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## **RHS HAS 6 NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SEMIFINALISTS**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** – The National Merit® Scholarship Corporation announced the names of the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in its National Merit® Scholarship program, and six 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 congratulations to these six outstanding students and to Rye High School Principal Patricia Taylor,” said Superintendent of Schools Brian Monahan. “They are among the best and the brightest students in the country. Their achievement represents a great deal of hard work and dedication, not just by the students themselves, but also by their parents, their teachers and the community of Rye at large. It’s something we can all take pride in.”

Rye High School Principal Patricia Taylor added, “I am extremely proud of these six students and of all of the students in our class of 2017. I’m looking forward to seeing what the Semifinalists and the class as a whole achieve throughout the upcoming year.”

The students qualified for the program by taking the 2015 Preliminary SAT/National Merit® Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) in the spring of their junior year. National Merit Scholarship winners will be announced between April and July of 2017.

The 2017 National Merit® Scholarship Semifinalists from Rye High School are:

Arthur M. Burke

Aarsh Desai

Thomas R. Hager

Alexander T. Hu

Allison R. Hufford

Keaton I. Mueller

For more information, visit the National Merit Scholarship Corporation website at:  
<http://www.nationalmerit.org/>

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L to R: Rye High School Principal Patricia Taylor, Thomas Hager, Arthur Burke, Allison Hufford, Aarsh Desai, Alexander Hu, Keaton Mueller