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Congratulations to Whitefish Bay High School students **Al Naser Al-Fawakhiri** and **Stephen Koch** who have been selected as winners of \$2500 National Merit® Scholarships.

The **National Merit® Scholarship Program** is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. This year's National Merit Scholarship Program began in October 2016 when over 1.6 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

Last fall, the highest-scoring participants in each state, representing less than one percent of the nation's high school seniors, were named Semifinalists on a state-representational basis. Only these 16,000 Semifinalists had an opportunity to continue in the competition. From the Semifinalist group, some 15,000 students met the very high academic standards and other requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition, which was finalized to approximately 7500 students nationwide to receive the prestigious scholarships.

We congratulate Naser and Stephen and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.

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