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**Press Release**

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## **DCSD Congratulates National Merit Corporate Scholarship Winner**

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation released the names of the first group of winners in the 69th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Only nine students in Colorado are being recognized for their educational excellence with corporate-sponsored awards - with one of those coming from the Douglas County School District.

Congratulations to outstanding DCSD scholar Mae Webster, who plans to study law. Mae attends Highlands Ranch High School.

Mae is the recipient of a National Merit corporate-sponsored award. Corporate sponsors provide scholarships for students who are children of their employees, who are residents of communities the company serves, or who plan to pursue college majors or careers the sponsor wishes to encourage. Most of these awards are renewable for up to four years of college undergraduate study and provide annual stipends ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 per year. Some provide a single payment between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

By the conclusion of this year's competition, more than 6,800 academic champions will have won National Merit Scholarships worth approximately \$26 million. Recipients of the National Merit \$2,500 scholarships will be announced on May 8.

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