



National Achievement Scholarship Program

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SEMIFINALISTS IN THE 2013 NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM September 26, 2012 Announcement

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Note to editors: Semifinalists in your state are listed alphabetically by city and high school, following this press release.

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Semifinalists Named in the 2013 National Achievement® Scholarship Program

(Evanston, Illinois) More than 1,600 Black American high school seniors who have been designated Semifinalists in the 49th annual National Achievement Scholarship Program were announced today by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) officials. These scholastically talented young men and women now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 800 Achievement Scholarship® awards worth more than \$2.5 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a National Achievement Scholarship, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 80 percent of Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and more than half of the Finalists will win an Achievement Scholarship award.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program, conducted by NMSC, is a privately financed academic competition that operates without government assistance. It was initiated in 1964 to recognize academically promising black students throughout the nation and to provide scholarships to a substantial number of the most outstanding program participants. To date, over 31,900 young men and women have received Achievement Scholarship awards worth more than \$100 million.

About the 2013 Competition

More than 160,000 high school juniors from all parts of the United States requested consideration in the 2013 National Achievement Scholarship Program when they took the 2011 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). Semifinalists are designated within geographic regions and are the highest-scoring program entrants in the states that make up each region.

To advance to the Finalist level in the competition, the Semifinalist and their high school must submit a detailed scholarship application in which they provide information about the student's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, and educational goals. Semifinalists must present a record of high academic performance throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT scores that confirm their PSAT/NMSQT performance.

From the approximately 1,600 Semifinalists, about 1,300 are expected to advance to the Finalist level and in January they will be notified of this designation. All Achievement Scholar® awardees will be selected from the Finalist group on the basis of their abilities, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

National Achievement Scholarships

National Achievement Scholarships provided in 2013 will be supported by corporations, professional organizations, foundations, and by NMSC's own funds. Two types of scholarships will be offered. Every Finalist will compete for one of the 700 one-time National Achievement \$2500 Scholarships, which will be awarded on a regional representation basis. In addition, corporate and business sponsors will underwrite about 100 Achievement Scholarship awards for Finalists who meet criteria set by the grantor. Although some corporate-sponsored awards provide a single payment, most are renewable for up to four years of undergraduate study. NMSC will release the names of scholarship winners to news media in early April.

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Semifinalists: 2013 National Achievement Program

FLORIDA

BARTOW

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SCHOOL
682 Commons, Terrence J.

BOCA RATON

SPANISH RIVER COMMUNITY H. S.
628 Huggins-James, Dara M.

BRADENTON

BRADEN RIVER H. S.
628 Gillam, Ashley T.

SOUTHEAST H. S.
453 Kwapong, Kwesi H.

CAPE CORAL

CAPE CORAL H. S.
522 Adu-Sarkodie, Myra A.

CLEARWATER

CALVARY CHRISTIAN H. S.
520 Schultheis, David D.

CLEWISTON

CLEWISTON H. S.
555 Thompson, Jazmine F.

COCONUT CREEK

NORTH BROWARD SCHOOL
204 Creighton, Joshua C.

DAVIE

COLLEGE ACADEMY AT BROWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
619 Street, Andrew P.
161 Wright, Jervon A.

NOVA CENTER FOR APPLIED RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
903 Morisset, Leah-Catherine

DEERFIELD BEACH

DEERFIELD BEACH H. S.
450 Greffin, Benji

DELRAY BEACH

ATLANTIC COMMUNITY H. S.
162 Myrthil, Jenny

DOVER

STRAWBERRY CREST H. S.
628 Aro-Lambo, Mazeed O.
628 Bradley, Savannah L.
903 Brown, Jordan R.
160 Loye, Ayomikun

DUNEDIN

DUNEDIN H. S.
906 Wetzelberg, Aubrey B.

FORT LAUDERDALE

ARCHBISHOP EDWARD A. MC CARTHY H. S.
836 Barrow, Richard A.
303 Beaufills, Lloyd E.

PINE CREST SCHOOL
302 Chang, Mellissa
454 Hernandez, Matthew R.
303 Holland, Descartes
160 Thompson, Stephanie D.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS H. S.
214 Clarke, Mckenzie
870 Reynolds, Aubrey B.
454 Sanon, Ciara G.

FORT MYERS

CANTERBURY SCHOOL
999 Ganther, Solange A.

BISHOP VEROT H. S.
999 Taylor, Dhyana C.

FORT PIERCE

JOHN CARROLL H. S.
870 Delouche, Agenia
628 Lescouffair, Katerina G.

LINCOLN PARK ACADEMY
628 Gilbert, Eliza J.

FORT WALTON BEACH

CHOCTAWHATCHEE H. S.
628 Applewhite, Brandon C.

FORT WALTON BEACH H. S.
459 Michaud, Paul L.

GAINESVILLE

EASTSIDE H. S.
906 Kima, Tabong W.

GAINESVILLE H. S.
907 Parker, Tyler S.

OAK HALL SCHOOL
000 Sarantos, Nicklas A.

JACKSONVILLE

DOUGLAS ANDERSON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
303 Schmid, Olivia R.

PAXON SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES
870 Pinnix, Alexandria I.

STANTON COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL
455 Gordon, Kenya
162 Greene, Ryan A.

JUPITER

JUPITER COMMUNITY H. S.
303 Walters, Matthew A.

KISSIMMEE

OSCEOLA COUNTY SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS
870 Hughes, Ashley J.

LAKE MARY

LAKE MARY H. S.
712 Gordon, Ashley

LAND O'LAKES

SUNLAKE H. S.
450 Harmon, Christopher T.

