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RYE HIGH SCHOOL HAS 15 NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLAR SEMIFINALISTS
Leads Area High Schools in Number of Semifinalists

SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the names of the approximately 16,000 semifinalists in its National Merit® Scholarship program on Wednesday, and 15 of them are from Rye High School. The semifinalists are the highest-scoring entrants from each state in the country, and represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors.

“I want to extend my warmest congratulations to these 15 outstanding students and to High School Principal Patricia Taylor,” said Superintendent of Schools Frank Alvarez. “They truly are among the best and the brightest in the country. Their achievement represents a great deal of hard work and dedication, not only by the students themselves, but by their parents, their teachers and the school district community at large. It’s something we can all be proud of.”

Rye High School Principal Patricia Taylor added, “I am extremely proud of these 15 students and all of the students in our 2015 class. The high number of National Merit semifinalists this year is indicative of the excellence of the class as a whole.”

Students qualify for the program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship qualifying test in the spring of their junior year. The semifinalists must now fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition, where they will vvy for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth approximately \$33 million dollars. About 90 percent of semifinalists reach the finals, and more than half of those win a National Merit Scholarship. Finalists will be notified in February, and Scholarship winners will be announced from April-July 2015.

The 2015 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists from Rye High School are:

Morgan E. Cobban
William J. Costine
Judson A. Ellis
Caleb K. Glassberg
Bonnie F. Gould
Amelia P. Haddad

Charles Hager
Chloe M. Jennings
Rebecca P. Jordan
Min Kyo Kim
Kiefer Mueller
Samuel Papert
Daniel Philip
Jacob N. Rowen
Jici Wang

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