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Media Advisory

18 Columbus Seniors Recognized in the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program; 7 Named Semifinalists

Christopher Columbus High School is proud to announce that 18 seniors have been recognized as commended students in the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program, with seven earning the prestigious distinction of *Semifinalist*. This achievement reflects the exceptional dedication, hard work and talent of our students, supported by our dedicated teachers and counselors.

Each year, nearly 1.3 million juniors take the PSAT/NMSQT to enter the program, and only about 16,000, less than 1% nationwide, qualify as Semifinalists. Columbus' Semifinalists now have the opportunity to advance in the competition for more than 6,900 scholarships worth \$26 million.

National Merit Program Honorees

Sebastian M. Betancourt

Carlos G. Blanch

Carlos De Armas (*Semifinalist*)

David De Paz (*Semifinalist*)

Patricio Del Castillo (*Semifinalist*)

Gunnar Dennis

Adrian Garcia (*Semifinalist*)

Dylan Garcia

Daniel Alejandro González

Max Gonzalez

Zachary Gonzalez (*Semifinalist*)

Lucas Hernandez

Alex Hidalgo (*Semifinalist*)

Pedro Moreno

Sean Murphy

Kai Salcedo

Robert Isaad Tompkins

Esteban Torres (*Semifinalist*)



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