NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS April 24, 2013 Announcement

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Note to editors: Corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship® winners in your state are listed alphabetically by city following this press release. News media are encouraged to contact high school principals for additional information about these outstanding students.

This material is prepared solely for news media to announce the names of Merit Scholar® designees; its use for any other purpose is prohibited.

This is the first announcement of National Merit Scholars in 2013 by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). NMSC will name recipients of National Merit[®] \$2500 Scholarships on May 8, and winners of college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards on May 29 and July 15. By the conclusion of this year's competition, about 8,000 academic champions will have won National Merit Scholarships worth over \$35 million.

Corporate-Sponsored Merit Scholarship Winners Named

(Evanston, Illinois) Today, National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) released the names of the first group of winners in the 58th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Approximately 1,000 distinguished high school seniors have won corporate-sponsored National Merit Scholarship awards financed by about 200 corporations, company foundations, and other business organizations.

Scholars were selected from students who advanced to the Finalist level in the National Merit Scholarship competition and met criteria of their scholarship sponsors. Corporate sponsors provide National Merit Scholarships for Finalists who are children of their employees, who are residents of communities the company serves, or who plan to pursue college majors or careers the sponsor wishes to encourage.

Most of these awards are renewable for up to four years of college undergraduate study and provide annual stipends that range from \$500 to \$10,000 per year. Some provide a single payment between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Recipients can use their awards at any regionally accredited U.S. college or university of their choice.

Funding for these National Merit Scholarships is provided by corporate organizations that represent nearly all sectors of American industry. Sponsors from the business community have underwritten awards offered in all 58 competitions, expending or committing more than \$700 million to support the intellectual development of the nation's scholastically talented youth.

2013 National Merit Scholarship Competition

About 1.5 million juniors in some 22,000 high schools entered the 2013 National Merit Scholarship competition when they took the 2011 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. In September 2012, some 16,000 Semifinalists were designated on a state representational basis in numbers proportional to each state's percentage of the national total of graduating high school seniors. Semifinalists were the highest-scoring program entrants in each state and represented less than one percent of the nation's seniors.

To be considered for a National Merit Scholarship, Semifinalists had to fulfill requirements to advance to Finalist standing. Each Semifinalist was asked to complete a detailed scholarship application, which included writing an essay and providing information about extracurricular activities, awards, and leadership positions. Semifinalists also had to have an outstanding academic record, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, and earn SAT scores that confirmed their qualifying test performance. From the Semifinalist group, some 15,000 met Finalist requirements.

By the conclusion of the 2013 competition, about 8,000 Finalists will have been selected to receive National Merit Scholarships totaling over \$35 million. Winners are the Finalist candidates judged to have the strongest combination of academic skills and achievements, extracurricular accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. The majority of National Merit Scholarships offered each year are underwritten by some 440 independent corporate and college sponsors that support NMSC's efforts to honor the nation's scholastically talented youth and encourage academic excellence at all levels of education.

CAUTION: Any attempt to compare high schools on the basis of numbers of Merit Scholarship winners will lead to erroneous and unsound conclusions. The National Merit Scholarship Program honors *individual* students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The program does not measure the quality or effectiveness of education within a school, system, or state.

Riley A. Stewart

COCOA 32926

EDGEWOOD H. S., MERRITT ISLAND

Probable career field: Development Economics

NATIONAL MERIT LOCKHEED MARTIN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

The Lockheed Martin Corporation Foundation supports Merit Scholarship awards for children of Lockheed Martin employees located throughout the world. These scholarships are part of the corporation's support to its employees, the community, and to education, reflecting its strong belief that higher education is essential to the nation's future.

Sameer Kailasa

DELRAY BEACH 33446

AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL,

PI ANTATION

Probable career field: Mathematics

NATIONAL MERIT BOOKITOUT SCHOLARSHIP

BookltOut, Inc. provides technology solutions to the car industry, assisting both automotive professionals and consumers in their buying and selling needs. Innovation is a core principle at BookltOut and requires a forward-looking lens. By supporting higher education and outstanding achievement among today's young scholars, BookltOut ensures America's tomorrow and the future of the world rests in good hands.

Nicolas S. de Leon

FLEMING ISLAND 32003

FLEMING ISLAND H. S., ORANGE PARK

Probable career field: Computer Science

NATIONAL MERIT CACI SCHOLARSHIP

CACI International Inc provides professional services and IT solutions for defense, intelligence, homeland security, and IT modernization/government transformation. A member of the Fortune 1000 Largest Companies and the Russell 2000 index, CACI provides dynamic careers for more than 14,000 employees working in over 120 offices in the U.S. and Europe.

