

Thirteen Seniors Take Step Toward National Merit Finals



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Thirteen students from The Bolles School have been named semifinalists in the 71st annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Seniors **Jayan Deshmukh**, **Ioannis Economidis**, **Victoria Edgar**, **Sameera Ghate**, **Zachary Gratz**, **Nishta Jijosh**, **Charlotte Joseph**, **Esha Kasavaraju**, **Akhil Ketty**, **Jay Manohar**, **Jack Pearson**, **Nikhil Reddy** and **Arnav Shah** will advance to compete for the nearly 7,000 National Merit Scholarships, totaling close to \$26 million.

To advance to the finals, these Bolles seniors – along with the other 16,000-plus semifinalists – must submit scholarship applications reflecting their academic record and participation in community and school activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, honors and awards received and employment. Each semifinalist must also be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, submit an essay and earn SAT or ACT scores that confirm their earlier performances on the qualifying test.