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DENTON ISD

3 earn National Merit Semifinalist honor, 15 garner national honors

Three Denton Independent School District seniors have been named National Merit Semifinalists and 15 others have received national honors in this scholars program.

National Merit Semifinalists

The National Merit Semifinalists – Denton High’s Jared Davis and Ryan High’s Iris Hill and Sarah Miles – are among the highest scoring entrants in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship program in Texas and part of an elite group of 16,000 semifinalists chosen nationwide.

Denton ISD has honored 33 National Merit Semifinalists in the past decade.

With their selection, these three students are eligible to receive one of 8,300 Merit Scholarship awards. The total scholarship money is more than \$35 million. Less than one percent of students taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test qualify as National Merit Semifinalists.

Denton High

Jared Davis, son of Tony Davis, is a member of the Denton High debate team, chess club, and math club. Jared also plays the piano and studies Korean through independent learning. He plans on attending Stanford University and studying economics or electrical engineering.

Ryan High

Iris Hill, daughter of Tony and Margaret Hill, is a member of the Ryan High cross country team, choir Student Council and National Honor Society. She is undecided on her choice of college but plans to study chemical engineering.

Sarah Miles, daughter of Grant Miles and Evelyn Pitre, is a member of the Ryan High student newspaper staff, French club, National Honor Society, Amnesty International and UIL academic team. She plans on attending Harvard University and studying history.

Commended Scholars

Eleven Denton ISD seniors also were recognized as commended scholars by the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program.

There are less than 34,000 commended scholars recognized by the National Merit Scholarship program nationwide annually and each placed in the top five percent on the PSAT/NMSQT test.

Denton ISD has had 100 National Merit Commended Scholars in the past decade.

Denton High

Zach Sanderson, son of Gary and Deb Sanderson and Micaela Sanderson, is on the tennis team and writes his own music to play on guitar, bass, piano or drums. He is undecided on his college choice but plans to study music composition or computer science.

Miguel (Mickey) San Miguel, son of Blanca San Miguel, is in the orchestra, Junior Classical League, National Honor Society, Latin club, International Thespian Society and pit orchestra for musicals. He is undecided on his college choice but plans to study engineering or linguistics.

Elena Souris, daughter of Stephen Souris and Carola Hundrich-Souris, is a member of the National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society and German club. She is undecided on her college choice but plans on studying sociology or anthropology.

Guyer High

Mark Hickey, son of Scott and Ashley Hickey, is president the National Honor Society, an officer in the Denton-area Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a member of the varsity football team and Spanish National Honor Society. He is undecided on his choice of college but plans to study political science or pre-law.

Adam Oh, son of Eunkyong and Hungjae Oh, is founder of Music Saves Lives, student body president, a Texas Boys State participant and all-state member of the varsity orchestra. He plans on attending Harvard University and studying physical science.

Molly Richards, daughter of Steve and Regina Richards, is a member of the Key Club, Habitat for Humanity, science club and plays the piano. She plans on attending the University of Texas at Arlington and studying physics.

Kayley Stubblefield, daughter of Rodney and Konni Stubblefield, is a senior class officer and a member of choir, theatre and National Honor Society. She plans on attending the University of North Texas and studying chemistry with a minor in forensic science.

Cody Teleki, son of Kristian and Suzanne Teleki, is a member of the Latin club and plays hockey. He plans on attending Baylor University and studying neuroscience.

Ryan High

Jacob Fields, son of Bryan and Lesli Fields, is a member of the marching band, chess club, National Honor Society and also is a Boy Scout. He plans on attending Brigham Young University and studying computer science.

James (J.D.) McClanahan, son of Steve and Michelle McClanahan, is member of the Student Council, National Honor Society, I-Tech club, UIL literary criticism team and orchestra. He plans on attending Rice University and studying architecture.

Rachel Rosenberg, daughter of Russ and Lisa Rosenberg, is a member of the marching band, National Honor Society, Amnesty International, UIL literary criticism and ready writing teams and gives piano lessons. She plans on attending Brown University and studying international relations.

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National Hispanic Scholars

Denton ISD also had two students receive recognition as National Hispanic Scholars or National Achievement Scholar.

The National Hispanic Recognition Program recognizes students who are at least one-quarter Hispanic or Latino and are among the top 5,000 highest scoring individuals on the PSAT/NMSQT test.

Denton High

Nico Corets, son of Martin and Nancy Cortes, is in National Honor Society, Student Council, math club, UIL academic team and was in the marching band. He plans on attending the University of California-Berkley and studying electrical engineering or computer science.

Miguel (Mickey) San Miguel, son of Blanca San Miguel, is in orchestra, Junior Classical League, National Honor Society, Latin club, International Thespian Society and pit orchestra for musicals. He is undecided on his college choice but plans to study engineering or linguistics.

National Achievement Scholarship

The National Achievement Scholarship program recognizes scholars who annually score in the top three percent of more than 160,000 Black Americans who request consideration in the National Achievement Program.

