

# Alvin Independent School District

## November 10, 2020

<b>To</b>	AISD Board of Trustees
<b>Agendum</b>	Student & Faculty Commendations
<b>Category</b>	Recognition
<b>Resource Personnel</b>	Carol Nelson, Superintendent Renae Rives, Communications
<b>Attachments</b>	None
<b>Rationale</b>	<p><b><i>Trustee Metoyer Peterson and Trustee Tonini will now present</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Student Commendations:</i></b></p> <p><b>Jessica Liu – SCHS</b>  <b>Viren Govin – SCHS</b>  <b>Anh Kien Nguyen – MHS</b></p> <p>These 3 Alvin ISD seniors were named semifinalists in the 66th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.</p> <p>They were among the 1.5 million high school juniors who entered the program by taking the PSAT/NMSQT Qualifying Test.</p> <p>Only 16,000, or less than 1 percent were named semifinalists based on their scores.</p> <p>Semifinalists are now able to seek finalist standing, one step closer to 7,600 scholarships worth about \$32 million that will be offered in the spring.</p> <p><b>Loralei Miller – Alvin High School</b>  This past spring/summer, Alvin High School senior Loralei Miller completed the NASA High School Aerospace Scholars program. Texas High School Aerospace Scholars is an authentic STEM learning experience for Texas high schoolers to engage with NASA’s mission and become the next generation of explorers. Like-minded students complete an online curriculum in exploration and discovery. The highest achieving students are invited to attend a 5-day virtual experience plus a 2-day onsite to NASA’s Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas during the summer. Loralei was chosen from the first stage of</p>

	<p>the program to join the select few for the on-site stage, only to have COVID pull the plug on the on the experience. Still, NASA developed a "virtual on-site" alternative allowing the students to work together in teams remotely to plan a mission to the moon, which Lorelei completed in August. She will find out at a later date if she is chosen to join a final bonus in-person onsite as the COVID situation develops. She will be receiving a full science class credit for her completion of the program and also received a box full of NASA memorabilia in the mail congratulating her for her work.</p>
<b>District Goal(s)</b>	None
<b>Budget Implications</b>	None
<b>Recommendation or Proposed Motion</b>	That a commendation be presented to the students listed above.