Nicholas Gupta

GULF BREEZE 32561

PENSACOLA H. S., PENSACOLA

Probable career field: Government Service

NATIONAL MERIT NATIONAL DISTILLERS DISTRIBUTORS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

National Distillers Distributors Foundation established this endowed scholarship program in 2008. Earnings from the endowed funds annually provide awards to Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Diana E. Sheedy

INDIALANTIC 32903

WEST SHORE H. S., MELBOURNE

Probable career field: Biomedical Engineering

NATIONAL MERIT NORTHROP GRUMMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Northrop Grumman Corporation, based in Los Angeles, California, is a global corporation primarily serving the defense and electronic systems requirements of governments, commerce, and industry in the U.S. and friendly nations around the world. Northrop Grumman Corporation annually supports Merit Scholarship awards for the sons and daughters of employees.

Gina Carlene Cassulo

JUPITER 33458

JUPITER COMMUNITY H. S., JUPITER

Probable career field: Environmental Engineering

NATIONAL MERIT NEXTERA ENERGY, INC. SCHOLARSHIP

NextEra Energy, Inc. is nationally known as a high quality, efficient, and customer-driven organization focused on energy-related products and services. With a growing presence in more than 18 states, it is widely recognized as one of the country's premier power companies. Providing Merit Scholarship awards to qualifying children of employees further demonstrates the company's continued support of education by recognizing the accomplishments of these outstanding students.

Hanna B. Rubin

JUPITER 33458

SUNCOAST COMMUNITY H. S.,

RIVIERA BEACH

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Megan A. Bernier

MELBOURNE 32940

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL ACADEMY,

MELBOURNE

Probable career field: Pediatric Neurosurgery

Probable career field: Undecided

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Sean W. Carroll

MELBOURNE 32940

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL ACADEMY,

MELBOURNE

Probable career field: Electrical Engineering NATIONAL MERIT UNISOURCE WORLDWIDE, INC. SCHOLARSHIP

Unisource Worldwide, Inc. funds awards to their team member's children to recognize outstanding students who are the sons and daughters of Unisource team members. Unisource is one of the largest independent distributors and marketers of more than 150,000 national and private-label products, including commercial printing and business imaging papers, facility supplies and equipment, and packaging materials and equipment.

Michelle M. Chin

MELBOURNE 32940

WEST SHORE H. S., MELBOURNE

Probable career field: Biomedicine

NATIONAL MERIT HARRIS CORPORATION SCHOLARSHIP

Harris Corporation is a producer of high-technology communication and information processing systems, equipment and components. The company's products, which are used in voice and video communications, data processing, data communication and graphic communication, are sold worldwide. Harris Corporation supports Merit Scholarship awards for children of its employees.

Emily M. Solomon

MERRITT ISLAND 32953

COCOA BEACH H. S., COCOA BEACH

Probable career field: Film Production

NATIONAL MERIT BOEING SCHOLARSHIP

The Boeing Company supports Merit Scholarship awards annually for children of employees. The Merit Scholarship awards are a part of the Boeing Company's comprehensive aid to education program.

Rebecca J. Hebert

MIMS 32754

TITUSVILLE ASTRONAUT H. S., TITUSVILLE

Probable career field: Aerospace Engineering

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Sabrina B. Valenti

NICEVILLE 32578

NICEVILLE H. S., NICEVILLE

Probable career field: Diplomatic Service

NATIONAL MERIT - DR. JOSEPH J. JACOBS SCHOLARSHIP

Headquarted in Pasadena, California, Jacobs provides a broad range of technical, professional and construction services principally in North America, Europe, Asia and Australia, to a large number of industrial, commercial and governmental clients. The company offers engineering, design, and architectural project services; process, scientific and systems consulting services; operations and maintenance services; and construction services. Jacobs supports National Merit through scholarship awards to children of its employees.

Alice L. Cannon

OCALA 34471

FOREST H. S., OCALA

Probable career field: Economics

NATIONAL MERIT CSX LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

CSX Corporation, based in Jacksonville, Fla., is one of the nation's leading transportation companies, connecting customers to ports, distribution centers and markets across the eastern United States. Through grass-roots volunteerism and focused corporate giving, CSX is committed to supporting the communities where it operates.

na V. Cheng

ODESSA 33556

GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER H. S., LUTZ

Probable career field: Architecture

NATIONAL MERIT SAIC SCHOLARSHIP

Science Applications International Corporation is an employee-owned company whose principal business involves the application of scientific expertise, together with computer systems technology, to solve complex technical problems. The sponsorship of these awards for children of SAIC employees reflects the company's concern for excellence and also permits the company to share the parents' and the community's pride in the past achievements and future aspirations of outstanding youth.

