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Tenaflly Celebrates Students Named as Semifinalists and Commended Students for National Scholarships

Six Tenaflly High School students are among the 16,000 semifinalists in this year's National Merit Scholarship Program

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Tenaflly, NJ – Tenaflly High School announced that seniors Luke M. Han, Chaeyoung Lee, Chantel L. Liang, Benjamin J. Pomeranz, Jaden D. Uram, and Zoe N. Zachko have been named Semifinalists in the 67th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. The highest scorers on the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, semifinalists represent less than one percent of U.S. High School seniors.

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 high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. The Semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's essay and information about the Semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities as they compete for more than \$30 million in scholarships. Tenaflly Board of Education will honor the Semifinalists at its November 22, 2021 meeting.

In addition to semifinalists, Tenaflly acknowledged 30 Commended Students. The Commended Students are Aria Chawla, Suguru Chhaya, Eunhye D. Choi, Dillon L. Corsair, Anusha De, Isabel J. Dubov, Halle J. Hau, Erin Hong, Hank J. Jennings, Hannah Y. Joung, Eric M. Jung, Andrew L. Kim, Eric A. Kim, Min Young Kim, Yong Jun Kim, Beverly C. Luring, Grace H. Lee, Jiaming D. Li, Songhee A. Lim, Gabriel C. Manalang, Benjamin H. Sachs, Maxwell A. Selver, Madeline Shaw, Adam S. Tutundgy, Andrew E. Volynsky, Dylan D. Weiss, Ethan Xu, Isabelle L. Yan, Sophia J. Yeh, and Brandon Zhou.

Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who took the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

“Having so many of our students recognized as National Merit Scholars is an excellent reminder of the quality of our school system here in Tenaflly,” said Tenaflly High School Principal Jim Morrison. “Starting in kindergarten, our teachers, staff, parents and students all place a premium on education, and these recognitions for our students are part of the rewards that this dedication yields. I am extremely proud of our students and of our school system.”

For more information on Tenaflly High School, visit www.tenafllyschools.org.

For more information on the National Merit Scholarship Program, visit <https://www.nationalmerit.org/>.

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