

Tate High School Senior Named 2026 National Merit Scholarship Finalist



Tate High School is proud to announce that senior James Treick has been named a 2026 National Merit Scholarship Finalist, one of the most prestigious academic honors awarded to high school students in the United States. This recognition places James among an elite group of students nationwide who have demonstrated exceptional academic ability, leadership, and commitment to their communities.

James currently attends Tate High School where he has earned an impressive 5.15 weighted GPA. In addition to his coursework at Tate, he has been dual enrolled at Pensacola State College, where he has maintained a 4.0 GPA and has received President's List recognition for his outstanding academic performance.

Beyond the classroom, James has demonstrated a strong commitment to mentoring and leadership in STEM education. For nearly three years, he has worked at Code Ninjas, where he mentors students, teaches coding to K-9 students, and coaches teams in robotics design and programming. His work helps inspire younger students to explore technology, engineering, and problem-solving.

At Tate High School, James is actively involved in several academic and service organizations. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and BETA Club. He has also contributed to Tate's athletic community as a member of the tennis team, where he demonstrated leadership by serving as team captain during his sophomore year. In addition, James has dedicated time to serving others as a missions volunteer, reflecting his commitment to giving back to the community.

"James has distinguished himself through both his academic accomplishments and the way he invests in others," said Principal Laura Touchstone. "Whether he is excelling in the classroom, mentoring younger students, or leading among his peers, he consistently represents Tate High School with excellence. Being

named a National Merit Finalist is an incredible accomplishment, and it reflects the dedication he has shown throughout his high school career. We are incredibly proud of him and excited to see the impact he will continue to make in the future.”

The National Merit Scholarship Program recognizes students across the country for exceptional academic performance and potential. Finalists represent the highest-achieving students in the nation. National Merit Scholarships will be awarded later this year.

Tate High School congratulates James Treick on this outstanding achievement and looks forward to celebrating his continued success.