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Seven New Nationally Commended Scholars at MHS

Seven members of the Madeira High School (MHS) Class of 2026 have been named National Merit Commended Scholars in the annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Silas Baird, Adam Harms, Ben Reed, Isabella Sammut, Scarlett Shonk, Shane Spencer, and Kane Temar are among approximately 34,000 Commended Students nationwide who are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2026 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of students who entered the competition by taking the Preliminary SAT (PSAT).

The National Merit® Scholarship Program (NMSC), is an academic competition that began in 1955. High school students enter by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.3 million entrants each year. Only the top 2% are recognized as National Merit Commended Scholars.

They will be recognized at halftime of the Madeira Homecoming game Friday, September 26 along with the MHS National Merit Semifinalists Evan Cissell, Owen Donovan, and Ben Wetzel.



MHS Class of 2026 National Merit Commended Scholars (pictured left to right):
Silas Baird, Kane Temar, Ben Reed,
Isabella Sammut, Shane Spencer, Scarlett Shonk, and Adam Harms.