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Eleven Center Grove High School Seniors Named National Merit Semifinalists

Greenwood, IN (September 11, 2019) – Eleven Center Grove High School seniors were named Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. They are Vinay Bhamidipat, Carter Dills, Philip Golder, Olivia Gooch, Sophia Hagedorn, Jenna Hans, Graham Kanwit, Jacob Miller, Anna Puderbaugh, Joseph Sargent, and Joshua Stevenson.

Approximately 16,000 Semifinalists were chosen from the highest scorers in each state for the 65th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million that will be offered next spring.

To become a Finalist, the Semifinalists and their high school must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes information about the students' academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received.

The Semifinalists must be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT scores that confirm the students' earlier performance on the qualifying test. National Merit Finalists will be announced in February.

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Photo attachment - Front row: Anna Puderbaugh, Sophia Hagedorn, Olivia Gooch, Jenna Hans; Back row: Jacob Miller, Vinay Bhamidipat, Joseph Sargent, Philip Golder, Graham Kanwit, Joshua Stevenson, Carter Dills