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Four Madeira Seniors Continue in Competition

All four Madeira High School (MHS) students who were named National Merit Semifinalists in the fall of 2021 have advanced to be named National Merit Finalists; Henry Manning, Niklas Polanco, René Polanco, and Steven Schwallie.

The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an academic competition for scholarships that began in 1955. In September 2021, approximately 16,000 students were notified that they had qualified as National Merit Semifinalists in the 67th annual competition. That gave them an opportunity to continue to compete for 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30 million.

In February, some 15,000 Semifinalists were notified that they had advanced to Finalist standing. All winners of Merit Scholarship awards are chosen from the Finalist group based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments—without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference. A variety of information is available to be evaluated: the Finalist's academic record, information about the school's curriculum and grading system, PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index score, the high school official's written recommendation, information about the student's activities and leadership, and the Finalist's own essay.

From March 2022, and continuing to mid-June, Finalists will be notified that they have been selected to receive a Merit Scholarship® award.

Henry, Niklas, René and Steven are members of the MHS Class of 2022. They will graduate this May as the 100th class to receive a diploma from Madeira High School.



Pictured (l to r) 2022 MHS National Merit Finalists Henry Manning, Niklas Polanco, René Polanco, and Steven Schwallie.