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OLENTANGY SCHOOLS SENIORS RANK AMONG NATION'S BEST ON PSAT PERFORMANCE

Olentangy Schools is proud to announce 21 academically talented students have earned the distinguished honor of National Merit Semifinalist. The scholars join an elite group representing the top one percent of U.S. high school seniors.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the names of the 2024 Semifinalists in the 69th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Approximately 16,000 high school seniors were selected based on the 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT). These Semifinalists represent less than one percent of high school seniors across the country.

Below are the Olentangy Schools National Merit Semifinalists, in alphabetical order by last name:

Badri, Krish (Liberty High School)	Naikar, Neena (Liberty High School)
Brickner, James (Liberty High School)	Nelakurti, Rishivarshil (Olentangy High School)
Cushman, Annabelle (Olentangy High School)	Peterson, Thomas (Berlin High School)
Custodio, Mia (Olentangy High School)	Ramidi, Shreshta (Liberty High School)
Grayson, Seth (Liberty High School)	Sakhamura, Smirti (Olentangy High School)
Hand, Liam (Liberty High School)	Shank, Elijah (Liberty High School)
Hong, Claire (Liberty High School)	Sirikonda, Pranet (Liberty High School)
House, Evan (Orange High School)	Spetie, Nicholas (Olentangy High School)
Huang, Daniel (Liberty High School)	Tripathi, Manas (Olentangy High School)
Li, Richard (Liberty High School)	Whitaker, Lilliam (Olentangy High School)
Majkowski, Chase (Olentangy High School)	

“These students represent the top 1% of seniors in an already high-achieving school district,” said Superintendent Todd R. Meyer about the 21 semifinalists. “I am proud to have each of these students represent Olentangy Schools and extend my gratitude to their teachers and families that have guided them in their academic accomplishments.”

Semifinalists can continue in the competition to become National Merit Finalists and eligible for about 7,140 National Merit Scholarships, which will be offered in the spring, worth nearly \$28 million.

Olentangy Schools will recognize the National Merit Semifinalists, as well as 47 commended scholars, at the October 26 Olentangy Schools Board of Education meeting. Commended Students in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program placed among the top 50,000 of students who entered the 2024 competition by taking the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) but will not continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarship awards.

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