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Fulton County Schools has highest number of National Merit semifinalists in Georgia

The Fulton County School System announces that 128 students are semifinalists in the 64th annual National Merit Scholarship Program, the highest number of any school system in Georgia. These scholastically-talented high school seniors now continue in the national competition for more than 7,500 Merit Scholarship awards, a value of approximately \$31 million.

Announced by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, this is the first round of competition for students seeking the distinction of being named a National Merit Scholar and receiving the scholarship money associated with it. Finalists will be named in February, and the scholarship winners will be announced beginning in April.

The students were identified through exceptionally high scores on the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which they took as juniors. As semifinalists, the students now must fulfill several requirements in order to advance to the finalist round. They must have a record of high academic performance, be endorsed and recommended by their school leadership, and earn SAT scores that confirm their earlier qualifying test performance.

A detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's self-descriptive essay and information about his or her participation and leadership in school and community activities, also must be submitted.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation conducts the annual National Merit Scholarship and National Achievement Scholarship programs. Scholarships awarded through the programs are underwritten by business organizations and higher education institutions, as well as by the organization's own funds.

Alpharetta High School

Richard Cho
Rohit Das
Sidhesh S. Desai
Anushka Dheer
Dheeraj Eidnani
Kaushal Gokare
Syed Haider
Matthew Holmquist
Jake Hopkins

Johns Creek High School

Rajath Bappanad
Tyler C. Bierfreund
Angie Chen
Victoria Chen
Hyun Choi
Jason Gao
William Goldstein
Alexander B. Hayes
Vatan Kapadia

Northview High School

Safa Ahmed
Kelsey Ahn
Nathaniel Alemayehu
Alina Baiju
Amshumanth Chakragiri
Mallika Chimpiri
Sruti Chitluri
Olivia L. Cho
Brijal Chokshi

Marilyn Kessinger
Manoj Niverthi
Sean Rager
Ida Vaghefi
Adam Wang
Arthur Yu
Justin Zandstra

Cambridge High School

Austin T. Farr
Christopher M. Fettes
Caroline K. Redick
Nikita Savant

Centennial High School

Christine Pang

Chattahoochee High School

Abhimanyu Aurobindo
Jennifer Bai
James Bischoff
Marylyn Chen
Ridhi Choragudi
Hannah Dominguez
Morgan Giles
Xuanming Gu
Emily Guo
Sung Mo Hong
Vinnie K. Khanna
Andrew Kreitner
Vanisha Kudumuri
Andy Luo
Maanas Purushothapu
Nithyashree Rajasekar
Akash Rudra
Tyler Shin
Raj Srivastava
Shyla Tolani
Nithilan Vincent
Ellie Wong
Harrison Zhu

Hojung Kim
Sarah C. McWhirter
Katherine Rolader
Andrew S. Shin
Samuel Song
Neha Subramanian
Yuma Tanaka
Rhea Vohra
Julia Wei
Lily Xie
Jacob Young
Sarah Zhang

Milton High School

Pranav Athimuthu
Anna Bukowski
Maxwell Guo
Niraj Jinan
Erin Joyce
Soham Kar
Rithwik Koppaka
Kayleigh Monahan
Mira E. Mutnick
David Schertz

**North Springs Charter
High School**

Justin Kaplin
Lindsey Nicholas
Elaine Wen

Constantin Claassen
Alexandra Dunn
Annie Z. Feng
Shashank S. Ganeshan
Suraj S. Gubbala
Aniruddha Gupta
Lawrence L. He
Mohammed F. Juneja
Sonia Kalia
Michele Kim
Praneeth Kolichala
Richard Lee
Youngho Lim
Nithya Mahakala
Priun Nagru
Ayush S. Nene
Evan Ouyang
Nidhi Pai
Michelle L. Pang
Tiffany L. Pang
Priya Rajeev
Richa Sehgal
Aayush Shah
Madhusudhan Srinivasan
Sylvia Tang
Amy Tau
Livia I. Tibuleac
Varun R. Vangala
Ankita D. Vayalapalli
Kevin Wang
Simon Yan
Devansh Yerpude
Grace Yu
Alyssa Zhang
Sheri Zhang
Jonathan Zheng

Riverwood International Charter School

Michelle Stanek

Roswell High School

Sameer Khan
Lena Krone
Grant Rosenblum
Rachna Sahasrabudhe

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About the Fulton County School System. The Fulton County School System is the fourth largest school system in Georgia. More than 95,000 students attend 106 schools in the cities of Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, Roswell, Sandy Springs, South Fulton and Union City.