Semifinalists Named in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program

(Evanston, Illinois) The names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 52nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program were announced today by officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 Merit Scholarship® awards, worth $33 million, that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must advance to the Finalist level of the competition by fulfilling several requirements. About 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will be selected as Merit Scholarship winners, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

Established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Program, NMSC is a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance. Scholarships awarded through the program are underwritten by NMSC’s own funds and approximately 500 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC’s goals of honoring the nation’s scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

Competition Steps

More than 1.4 million juniors in nearly 21,000 high schools entered the 2007 National Merit Program by taking the 2005 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide
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pool of Semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state’s percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become a Finalist, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student’s earlier qualifying test performance. The Semifinalist and a school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student’s self-descriptive essay and information about the Semifinalist’s participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Approximately 15,000 Semifinalists will advance to the Finalist level and it is from this group that all Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

**Merit Scholarship Awards**

Three types of Merit Scholarship awards will be offered in 2007. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit $2500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state representational basis. In addition, some 300 corporations and business organizations will underwrite about 1,100 corporate-sponsored scholarships for Finalists who meet their specified criteria, such as children of the grantor’s employees or residents of communities where sponsor plants or offices are located. Also, about 200 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 4,600 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

Merit Scholarship winners of 2007 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 242,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

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HAMILTON
HOME SCHOOL
999 Bode, Leah G.

HAMPTON
HAMPTON H. S.
303 Vo, Antony V.

KECOUGHTAN H. S.
908 Keller, Lisa M.

HARRISONBURG
HARRISONBURG H. S.
170 Mathieu, Pattie S.

HOME SCHOOL
950 Wingard, Sarah C.

HERndon
HERndon H. S.
455 Coffman, Nathaniel E.

KING GEORGE
HOME SCHOOL
450 Ryskamp, Jessica L.

LEXINGTON
ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY H. S.
906 Dawson, Grace T.
999 Hansen, Eleanor W.
160 Stickley, Sarah E.

LYNCHBURG
E. C. GLASS H. S.
520 Howell, Emily C.

HERITAGE H. S.
999 Locascio, Bryan D.

MADISON
MADISON COUNTY H. S.
467 Waldenberger, Hannah J.

MANASSAS
OSBORN H. S.
999 Su, Wenbo

OSBORN PARK H. S.
457 Hollingsworth, Alec R.

MC LEAN
LANGLEY H. S.
999 Larsen, Kelsey R.
204 Lee, Edwin M.
836 Lynch, Hannah B.
999 Myoinihan, Michael A.
450 Rosenberg, Aaron J.
630 Thomas-Hollands, Alison
160 Tran, Grace M.

THE MADEIRA SCHOOL
555 Guster, Chelsea E.

MC LEAN H. S.
999 Burchfiel, Penelope G.
628 Christensen, Ian M.
906 Chung, Eunji
836 Draggeim, Alexandra V.
949 Norton, Caitlin M.
161 Shi, Byeyang
999 Woo, Aaron H.

POTOMAC SCHOOL
742 Breome, Christopher J.
161 Doginnow, Alexander T.
999 Fleuchaus, Wesley R.
450 Metcalf, Andrew D.
160 Turner, Christopher L.

MECHANICSVILLE
LEE-DAVIS H. S.
907 Soulieret, Leslie M.

MIDDLESBURG
FOXcroft SCHOOL
830 Cairns, Jillian E.

MIDLOTHIAN
CLOVER HILL H. S.
454 Higby, Christopher G.
906 McCarter, Jennifer L.
160 Peck, Elizabeth M.

HOME SCHOOL
712 Miller, John M.

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HAMPTON ROADS ACADEMY
999 Imhol, Eric A.
451 Lenoach, Jordan E.

WARWICK H. S.
833 Adams, Keatley E.
628 Chevtsova, Maria
712 Harris, Margaret E.

NORFOLK
GRANBY H. S.
599 Huffman, Tracee L.

NORFOLK ACADEMY
204 Aspinwall, John C.
999 Kesler, Robert M.
843 Wijtmans, Sven F.

POQUOSON
POQUOSON H. S.
904 Marks, Ethan W.

PURCELLVILLE
LOUDOUN VALLEY H. S.
550 Bartow, Marguerite R.
870 Hazard, Sarah E.

RESTON
SOUTH LAKES H. S.
900 Keith, Andrew J.
459 Sinnathamby, Vikram

REVA
HOME SCHOOL
950 Cutchift, Emily E.

