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37 Blue Valley students named National Merit semifinalists

The Blue Valley School District recently received extraordinary news. Thirty-seven high school seniors from Blue Valley have been named National Merit semifinalists. This is the highest number of National Merit semifinalists the district has had in one year.

These seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 Merit scholarship awards that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a merit scholarship, the semifinalists must fulfill several requirements and advance to the finalist round of competition.

Students were named semifinalists after taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The semifinalists represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors.

Semifinalists from Blue Valley are:

Blue Valley High: Benjamin Cooper, Mary Kennedy, Hunter Kennon, Emily Li, Grant Meyer, Angela Niebergall and Caitlin Wilson.

Blue Valley North: Furheen Baig, Daniel Baylog, Jeffrey Cooper, Andrea Hinton, Jason Hoffman, Melissa Kornspan, Katherine McClung, Laura McClung, Daniel Muccino, Nikolai Mushegian, Anish Potnis, Amanda Sevcik, Ryan Smith, Marissa Wizig and Lauren Wolfe.

Blue Valley Northwest: Rutvik Date, Bethany Hileman, Vamsi Mangena, Chris Ouyang and Derek Sechi.

Blue Valley West: Meredith Ashley, Gilbert Baltzer, Ritvik Bansal, James Becker, Tyler Dill, Joshua Luthi, Jonathan Park, Mette Petersen, Emily Phillips and Stephen Rong.

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