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DCSD Home to 27 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Douglas County School District is pleased to announce the names of 27 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists, making them part of an elite group representing less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors. These academically talented students advance in the competition, which awards 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million. Last year, DCSD had 12 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists.

The goal of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation is to honor the nation's scholastic champions and encourage the pursuit of academic excellence. More than 1.6 million students entered the competition. Three types of National Merit Scholarships will be offered in the spring of 2019:

- 2,500 National Merit Scholarships
- 1,000 Corporate-Sponsored Merit Scholarships
- 4,000 College-Sponsored Merit Scholarships

Finalists will be announced next February, with National Merit Scholarship winners announced in the months to follow. Congratulations to these outstanding DCSD students!

1. Carson Archuleta, Mountain Vista High School
2. Lindsay Beil, Mountain Vista High School
3. Matthew Brown, ThunderRidge High School
4. Jacob Carlson, Rock Canyon High School
5. Madeleine Cassic, ThunderRidge High School
6. Derek Chen, Rock Canyon High School
7. Matt Chen, Rock Canyon High School
8. Sonia Chu, Rock Canyon High School
9. Calvin Ewing, Rock Canyon High School
10. Aldrin Feliciano, STEM School
11. Sarah Gates, Ponderosa High School
12. Brittney Hutchison, Rock Canyon High School
13. Valerie Kakos, SkyView Academy
14. Etash Kalra, Douglas County High School
15. Dale Kim, Rock Canyon High School
16. Justin Kopek, Douglas County High School
17. Benjamin Krawciw, STEM School

18. Gloria Lee, Rock Canyon High School
19. Amber Liu, Rock Canyon High School
20. Michael Loomer, Chaparral High School
21. Brian Ma, Mountain Vista High School
22. Isabelle Meredith, Rock Canyon High School
23. Victoria Messmore, Legend High School
24. Anila Narayana, Rock Canyon High School
25. Dane Rieber, Legend High School
26. Alexis Roth, ThunderRidge High School
27. Aubrey Schafer, ThunderRidge High School

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