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## Five Center Grove High School Seniors Named 2023 National Merit Semifinalists

Greenwood, IN (September 16, 2022) – Five Center Grove High School seniors were named Semifinalists in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are Grant Embrey, Gowthamm Mandala, Walker Millhoff, Micah Robertson, and Zoey Varney.

Approximately 16,000 Semifinalists were chosen from the highest scorers in each state on the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) for the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. They represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors.

The Semifinalists have the opportunity to compete to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. Finalists will compete for some 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million. To become Finalists, Semifinalists must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes information about the student's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. They must also have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT or ACT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. Finalists will be announced in February.

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Photo Attachment (L-R): Walker Millhoff, Zoey Varney, Micah Robertson, Grant Embrey, & Gowthamm Mandala