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Center Grove High School Seniors Named National Merit Finalists

Greenwood, IN (March 18, 2026) – Center Grove is proud to announce that four outstanding Center Grove High School seniors have been named Finalists in the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has awarded this prestigious honor to Mohammed Khan, Ivy McClimon, Andra Veleta, and Kelli Wang.

To become a Finalist, the approximately 15,000 Semifinalists and their high schools had to submit a detailed scholarship application, including information about the student's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received.

Each Finalist will receive a Certificate of Merit and have the opportunity to continue in the competition for more than $30 million in National Merit Scholarships. The nationwide pool of Finalists represents fewer than one percent of U.S. high school seniors.

There are three types of Merit Scholarships offered: 2,500 National Merit $2500 Scholarships, 1,000 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards, and 4,100 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards. NMSC will notify Finalists of their selection to receive a Merit Scholarship award.

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Photo Attachment (L-R): Mohammed Khan, Kelli Wang, Ivy McClimon, and Andra Veleta

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