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45 Carmel Clay Students Named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Carmel, IN – Carmel Clay Schools congratulates the 45 Carmel High School students named 2019 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. These outstanding seniors have the opportunity to compete for 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million.

Carmel Clay Schools 2019 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists are as follows:

Sepehr Asgari	Satvik Kumar	Kavin Rajendran
Rida Bonday	Parker Lawrence	Muskaan Ramchandani
Patrick Cavanaugh	Jacob Lee	Adam Ratzman
Srineeth Challa	Kevin Liu	Austin Roberts
Vincent Chang	Tien Mai	Jocelyn Shan
Alec DeLong	Rachel Morrison	Samuel Shi
Armaan Goel	Adelle Murphy	Andrew Sleugh
Ian Gordon	Semanti Naiken	Siddharth Somasi
Jacob Green	Anna Novak	Ali Turk
Agrayan Gupta	Selin Oh	Alanna Wu
Soumya Gupta	Anthony Ou	James Yin
Patrick Horan	Joseph Paavola	Michelle Yin
Richard Jenkins	Heidi Peng	Kevin Zhang
Parker Jou	Saichandana Pothireddy	Lifan Zheng
Jessica Konrad	Rahul Prakash	
Hannah Kosci		

Dr. Michael Beresford, Superintendent of Carmel Clay Schools congratulated the 45 students on their accomplishment. “I am so very proud of the students, as well as all of the teachers, staff members, and others who have supported their growth academically and as young people of good character. We know parents play the most important role of support and influence on our students, so, kudos to their parents as well. These are extremely gifted thinkers, but also extremely hard workers. They have put in the time and effort necessary to achieve this distinction! Congratulations!”

Over 1.6 million juniors in 22,000 high school entered the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The 16,000 students selected as Semifinalists represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. National Merit Finalists will be announced in February 2019.

“We are very proud of our 45 National Merit Semifinalists, they truly embody a tradition of academic pursuit,” said Dr. Tom Harms, Carmel High School Principal. “Their commitment to their studies is impressive and I know our students are especially thankful for the support, mentorship and guidance they received from their teachers and parents in earning such an outstanding recognition.”

Carmel High School will recognize the 45 National Merit Semifinalists at the CCS School Board Meeting at the Educational Services Center on Monday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m.