Guyer High

Dionne Agawa, daughter of David Agawa and Evelyn Mensah, is president of the Guyer High German Club, a member of the Key Club, GAPP student exchange program and orchestra. She plans on attending Princeton University and studying biochemistry.

Ryan High

Krystal Cunningham, daughter of Kevin and Karla Cunningham, received the Outstanding Participant in this category. She is a member of the Ryan High orchestra, Latin club, parliamentary procedures team and HOSA. She plans on attending William & Mary University and studying psychology.

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District places 125 students on 2012 AP Scholar Awards list

Denton Independent School District students accounted for 125 distinctions on the 2012 AP Scholar Awards list, annually released by College Board.

The AP program annually recognizes students who have demonstrated college-level achievement through high scores in Advanced Placement courses and on AP exams. Students are awarded certificates for three individual levels including: AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor and AP Scholar with Distinction.

AP Scholars

Students recognized as AP Scholars received scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

Denton High

Junior - Sean Burrows;

2012 graduates - Erin Carr, Kevin Ford, Sara McGregor, Skylar Padia, Sihai Tang, Marilyn Yeatts.

Guyer High

Seniors - Jackson Bowns, Robert Champion, Brandon Dominguez, Jacob Fredrickson, Joseph Fredrickson, Dalton Gaume-Wakefield, Melissa Morris, Sarah Pittman, Mollie Ramsey, Devan Sullivan, Elizabeth Weaver, Kaitlyn Wemars, Anita Williams, Lauren Zazula;

2012 graduates - Hayden Brown, Connor Crane, Josh Currey, Savanna Doroodchi, Joel Elliott, Harrison Gorman, Michael Gray, Katelyn Griffith, Bakhtawar Hafiz, Mikayla Hall, Elizabeth Hanna, Erin Hopkins, Rachel Insley, Aaron Jackson, Edgar Jimenez, Josh Kim, Don Leonard, Jolie Ann McCleskey, Jill Metzler, Stephen Moorer, Lindsay Mullin, Sam Ososanya, Jeremiah Owen, Austin Requena, Dalton Richey, Kimber Rosales, Samantha Sandlin, Lauren Schafer, Sean Sorrento, Garyn Spray, Clarissa Suikkari, Arden Pullig, Allison Tester, Amelia Thompson, Kevin Vela, Andrew Villarreal, Siddarth Vyas, Rudy Wallace, Nathaniel Welty, Rachel West, Ethan Tucker.

Ryan High

Seniors - Domino Birze, James (J.D.) McClanahan, Nadia Rosales, Hannah Shade, Catherine Tryon;

2012 graduates - Ann Adams, Katherine Burks, Me-Kyoung Choi, Johnsesha Daniels, Heath Fowler, Yeceli Garay, Chris Guerrero, Christopher Hoye, Nathan Kam, Cassidy Lindsay, Nicole Milliet, Ryker Nelson, Benjamin Passey, Michaela Smith, James Strange, Travis Wiley, Alejandro Yanez.

AP Scholars with Honor

Students recognized as AP Scholars with Honor received an average score of 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more AP exams. Denton ISD had 17 students named AP Scholars with Honor including:

Denton High

Senior - Nico Cortes;

2012 graduate - Becca Maxwell-Leroy.

Guyer High

Senior - Jordan Bruce, Mark Hickey, Erika Lopez Arellano, Cody Teleki, Mark Wager, Reece Wells,

2012 graduates - William Matthews, Ashley Mungiguerra, Desiree Patterson, Christopher Wooley.

Ryan High

Seniors - Jacob Fields, Iris Hill, Michael Crowe;

2012 graduates - Margaret Evans, Sean Rohde.

AP Scholars with Distinction

Students recognized as AP Scholars with Distinction received an average score of 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more AP exams. Denton ISD had 32 students named AP Scholars with Distinction including:

Denton High

2012 graduate - Christopher Murillo.

Guyer High

Seniors - Megan Hoffman, JahanaraHoque, Sang-Yop Kwon, Adam Oh, Molly Richards, Kayley Stubblefield, VirinTamprateep;

2012 graduates - Alya Ayers, Shanna Clark, Nigel Deane, Mei Earling, McKenzie Eckels, Stefen Hancock, Jaison John, Mikayla Martin, Keith Richards, Ryan Roche, Emon Steadman, Theodore Torres, Kendra Wenger, Emily Windle.

Ryan High

Seniors - Sarah Miles, Rachael Rosenberg;

2012 graduates - Mark Ashby, Evan Bates, Kathryn French, Ryan Harding, Kathryn Hokamp, Meghan Kajihara, Preston Tunnell Wilson, Emily Williams.

National AP Scholars

Students recognized as National AP Scholars received an average score of 4 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more AP exams. Denton ISD had nine students named National AP Scholars including:

Denton High

2012 graduate - Christopher Murillo.

Guyer High

2012 graduates - Alya Ayers, Nigel Deane, Keith Richards, Emon Steadman, Kendra Wenger.

Ryan High

2012 graduates - Kathryn Hokamp, Meghan Kajihara, Preston Tunnell Wilson.