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DCSD Home to National Merit $2,500 Winners

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation released the names of the winners in the 65th annual National Merit Scholarship Program, including six from the Douglas County School District.

Congratulations to these outstanding DCSD scholars:
- Jayendra Chauhan from Rock Canyon High School plans to study computer science
- Kayla Fairweather from Ponderosa High School will pursue a career in medical research
- Allison O'Brien from Mountain Vista High School plans to study computer science
- Grace Ryan from STEM School will pursue a career in economics
- Felix Wilton from Rock Canyon High School plans to study mechanical engineering
- Melanie Zhou from ThunderRidge High School will pursue a career in biomedical engineering

These six outstanding DCSD students are the recipients of a National Merit $2,500 scholarship, selected from a talent pool of more than 15,000 finalists. These recipients have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, according to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

More than 1.5 million students from 21,000 high schools entered the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. Recipients of the National Merit college-sponsored scholarships will be announced in June and July.

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