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Eleven Center Grove High School Seniors Named National Merit Finalists

Greenwood, IN (February 26, 2020) – Eleven Center Grove High School seniors have advanced to Finalist standing in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. They include Vinay Bhamidipat, Carter Dills, Philip Golder, Olivia Gooch, Sophia Hagedorn, Jenna Hans, Graham Kanwit, Jacob Miller, Anna Puderbaugh, Joseph Sargent, and Joshua Stevenson.

About 15,000 of the 16,000 Semifinalists named in September 2019 have met all requirements to advance to Finalist standing in the competition. All Finalists will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million that will be offered this spring.

Winners of Merit Scholarship awards are chosen based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments. They are evaluated based on their academic record, information about the school's curricula and grading system, two sets of test scores, the high school official's written recommendation, information about the student's activities and leadership, and the Finalist's own essay.

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