Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
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Title

Recognition of Cherokee County School District High School Seniors Named 2022 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Requested Action

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Summary Explanation and Background

Seven Cherokee County School District high school seniors were named 2022 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists!

They are: of Creekview HS, Justin Bolsen, Callahan "Cal" Pace and Benjamin "Ben" Webster V; of River Ridge HS, Rachel G. Kim; of Sequoyah HS, Riley Hartman and Wesley Lanter; and of Woodstock HS, Leo Blatnik.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation oversees the prestigious competition, and this fall named 16,000 semi-finalists, who were chosen from 1.5 Million students based on exceptional 2020 PSAT scores. Less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors earn the title of semifinalist.

For the next level of competition, the students will complete an application detailing academic achievements, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors; an endorsement and recommendation from a high school official; and an essay. Students must additionally have earned SAT scores that confirm their PSAT performance.

National Merit then will announce the 15,000 finalists, who will compete for 7,500 scholarships worth about $30 million to be awarded in the spring.

Priority Area

Student Achievement: Access and Opportunity

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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