridge High School, has been named a National Merit Scholar. The award is valued at \$2,500 and places him among the top 2,500 students in the competition. He will also be eligible for tuition scholarships at over 100 universities across the country.

Kayden is ranked third in his class. He is involved in several extracurricular activities both at school and in the community including playing on the varsity football team and being an active member at his church.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is presented for the Governing Board's recognition.

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**INITIATED BY:**

Jen Anderson  
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Governing Board

Date: April 26, 2024

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent