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Twenty-Two Jeffco Public Schools Students Named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

GOLDEN, Colo. (September 19, 2016) – The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of semifinalists in the National Merit Scholar Program. Jeffco Public Schools is pleased that 22 students are included on the list.

- Caleb Izmirian, Bear Creek
- Nicole Walsh, Chatfield
- David Blair, Columbine
- Benjamin Powell, Conifer
- Charles Doebbler, D'Evelyn
- Claire Johnson, D'Evelyn
- An Li, D'Evelyn
- Bryce Lorenz, D'Evelyn
- Malcolm McKellips, D'Evelyn
- Jennifer Quigley, D'Evelyn
- Austin Albert, Dakota Ridge
- Jakob Fletcher, Dakota Ridge
- Paul Rice, Evergreen
- Shamik Bhat, Golden
- Bradley Jesteadt, Jefferson Academy
- Sophia Caronna-Moreseman, Lakewood
- Anna Granquist, Lakewood
- Fiona Lewis, Lakewood
- Laura Pott, Lakewood
- Alex Singh, Lakewood
- Jacob Andrus, Ralston Valley
- Isabel Fernald, Wheat Ridge

Students entered the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2015 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$33 million that will be offered next spring.

About Jeffco Public Schools

Jeffco Public Schools has been providing educational excellence for more than 60 years. Approximately nine percent of all the K-12 students in Colorado attend a Jeffco school. Our mission is to provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future. The district serves over 86,000 students at 155 schools on 168 campuses. Find [Jeffco Public Schools](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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