Cody B. Boyer

ORANGE PARK 32065

RIDGEVIEW H. S., ORANGE PARK

Probable career field: Electrical Engineering

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Madhu N. Elias

ORLANDO 32825

UNIVERSITY H. S., ORLANDO

Probable career field: Activism

NATIONAL MERIT CHARLES H. KAMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Kaman Corp., headquartered in Bloomfield, Conn., conducts business in the aerospace and industrial distribution markets. Its Aerospace segment produces complex metal and composite structures for aircraft, missile and bomb fuzing systems, proprietary aircraft bearings for aircraft and marine applications, and markets and supports its SH-2G Super Seasprite and K-MAX helicopters. Kaman also is the third largest distributor of industrial products to North American industry.

Annie E. Katsevich

OVIEDO 32765

OVIEDO H. S., OVIEDO

Probable career field: Applied Mathematics

NATIONAL MERIT CACI SCHOLARSHIP

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John Z. Li

OVIEDO 32765

SEMINOLE H. S., SANFORD

Probable career field: Computer Programming

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Harrison A. Litzell

OVIEDO 32766

THE MASTER'S ACADEMY, OVIEDO

Probable career field: Ministry

NATIONAL MERIT PEPSICO FOUNDATION, INC. SCHOLARSHIP

The PepsiCo Foundation is funded by PepsiCo, Inc., a worldwide consumer products and services company, whose divisions include Pepsi-Cola Company and Frito-Lay, as well as companies in food service, transportation and sporting goods. Targeting its giving in the fields of education, preventive medicine, and the arts, the PepsiCo Foundation also matches funds donated to colleges and universities and arts organizations by employees, as well as provides scholarships for children of PepsiCo employees.

Jenna A. White

OVIEDO 32765

PAUL J. HAGERTY H. S., OVIEDO

Probable career field: Pharmacy

NATIONAL MERIT MCKESSON SCHOLARSHIP

McKesson Corporation is the leading provider of supply, information and care management products and services designed to reduce costs and improve quality across health care. McKesson solutions empower health care professionals with the tools they need to deliver care more effectively and efficiently. Founded in 1833, with annual revenues of more than U.S. \$50 billion, McKesson ranks as the 31st largest industrial company in the United States.

Rudolph Laprade

PALM BAY 32907

PALM BAY H. S., MELBOURNE

Probable career field: Computer Engineering

NATIONAL MERIT HARRIS CORPORATION SCHOLARSHIP

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Kaylee L. McCormack

PALM BAY 32907

WEST SHORE H. S., MELBOURNE

Probable career field: Chemical Engineering

NATIONAL MERIT OWENS CORNING FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Owens Corning Foundation annually awards scholarships to children of active, full-time employees of Owens Corning in U.S. locations and domestic subsidiaries. Owens Corning, headquartered in Toledo, Ohio, is the world's leading manufacturer of fiberglass and a major producer of polyester resins.

Moira E. Fennell

PALM BEACH GARDEN 33418

SUNCOAST COMMUNITY H. S.,

RIVIERA BEACH

Probable career field: Journalism

NATIONAL MERIT NEXTERA ENERGY, INC. SCHOLARSHIP

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John T. Brown

PANAMA CITY 32404

BAY H. S., PANAMA CITY

Probable career field: Physics

NATIONAL MERIT XEROX FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Merit Scholarship awards are but one phase of Xerox's educational aid program which endeavors to recognize and support people, programs, and institutions that are committed in a variety of ways to quality education.

Harrison J. Schwartz

PARKLAND 33067

MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS H. S.,

PARKLAND

Probable career field: Aerospace Engineering

NATIONAL MERIT METLIFE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Merit Scholarship awards supported by the Foundation are awarded annually to qualified children of full-time employees of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in the United States. The scholarship program is only one facet of MetLife's continuing program of aid to education.

Jordan R. Alton

PEMBROKE PINES 33029

HOMESCHOOL

Probable career field: Physics

NATIONAL MERIT SIEMENS SCHOLARSHIP

Siemens Corporation produces and markets electrical and electronic systems, instruments, and components for medicine, science, and industry. Funded through the Siemens Foundation, the purpose of the scholarship program is to support higher education, to honor exceptionally talented high school students, and to aid as many as possible in obtaining a college education.

Andrew J. Knuppel

SAINT JOHNS 32259

ALLEN D. NEASE H. S., PONTE VEDRA

Probable career field: Electrical Engineering

NATIONAL MERIT CSX LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

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Mandi N. Lenoir

SAINT JOHNS 32259

CREEKSIDE H. S., ST. JOHNS

Probable career field: Mathematics

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Allan C. Martin

SAINT JOHNS 32259

CREEKSIDE H. S., ST. JOHNS

Probable career field: Nuclear Engineering

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Sneha K. Pandva

SARASOTA 34238

PINE VIEW SCHOOL, OSPREY

Probable career field: Journalism

NATIONAL MERIT WALGREEN CO. SCHOLARSHIP

Founded in 1901, Walgreens is the nation's largest and fastest growing drugstore chain and the industry leader in sales, profits and technology use. The company operates approximately 4,000 stores in 43 states and Puerto Rico, with sales of over \$28 billion. Walgreens' strategy is focused on convenience. The company strives to provide its patients and customers with outstanding service and the latest technology available.

Tanner J. Pletzke

SARASOTA 34241

PINE VIEW SCHOOL, OSPREY

Probable career field: Business

NATIONAL MERIT JAMES E. CASEY SCHOLARSHIP

The UPS Foundation was created in 1951 by United Parcel Service. National Merit James E. Casey Scholarships and James E. Casey Scholarships for children of United Parcel Service employees are supported by the UPS Foundation, in honor of the founder of United Parcel Service.

Vishalakshi Lakshmanan

STUART 34997

SOUTH FORK H. S., STUART

Probable career field: Medicine

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McKayla C. Moors

TALLAHASSEE 32309

LINCOLN H. S., TALLAHASSEE

Probable career field: Undecided

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Marigny B. Nevitt

TAMPA 33647

C. LEON KING H. S., TAMPA

Probable career field: Law

NATIONAL MERIT GENERAL MILLS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the General Mills Foundation, as a part of its educational grant program, supports Merit Scholarship awards for children of employees of General Mills and subsidiary company families. General Mills, Inc., which provides Foundation resources, produces consumer food products. Home offices of both the company and the Foundation are located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Yunhan Xu

TAMPA 33647

BERKELEY PREPARATORY SCHOOL,

TAMPA

Probable career field: Neuroscience

NATIONAL MERIT BAYER SCHOLARSHIP

The Bayer USA Foundation provides scholarships for children of employees as part of an ongoing effort by the company to support higher education in our society. Bayer produces a broad range of health care, crop protection, and polymer and chemical products that help diagnose and treat diseases, purify water, preserve local landmarks, protect crops, advance automobile safety and durability, and improve people's lives.

Joshua T. Lawrence

TITUSVILLE 32796

TITUSVILLE ASTRONAUT H. S., TITUSVILLE

Probable career field: Computer Science

NATIONAL MERIT SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. SCHOLARSHIP

Founded in 1971 and now the fourth largest carrier in the United States (in terms of domestic customers carried), Southwest Airlines is the only major short-haul, low-fare, high-frequency, point-to-point carrier. Southwest has received recognition as one of the best companies to work for in America and the most admired airline in the world. Southwest recognizes the outstanding scholastic accomplishments of the daughters and sons of its employees who achieved Finalist status in the National Merit Program.

Alexander Carsello

WESTON 33326

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS H. S.,

Probable career field: Biomedical Engineering

FORT LAUDERDALE

NATIONAL MERIT MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS SCHOLARSHIP

The Motorola Solutions Foundation is supported by contributions received from Motorola Solutions, Inc., Chicago, Illinois. National Merit Motorola Scholarships are provided to high school seniors who are sons or daughters of Motorola Solutions employees. In supporting these awards, the Motorola Solutions Foundation demonstrates its confidence in American youth and recognizes the important role which the Motorola family has always played in the company's success.

William D. Giraldo

Probable career field: Law

WESTON 33327

CYPRESS BAY H. S., WESTON

NATIONAL MERIT WASTE MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Waste Management strives to play a key role in making communities throughout the world better places to live. The Company focuses its charitable resources in three priority areas that have the most relevance to its business: community, education and the environment. Waste Management is proud to award National Merit Scholarships to the children of its employees.

Victoria D. Otero

Probable career field: International Law

WEST PALM BEACH 33409

ALEXANDER W. DREYFOOS SCHOOL, WEST PALM BEACH

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Elyse D. Z. Chase WINTER SPRINGS 32708

WINTER SPRINGS H. S., WINTER SPRINGS

Probable career field: Mechanical Engineering

NATIONAL MERIT NATIONAL DISTILLERS DISTRIBUTORS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

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Katharine Cournoyer

WINTER SPRINGS 32708

WINTER SPRINGS H. S., WINTER SPRINGS

Probable career field: Political Science

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