

Press Release



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Four District 303 Students Named National Merit Semifinalists 26 Other District 303 Students Earn Commended Status

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St. Charles North High School students Ryan Fahey, Kira Nutter, and Nicole Palmer, along with St. Charles East High School student Alan Koval have been named as semifinalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. These four District 303 students are among 16,000 students nationwide who have been selected for this honor. The next phase of the National Merit Scholarship Program takes place in February when the finalists are notified.

St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 has 26 additional students who have earned Commended Status in the National Merit Program. The students are as follows:

St. Charles East High School – Eli Brotzman, Andrew Culbertson, Shannon Dohr, Charles Downing, Justin Lichter, Brendan Luecker, Casey McNichols, Anna Moritz, Nathan Morrow, Claire Muckian, Erin Newman, Elizabeth Nguyen, Michael Santos, McKenna Shaffer, Neal Shah, Justin Stepien, Sophia Watts.

St. Charles North High School – Jack Currie, Jonathan Lincheck, Avee Oabel, Ryan Olson, Leanne Stahulak, Grace Taylor, Katherine Vetter, Sophia Wasilevich, and Ryan Wolak.

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 screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year – and by meeting published program entry/participation requirements.

About 16,000 students nationwide, or approximately one-third of the 50,000 high scorers, are notified that they have qualified as NMSP Semifinalists. 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. The Finalists of the NMSP are notified in February and National Merit Scholarship winners are notified beginning in March.

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