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67 CCSD students named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists

Students will continue to compete for scholarships worth more than \$31 million

LAS VEGAS – A total of 67 Clark County School District (CCSD) high school students have been selected as semifinalists in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. They represent less than one percent of the U.S. high school seniors and qualify to continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million to be offered next spring.

These students were among the highest-scoring participants in Nevada, and out of more than 1.5 million juniors in more than 21,000 high schools nationwide, who entered the program by taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which is the initial screening for program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

To become a National Merit finalist, each semifinalist and his or her high school are required to complete a detailed application that provides information about the candidate's academic record, participation in school and community activities, leadership abilities, employment and honors, and awards received. Merit Scholar designees will be selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, written an essay, and have good SAT scores on the qualifying test.

"Our students have earned a tremendous honor for themselves and their schools," said CCSD Superintendent Dr. Jesus F. Jara. "I wish them continued success in the competition for scholarships and their academic careers."

CCSD congratulates the following National Merit Semifinalists:

Advanced Technologies Academy

- Daniel Chong
- Craig E. Hammond
- Shane J. Park

Arbor View High School

- Brandon Anaya

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Centennial High School

- Ariel Chamberlain

College of Southern Nevada

- Jared Berrocal
- Celeste Taylor

Coronado High School

- Jonah E. Blake
- Robert F. Britt
- Saad Chowdhry
- Ryan W. Fitzpatrick
- Steven S. Gutterman
- Irene Kang
- Megan H. King
- Dakyung Lee
- Maxwell R. Lipshutz
- Ajith J. Mathew
- Dylan R. Phung
- Lilliana V. Posocco
- Ziyun Tang
- Rachael F. Wei
- Jihee You
- Samuel Yu

Ed W. Clark High School

- Aidan J. Abbott
- Alexander Y. Bean
- Gwendolyn B. Berardinelli
- Mark A. Bernales
- Jonathan C. Brockett
- Annabelle Y. Chu
- Chrysia Lauren P. Edano
- Grace Gu
- Ivan Charles B. Guerrero
- Ryan Jin
- Shadman S. Kabir
- Mia N. Lorenzo
- Shaan M. Majid
- Ariana J. Makar
- Eesha Nanduri

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- Jay M. Parikh
- Kian D. Samra

- Rishabh Saran
- Abeerah N. Siddiqui
- Ameya A. Singh
- Ashley Su
- Peggy Tobar
- Kanokwan Tungkitkancharoen
- Eshaan J. Vakil
- Katherine E. Van Voorhis
- Meghana S. Veeramachaneni
- Sharon L. Vernaz
- Opalina Vetrichelvan
- Lorenz F. Vios
- Lily L. Yan
- Justin C. Yu

Green Valley High School

- Brandon L. Gong
- Sherry X. Liu
- Mark L. Zhang

Las Vegas Academy of the Arts

- Rylie A. Clothier
- Xueer Lu

Northwest Career and Technical Academy

- Cosette A. Fronczek-Marriott

Palo Verde High School

- Lewis P. Lim
- Sydney T. Park

Shadow Ridge High School

- Joel T. Hemintakoon

West Career and Technical Academy

- Timothy S. Caudell
- Cathleen G. Liang

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