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22 TEMPE UNION STUDENTS QUALIFY AS NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

September 21, 2023 – The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®) has announced the names of more than 16,000 Semifinalists in the 69th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Twenty-two students across four Tempe Union High School District schools were recognized as part of this group. Over 1.3 million juniors nationally entered the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

The following TUHSD students have qualified as National Merit Semifinalists:

McClintock High School
Lily Fox; Annie Killian; Isabel Matos

Marcos de Niza High School
Tokujiro Ellis

Corona del Sol High School
Harini Mahendran; Sofia Rodriguez; Aristotle Vakanas; Aysha Viene; Nia Viene; Margaret Wang

Desert Vista High School
Sophia Chen; Isheeta Gore; Yoonji Lee; Katherine Li; Xiaofan Li; Venkat Machavarapu; Aryan Mane; Aaron Martin; Jacob McIntyre; Charisse Qin; Elizabeth Wei; Ryan Wenk

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 7,140 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring. National Merit Scholarship winners for 2024 will be announced beginning in April through July.

About Tempe Union High School District

Tempe Union High School District (TUHSD) is an A-rated school district by the Arizona Department of Education and home to approximately 12,000 students across six high schools. Five TUHSD schools have also earned the A+ Award of Excellence from the Arizona Educational Foundation and three schools – Desert Vista, Mountain Pointe and McClintock - have earned the award twice. It is our vision that all students will graduate with the knowledge, understanding and ability to apply skills necessary for success in college, career and life. For more information, visit www.tempeunion.org.

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