

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WHITEFISH BAY

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The Whitefish Bay School District



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**Press Release – September 20, 2016**

***Congratulations to the following Whitefish Bay High School students who were named Semifinalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Competition:***

Nichoas Bartschat  
Allison Biskowitz  
Robert Dean  
Evan Hunter  
Clara Lemaitre  
Noah Linton  
Ivan Mak  
Jonah Nelson  
Alexander Plum  
Megan Ramirez  
Caroline Skotartzak  
Sarah Spector

The **National Merit® Scholarship Program** is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®)—a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year—and by meeting published program entry and participation requirements.

In early September, about 16,000 students, or approximately one-third of the 50,000 high scorers, are notified that they have qualified as Semifinalists. To ensure that academically talented young people from all parts of the United States are included in this talent pool, Semifinalists are designated on a state-representational basis. They are the highest scoring entrants in each state. To be considered for a National Merit® Scholarship, Semifinalists must advance to Finalist standing in the competition by meeting high academic standards and all other program requirements.

The National Merit Scholarship winners of 2017 will be announced beginning in April and concluding in July.

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