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**Press Release**

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## **DCSD Home to 29 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists**

Douglas County School District (DCSD) is pleased to announce the names of 29 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists, making them part of an elite group representing less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors. These academically talented students advance in the competition, which awards 7,140 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million.

The goal of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation is to honor the nation's scholastic champions and encourage the pursuit of academic excellence. Three types of National Merit Scholarships will be awarded in the spring and summer of 2024:

- 2,500 National Merit Scholarships
- 840 Corporate-Sponsored Merit Scholarships
- 3,800 College-Sponsored Merit Scholarships

Finalists will be announced in February, with National Merit Scholarship winners announced in the months to follow. Congratulations to these outstanding DCSD students!

1. Gavin Banks, ThunderRidge High
2. Audrey Chang, Mountain Vista High
3. Nehal Choudhary, Rock Canyon High
4. Cathryn Church, Mountain Vista High
5. Samantha Conca, Mountain Vista High
6. Philip Dobranowski, Rock Canyon High
7. Camden Eaton, Chaparral High
8. Luke Gailloux, Mountain Vista High
9. Annie Gao, Rock Canyon High
10. Aidan Goodman-Scott, Ponderosa High
11. Lee Guiberson, Rock Canyon High
12. Adarsh Kalyan, Rock Canyon High
13. Shloka Kandukuri, Rock Canyon High
14. Nathan Kim, Rock Canyon High
15. Andrew McDowell, ThunderRidge High
16. Spencer Neucks, STEM School
17. Quynh-Anh Nguyen, Mountain Vista High
18. Ismoil Nosirov, Chaparral High
19. Luke Pauka, STEM School
20. Curtis Preedom, Legend High
21. Leo Rasmussen, Mountain Vista High
22. Aryav Rastogi, Rock Canyon High
23. Liliana Smith, Mountain Vista High
24. Alicia Tan, Rock Canyon High
25. Payton Tereick, Highlands Ranch High
26. Vinisha Tripathi, Mountain Vista High
27. Morgan Underwood, Legend High
28. Nandhana Vivek, Legend High
29. Mae Webster, Highlands Ranch High

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### **About DCSD**

Douglas County School District is Colorado's third largest school district and serves 63,000 students. Learn more at [www.dcsdk12.org](http://www.dcsdk12.org).