LITHIA

NEWSOME H. S.
999 Brennan, Kirby E.

MIAMI

CORAL REEF H. S.
120 Andrian, Raivo H.
628 Audain, Malik A.
900 Lamur, Joany T.

DR. MICHAEL M. KROP H. S.
522 Barnes, Audi A.

MAST ACADEMY
836 Jackson, Jennifer C.

MIAMI CORAL PARK H. S.
999 Lindo, Tristen B.

MIAMI COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL
450 Jones, Aaron D.

SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES - NORTH
629 Levy, Yael R.

SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES - WOLFSON
999 Rong, Weihong

MIAMI SHORES

DOCTORS CHARTER SCHOOL
522 Pagano, Alissa A.

MIRAMAR

MIRAMAR H. S.
900 Campbell, Randon P.
870 Paisley, Akheim
628 Thomas, Tanya E.

NAPLES

FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY
628 Reilly, Cassidy C.

LELY H. S.

202 Rose, Milton

PALMETTO RIDGE H. S.
520 Howell, Destiny S.

NEW PORT RICHEY

GULF H. S.
870 Brown, Marissa D.
554 Curtwright, Alexandria R.

NICEVILLE

NICEVILLE H. S.
948 Richardson, Leslie Y.

OCALA

VANGUARD H. S.
600 Broughton, Ashley N.

ORANGE PARK

RIDGEVIEW H. S.
500 Suarez, Marcel R.

ST. JOHNS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL
772 Tomlinson, Sabrina R.

ORLANDO

WILLIAM R. BOONE H. S.
451 Spence, Stephanie L.
121 White, Earnest

CYPRESS CREEK H. S.
454 Taylor, Pakwesi D.

EDGEWATER H. S.
900 McCalip, Rhianne D.

JONES H. S.
999 Bruno, Justin A.

OLYMPIA H. S.
628 Obinwa, Nathaniel

DR. PHILLIPS H. S.
870 Cousin, Bianca G.
162 Ham-Ying, Julien M.
712 Womack, Christopher W.

TIMBER CREEK H. S.
628 Workman, Celyra I.

UNIVERSITY H. S.
870 Nestor, Melisande

OSPREY

PINE VIEW SCHOOL
836 Baughen, Kabisa V.

OVIEDO

PAUL J. HAGERTY H. S.
999 Amos, Austin R.
522 Valentine, Christopher T.

OVIEDO H. S.
166 Robinson, Marcus A.

PALMETTO BAY WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

450 Reed, Jared

PANAMA CITY

RUTHERFORD H. S.
453 Harris, Dondrell

PARKLAND

MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS H. S.
628 Morgan, Ashleigh R.
999 Romeus, Lanief
999 Rowe, Kadeem A.

PEMBROKE PINES

CHARLES W. FLANAGAN H. S.
467 Robinson, Ryan
999 Sanders, Kaylen

PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER H. S.

772 Marshall, Christina
467 Phillips, Artavia K.
628 Roach, Taliyah
467 Taylor, Timothy

WEST BROWARD H. S.
712 Goldberg, Cydney R.

PENSACOLA

PENSACOLA H. S.
161 Benson, Jalen A.
270 Brooks, Hannibal A.
270 Brooks, Malcolm

PLANTATION

AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL
712 Eloi, Monique N.
712 Finlay, Kendall D.
161 Francois, Josie
467 Major, Maximillian R.
629 Parrish, Kiera J.
999 Ramsaran, Christie E.
204 Suite, Zachary N.

PLANTATION H. S.
555 Jones, Arabella

PORT ORANGE

SPRUCE CREEK H. S.
451 Eniwaye, Bolaji P.

RIVIERA BEACH

SUNCOAST COMMUNITY H. S.
600 Abu, Yaw O.
000 Coates, Thomas Jewell
600 Elie, Uriel J.
454 Picart, Jamila K.

ROYAL PALM BEACH

ROYAL PALM BEACH COMMUNITY H. S.
628 Sharpe, Roxsian F.

ST. PETERSBURG

ST. PETERSBURG H. S.
999 Johnson, Jaila C.
628 Okonkwo, Ike

TALLAHASSEE

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL
629 Redda, Semhal K.

AMOS P. GODBY H. S.
870 Liburd, Symphoni A.

LINCOLN H. S.
360 Obinyan, Gabriel A.

TAMPA

THOMAS JEFFERSON H. S.
201 Gadsden, U'kera V.

C. LEON KING H. S.
630 Henry, Tatiana N.
250 Johnson, Amber A.
870 Vaughn, Desirae J.

H. B. PLANT H. S.
628 Brown, Clarque M.

T. R. ROBINSON H. S.
870 Brown, Evyn S.
870 Lane, Shanteece R.
451 Williams, Justin P.

TAMPA BAY TECHNICAL H. S.
303 Sampson, Jah'nell M.

WHARTON H. S.
208 Malcolm, Christina D.
459 Roberts, Jafari J.
901 Sullivan, Alexandra P.

VALRICO

BLOOMINGDALE H. S.
459 Allen, Christian D.
870 Montgomery, Ashley T.

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Florida (continued)

WESLEY CHAPEL

WESLEY CHAPEL H. S.
948 Broughton, Taurean

WEST PALM BEACH

ALEXANDER W.
DREYFOOS SCHOOL
943 Alexandre, Toree E.
943 Brown, Melina C.
950 McCoy, Breana D.

WINTER GARDEN

WEST ORANGE H. S.
999 Spencer, Taylor E.

WINTER PARK

LAKE HOWELL H. S.
555 Hylton, Toran Y.

WINTER PARK H. S.
628 Tarver, Alicia N.