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Baird and Horton added to CHS's list of NMSP Semifinalists

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation is proud to announce two Crawfordsville High School students who were recently selected as Semifinalists in the 67th National Merit Scholarship Program. Seniors Conner Baird and Marshall Horton have received this great honor and will pursue the opportunity to advance to the Finalist level and the chance to become a National Merit Scholarship winner. Reaching the Finalist level would add them to the list of Crawfordsville High School's 85 Finalists since the competition began in 1955.

Horton expressed his excitement of the recognition, "It is a huge honor! I am very fortunate to have been selected from a pool of so many," he said.

Baird had similar sentiments about the honor. "It means a lot that I have made it as far as one of the semifinalists. I have worked very hard to get to this point, so it feels great to be recognized for it. One of

the best parts about this program is the potential to earn top notch scholarships. That would greatly help me with my post-secondary endeavors," he said.

This annual national program is an academic competition for recognition and a chance to win some 7,500 National Merit scholarships which totals nearly \$30 million. Scholarship winners are then chosen from the Finalist group based on abilities, skills, accomplishments and potential for success in college studies.



Conner Baird, left, and Marshall Horton were named National Merit Semifinalists adding them to a long history of Crawfordsville students earning National Merit recognition.

While this honor is an individual's recognition, the Crawfordsville High School and corporation is certainly proud of each

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Free pizza and games for winners of Hoover Family Game Night

A new and exciting weekly feature at Hoover Elementary School to promote family fun began recently! Each Friday, one 4th grader and one 5th grader is drawn at random to win a Family Game Night. Each winner receives a free Little Caesars Pizza and chooses a game to play at home with his or her family.

Hoover principal, Marci Galinowski, recognizes that family involvement is important and after a difficult year for everyone, because of COVID, the school wants to share a fun family opportunity.

"We're trying to incorporate some new things to get parents and kids interacting. Family games are a good way to promote literacy and social skills. Most of our families appreciate a ready-made and free dinner too," she said.

This week's winners are 5th grader, Essence Farris-Steen, and 4th grader, Zeke Plunkett. Plunkett was absent today so a student council member represented him for the photo.

Hoover Family Game night is sponsored by Hoover Title One, Student Council and Little Caesars Pizza of Crawfordsville.



Fifth grader, Essence Farris-Steen, left, and student council member standing in for 4th grader, Zeke Plunkett, were the winners of the recent game night.

Semifinalists . . .

individual's work.

Sarah Newton, CHS Director of Student Services said, "CCSC is very fortunate to have two students selected as semifinalists for the National Merit Scholarship Program; Conner and Marshall have continued a long-standing tradition of representing the hard work of numerous Crawfordsville High School students. Their recognition as semifinalists is a true testament to their commitment to academic excellence. CHS is proud and honored to be represented by these two students in addition to the pledge administrators and teachers to provide top-notch educational support and opportunities for our students.

Horton appreciates what he has gained throughout his time in the Crawfordsville school corporation.

"My teachers and coaches have inspired me to be my best self in all aspects, yet they do not discourage me when I fail," he said.

Baird also praised the support he has received from the Crawfordsville Community School Corporation.

"There are many teachers who deserve to be recognized as they have played a large part in shaping me into the student I am today. I want to especially thank Mrs. Kirtley, Mr. Wilcoxson, and Mrs. Turner for challenging me throughout the years. They all have intense dedication to their course content and show genuine care for their students. The teachers at Crawfordsville Community School Corporation have always pushed me to be the best version of myself. For that, I am very thankful," he said.

The program is open to all U.S. high school students, candidates must meet participation requirements beginning their junior year. High school juniors entered the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing 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.

The two Athenian seniors now prepare for the Finalist level. To become a Finalist, the Semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the Semifinalists academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT® or ACT® scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.

Both Baird and Horton have demonstrated the necessary characteristics of this program.

"Conner and Marshall are both excellent students. Marshall is active with numerous different clubs and extracurricular activities. Conner is also very involved with our Robotics team and has been all 4 years. Both students value their education and push to take the most rigorous classes that we offer at CHS. They are both leaders within their class, and both will achieve great success beyond their years at CHS," Newton said.

Finalist winners will be notified in February and then scholarship winners will be announced beginning in April. Three types of National Merit Scholarships will be offered in the spring of 2022. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit® \$2500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state-representational basis. About 1,000 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards will be provided by approximately 220 corporations and business organizations 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. In addition, about 180 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 4,000 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

Fall All-Conference Student Athletes



CHS Marching Band Wins Martinsville Fall Foliage Festival Parade



CMS' "Little Mermaid Jr." A Success



CHS' "The Play That Goes Wrong" Opens Weekend Of Nov. 19-21

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CRAWFORDSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS TENNIS

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