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Madison, IN: MCHS senior named a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program; two others listed as Commended students.

Madison Consolidated High School senior, Alex Wang, has been identified as a semifinalist in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. As one of more than 16,000 students acknowledged for their academic excellence, Wang has the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,140 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship Program award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition.

Over 1.3 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

Three types of National Merit Scholarships will be offered in the spring of 2024. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit® \$2,500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state-representational basis. About 840 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards will be provided by approximately 160 corporations and business organizations for Finalists who meet their specified criteria, such as children of the grantor's employees or residents of communities where sponsor plants or offices are located. In addition, about 160 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 3,800 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2024 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join nearly 375,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

Two other seniors, Jack Heckler and Jackson Schwartz, were named as Commended Students but will not be moving forward to semifinalist status.

Congratulations to all on this impressive achievement. Good Luck to Alex moving forward!