RICHMOND
COLLEGIATE SCHOOL
520 Anderson, Laura C.
628 Blain, Thomas W.
999 Leskin, Ross I.
836 Niethamer, Terren K.
450 Schulz, David W.

DOUGLAS S. FREEMAN H. S.
821 Buckley, Emmett C.
723 Burns, Emily R.
900 Carr, Caitlin

MILLS E. GODWIN H. S.
461 Biddix, Tyler W.
161 Davis, Timothy E.
455 Dula, Giulia M.
450 Ganevalwa, Rishi K.

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL
256 Adams, Evan J.
906 Douglass, Michael T.
561 Giancaspro, David J.
700 Guerci, Mark T.
999 Larsen, Erik W.
209 Leffert, Gregory M.
837 Ramadell, Geoffrey C.
837 Ranjbar, Kayvon A.
161 Razvi, Mehdi A.
457 Sawchak, David A.
774 Wu, Joanna N.
160 Zamencik, Julia L.

HOME SCHOOL
999 Alloway, Ben A.

MONACAN H. S.
900 Roy, Elizabeth R.

ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL
999 Lockerby, Christine D.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SCHOOL
742 Marschak, Robin S.

ROANOKE
CAVE SPRING H. S.
530 Berry, Emma F.
999 White, David G.

PatiRck hEnry H. S.
450 Frabell, Margaret E.
999 Mullet, Hilary G.

HIDDEN VALLEY H. S.
999 Harris, Andrew J.
200 Li, Sean S.
120 Slusher, Katherine G.
162 Whitehurst, Rebecca E.

HOME SCHOOL
628 Poch, Aaron L.

RUSTBURG
RUSTBURG H. S.
628 Arrington, Justine V.

SALEM
SALEM H. S.
999 Lindsey, David A.
303 Raja, Gaurav J.

SMITHFIELD
SMITHFIELD H. S.
999 Stroman, Roger S.

SPRINGFIELD
GW COMMUNITY SCHOOL
303 Ryan, Patrick

HOME SCHOOL
204 Dantzlerwar, Christopher

STAFFORD
BROOKE POINT H. S.
169 Smith-Christmas, Ian K.

HOME SCHOOL
822 Buckner, Brittany J.

STEPHENS CITY
SHERANDO H. S.
849 Barber, Richard A.

SUFFOLK
KINGS FORD H. S.
209 Steingold, Michael I.

NANSEMOND- SUFFOLK ACADEMY
160 Napora, Katharine G.

VIENNA
JAMES MADISON H. S.
803 Brenyo, Matthew D.
600 Brown, Meghan A.
907 Shroder, Emily E.
999 Skop, Hannah E.
960 Smith, Claire L.
999 Teng, Didi
451 Zwicker, Joseph A.

OAKTON H. S.
712 Ao, Jing
450 Fan, Pengyu
999 Linski, Morgan M.

VIRGINIA BEACH
PRINCESS ANNE H. S.
628 Marpuri, Ian L.

CAPE HENRY
COLLEGIATE SCHOOL
450 Newell, John C.

KEMPSVILLE H. S.
628 Becker, Rachel H.

OCEAN LAKES H. S.
836 Bemunre, Olukunle O.
770 Fox, Neal P.

TALLWOOD H. S.
999 Nikolova, Tsvetelina V.

WAKEFIELD
TIDEWATER ACADEMY
450 Dunn, Michael C.

WARRENTON
FAUDIER H. S.
450 Modly, Nicholas S.

HIGHLAND SCHOOL
999 Selbo, Charlotte E.

WAYSBORO
WAYSBORO H. S.
628 Robertson, Blair J.

WEST POINT
WEST POINT H. S.
906 Horton, Emma G.

WILLIAMSBURG
HOME SCHOOL
700 Sturdy, Lauren F.

JAMESTOWN H. S.
960 Cunningham, Emily C.

LAFAYETTE H. S.
999 Speth, Warren N.

WALSINGHAM ACADEMY
907 Cash, Dane A.

WINCHESTER
JAMES WOOD H. S.
907 Reges, Matthew W.

WOODBURY FOREST
WOODBURY FOREST SCHOOL
450 Burdett, Ben P.
742 Fulop, Evan T.
999 Hill, Nathan D.
555 Rauth, Lionel L.
628 Vaughters, Clayton F.

WOODBRIDGE
FOREST H. S.
303 McClure, Robert W.

YORKTOWN
YORK H. S.
450 Lin, Michael T.