

## 2008 National Merit Semifinalists

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Doug Otto is proud to recognize nearly 100 senior students who have earned Semifinalist standing in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically gifted students join approximately 16,000 of their peers from across the United States as Semifinalists in the 53rd annual scholarship program. They now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 scholarships worth \$34 million.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must advance to Finalist level by fulfilling several requirements. About 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will be selected as Merit Scholarship winners, earning the Merit Scholar title. More than 1.4 million juniors in nearly 21,000 high schools entered the 2008 National Merit Program by taking the 2006 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as the initial screen of program entrants.

### Plano East Senior High School

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Amy Aughinbaugh	David Liu	Zachary Ritter
Divya Bhamidipati	Mark Lu	Samantha Sterling
Caitlin Billings	Niharika Mallepally	Benjamin Tsao
Asta Feng	Navid Najafian	Thanh Vo
Stuti Ghiya	Reema Pau	Diana Weng
Kyle Higbee	Catherine Regan	Jenna Zhu
Ryan Hrbacek	Rebecca Rego	Jodi Zik
Helen Kerwin	Margaret Richmond	

### Plano Senior High School

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Samina Abdulali	Kim Hsu	Gita Rao
Meghan Bragers	Alexander Huang	Sloane Simmons
Christina Chang	Aasheesh Kanwar	Yang Su
Joey Cheng	Anastasia Konstans	Michael Tseggay
Abigail Chu	Scarlett Lee	Joann Weng
Christopher Cutlip	Theresa Lii	Yunren Weng
Diana Dao	Wen Lu	Patricia Wright
Martin Fan	Mitchell Miller	Lu Zhang
Corey Gomon	Mason Mohanna	Shimeng Zhang
Roy Griffiths	Cindy Pan	Dana Zhao
Wilson Gu	Melissa Pan	Kevin Zhu
Allison Harris	David Pham	
Howard He	Sandhya Ramesh	

### Plano West Senior High School

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Alexandra Barton	Emily Lai	Lindsay Tomson
Stephen Bayer	Wei Hua Liu	Amita Vempati
Brooke Blomquist	Kristy Luk	Ryan Vik
Hector Chen	Isabelle Malouf	James Wallace
Jack Chen	Allison McCartney	Elizabeth Welch
Susie Choi	Jonathan Myers	Samuel Wilson
Maret Delf	Lara Nichols	Mitchell Wong
Alice Fa	Jeffrey Peng	Michael Wu
Deborah Houng	Alexandra Reynolds	Jonathan Yu
William Hurst	Jonathan Shie	Michael Yu
Jason Jea	Simran Singh	Yanqiu Zheng
Courtney Kauffman	Stephanie Stoughton	Yu Feng Zou
Kane Kuo	Richard Swan	