

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #96 (2006-2007)

October 16, 2006

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR
SEMIFINALISTS

ASD Goal: Increase student academic achievement; establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by challenging each student academically.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Anchorage School District is proud to have 29 semifinalists for the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The students are:

Duncan Arie, West High School
Justin Birchell, West High School
Alice Bradley, Chugiak High School
Gavin Bryant, West High School
Nicholas Bybee, South Anchorage High School
Emily Cohn, West High School
Matt Crimp, Steller Secondary
Stephanie DeMay, Chugiak High School
Joseph Falcone, South Anchorage High School
Anne-Marie Freudenthal, Service High School
Alena Gerlek, West High School
Amber Gunn, Bartlett High School
Russell Haering, West High School
Amelia Josephson, West High School
Brittany Keates, Service High School
Lauren Knox, Chugiak High School
Merra Lundell, Chugiak High School
Ellie Millen, West High School
Reuben Mikes, Service High School

Celia Miller, Polaris -12 School
Anson Moxness, West High School
Christopher Oliver, East High School
Megan Rawson, East High School
Max Rosefigura, West High School
Jennifer Rinker, Service High School
Hayden Ripple, South Anchorage High School
Hillary Walker, East High School
Rosalind Worcester, West High School
Nathan Zencey, West High School

These 29 students are now among the approximately 16,000 semifinalists nationwide in the competition for 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards, worth \$33 million, that will be offered next spring.

Students qualify as semi-finalists based on their PSAT scores. To become a finalist for the Merit Scholarship award, a student must have an outstanding academic record, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and do well on the SAT. In the application, the student must also include a self-descriptive essay and information about his or her participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Merit Scholarship winners of 2007 will be announced in between April and July.

It is requested that the School Board recognize the above mentioned students for their outstanding academic achievements.

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