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FORSYTH COUNTY SCHOOLS STUDENTS EARN NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Forsyth County Schools is proud to announce that seven students have been named recipients of prestigious National Merit \$2500 Scholarships through the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The scholarships are awarded by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation to finalists in each state who demonstrate an outstanding combination of academic achievement, leadership, extracurricular involvement, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. Winners are selected from a nationwide pool of more than 15,000 National Merit Finalists.

Forsyth County Schools students recognized as 2026 National Merit \$2500 Scholarship winners include:

Gitanjali Nair, Alliance Academy for Innovation
Ishaan Nagireddi, Alliance Academy for Innovation

Sanay Garud, Denmark High School
Nikhil K. Pampatwar, Denmark High School
Charvi Thanakanti, Denmark High School
Aadhav Thaniga, Denmark High School

Gayatre Marouth, Forsyth Central High School

Saisiri Akarapu, Lambert High School
Arhan Barve, Lambert High School
Sean Lee, Lambert High School
Vedant Mehta, Lambert High School

Spencer Y. Tan, South Forsyth High School

Anant Verma, West Forsyth High School

National Merit \$2500 Scholarship winners are selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors based on academic records, PSAT/NMSQT scores, leadership, community involvement, essays, and recommendations from school officials.

Approximately 6,700 students nationwide will earn the title of Merit Scholar and receive nearly \$24 million in scholarships.

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Forsyth County Schools is a premier school district in metro Atlanta, serving 54,000+ students representing 129 countries and 69 languages. FCS envisions a safe, connected, and thriving community for all and is dedicated to providing an unparalleled education for all to succeed. Learn more about Forsyth County Schools at www.forsyth.k12.ga.us and connect with FCS on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.