

# Education SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

## National Merit semifinalists: Nearly 100 Tarrant County seniors make 2016 list

HIGHLIGHTS

There are about 16,000 semifinalists named nationwide

About 90 percent of semifinalists become finalists

Semifinalists are among 1.5 million juniors who took the 2014 PSAT





### Star-Telegram

About 16,000 scholars nationwide, including more than 90 from Tarrant County, were named semifinalists in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program this week.

The high school seniors will compete for more than \$32 million in scholarships next spring.

About 1.5 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, or PSAT.

About 15,000 of the semifinalists are expected to advance to finalists.

Scholarship winners, or Merit Scholars, will be selected from the finalists after a review of their skills, accomplishments and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

– Diane Smith

Here are the semifinalists:

## **Aledo**

### **Aledo High School**

Barbeau, Joseph N.

## **Argyle**

### **Liberty Christian School**

Allison, Caleb B.

Wong, Kenneth H.

## **Arlington**

### **Lamar High school**

Viscuso, Olivia J.

## **Oakridge School**

Miranda, Blakeman R.

Nguyen, Jason H.

Ramakrishnan, Anuj S.

## **Azle**

### **Azle High School**

Little, William L.

## **Burleson**

### **Centennial High School**

Smiley, Andrew B.

## **Colleyville**

### **Heritage High School**

Ahaus, Holly A.

Ding, Yuyuan

Durkin, Thomas J.

Gao, Jing

Kennedy, Colby M.

Nguyen, Kristen M.

Pollack, Samuel C.

Schmidt, Kathryn D.

Varshney, Vartika

Wright, Michael C.

## **Crowley**

## **Crowley High School**

Ellis, Robert G.

Phung, Rebecca B.

## **Fort Worth**

### **Arlington Heights High School**

Terry, Carina L.

### **Bethesda Christian School**

Henn, Sarah K.

### **Boswell High School**

Dobbins, Blake K.

### **Covenant Classical School**

Fredricks, Collin C.

### **Fort Worth Country Day School**

McGlasson, Kinsey

Newton, William A.

### **Harmony School of Innovation**

Zartman, Logan M.

### **Nolan Catholic High School**

De Los Santos, Mark B.

Diseker, John R.

Wempe, Zachary D.

### **Paschal High School**

Dickson, Carter P.

Hyman, Jacob C.

Moses, David C.

Reeves, Wyatt R.

Ryu, Hanjun P.

Tempel, Peyton E.

Towle, James A.

Yurk, Emily O.

### **Trinity Valley School**

Han, William

Namireddy, Manish V.

Singh, Devesh

### **Grapevine**

#### **Faith Christian School**

Ferrell, James L.

#### **Grapevine High School**

Chwa, Emily E.

Daniel, Hannah A.

Flamm, Kyle D.

Hill, Grant A.

Jackson, Grayson R.

O'Quinn, Lorene G.

Saraf, Namita M.

Simon, Skyler M.

Valencic, Miha

Valencic, Tine

## **Hurst-Euless-Bedford**

### **L.D. Bell High School**

Bartlett, Jeremy A.

Elizondo, Samantha A.

Harper, Jeanette M.

Schroeder, William G.

### **Trinity High School**

Grady, Patrick L.

Hamza, Amin F.

## **Justin**

### **Northwest High School**

Smith, Andrew T.

## **Keller**

### **Central High School**

Kung, Christopher S.

Torkington, David E.

### **Fossil Ridge High School**

Ahsan, Sajid R.

### **Keller High School**

Portier, Thomas A.

Riggs, Douglas W.

## **Kennedale**

### **Kennedale High School**

Randolph, Samantha B.

## **Mansfield**

### **Lake Ridge High School**

Sassman, Cambley N.

## **North Richland Hills**

### **Birdville High School**

Brown, Jacob K.

Feray, Elizabeth M.

### **Fort Worth Christian School**

Rodriguez-Shah, Ethan

### **Richland High School**

Polk, Anna R.

## **Pantego**

### **Home school**

Kruse, Molly M.

## **Southlake**

### **Carroll High School**

Ally, Leila R.

Brolley, Justin J.

Deng, Shan

Flores, Talia O.

Folefack, Aurore-Christina

Handley, Carolyn N.

Jafri, Imran H.

Liu, Alice T.

Mhapankar, Aum J.

Naeem, Aneeqah H.

Ravi, Nikhil V.

Seong, Won Gyeong

Starks, Sarah W.

Szekely, Ariel

Tadpatri, Reuben S.

Taqi, Zachary E.

## **Trophy Club**

### **Byron Nelson High School**

Giuffrida, Matthew C.

Wheeler, Ryan M.

Woodcock, Brendan C.

## **Westlake**

### **Westlake Academy**

Kubyshko, Victoria

Tichenor, Reagan M.

Yang, Tiger

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