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St. Charles North Students named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

September 14, 2017 - St. Charles, IL - St. Charles North High School students Cole Hickerson and Jacqueline Oh have been named semifinalists in the 63rd annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered in the spring of 2018. There are approximately 16,000 Semifinalists this year.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test—a test which serves as an initial screening of approximately 1.6 million entrants each year—and by meeting published program entry/participation requirements.

To be considered for a National Merit Scholarship, semifinalists must advance to finalist standing in the competition by meeting high academic standards and all other requirements explained in the materials provided to each semifinalist.

Winners of the National Merit Scholarship have their scholarships funded by either the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, the institute of higher education that they select to attend, or by corporations or foundations who participate in the scholarship fund.

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