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**SEMIFINALISTS IN THE 2026
NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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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 in the 2026 National Merit® Scholarship Program

(Evanston, Illinois) Today officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®) announced the names of more than 16,000 Semifinalists in the 71st annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 6,930 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$26 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 95 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by about 300 business organizations, higher education institutions, and individual donors that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

Steps in the 2026 Competition

Over 1.3 million juniors in about 20,000 high schools entered the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2024 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become a Finalist, the Semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the Semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and 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.

From over 16,000 Semifinalists, more than 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of Finalists. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

National Merit Scholarships

Three types of National Merit Scholarships will be offered in the spring of 2026. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit® \$2500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state-representational basis. About 830 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards will be provided by approximately 150 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 150 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 3,600 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2026 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join approximately 389,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

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Semifinalists: 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program

FLORIDA

ALACHUA

SANTA FE H. S.
Hu, Robert

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

LAKE BRANTLEY H. S.
Gold, Layla W.
Ham, Matthew J.

AVE MARIA

RHODORA J. DONAHUE ACADEMY
Jahnke, Paul
Nunez, Maria P.

AVENTURA

DON SOFFER AVENTURA H. S.
Avidan, Lia
Bermudez, Ela
Chemerinski, Julia

BARTOW

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SCHOOL
Auto, Lucas
Heist, Jacob
Jenks, Cooper
Jennings, Abigail
Lall, Navin
Nakka, Indrani

BELLEVIEW

BELLEVIEW H. S.
Lucaric, Patrick

BOCA RATON

BOCA RATON CHRISTIAN H. S.
Leon, Carlos

BOCA RATON COMMUNITY H. S.

Ho, Olivia
Janke, Audrey
Mccarthy, Chloe
Monroe, Ryan
O'Brien, Katelyn
Zhylkaidarov, Iman

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY H. S.

Amro Gazze, Serena N.
Arbelaez Correa, Laura
Carmona, Danilo R.
Chhibber, Rishi D.
Deese, Lucas E.
Demaras, Nicole
Diaz-Silva, Emily
Edelstein, Ella R.
Fedkiv, Danylo
Goldenberg, Gabriel
Grant, Shyla
Gurin, Danila
Hanafi, Youssef
Kessler, Sydney
Lerner, Joshua E.
Lourenso, Frederick A.
Naveed, Zarah B.
Niejadlik, Kaylie H.
Puri, Ekansh
Schaeffer, Baron P.
Sibia, Dataar S.
Sirkin, Matthew R.
Zentefis, Alexander

KATZ YESHIVA H. S. OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Distenfeld, Esther
Fridman-Rubin, Nathaniel
Muschel, Nathan

OLYMPIC HEIGHTS COMMUNITY H. S.

Birken, Noah
Heffernan, Wilson

SPANISH RIVER COMMUNITY H. S.

Enciso, Santiago
Gao, Marvin
Jones, Dylan

ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL

Anglemyer, Hannah
MacKay, Cameron
Spina, Matthew
Stoica, Daniel
Yang, Yingjia

WEST BOCA RATON COMMUNITY H. S.

Stiesi, Dominic

BRADENTON

BRADEN RIVER H. S.
Chen, Kevin

MANATEE H. S.

Lay, Richard

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Walters, Pearson L.

STATE COLLEGE OF FLORIDA COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

Weis, Sarah

BROOKSVILLE

NATURE COAST TECHNICAL H. S.
Delaney, Vincent

CANTONMENT

J. M. TATE H. S.
Treick, James

CAPE CORAL

CAPE CORAL H. S.
Recupito, Joshua J.

OASIS H. S.

Crawford, Samuel J.

CELEBRATION

CELEBRATION H. S.
Munoz, Diego D.
Solomon, Benjamin R.

CLEARWATER

CLEARWATER CENTRAL CATHOLIC H. S.
Childress, Madison
Morgan, Aidan
Phy, Patrick

COUNTRYSIDE H. S.

Connor, Heidi A.
Green, Corbin J.

CLERMONT

EAST RIDGE H. S.
Jayjack, Gabriel B.

PINECREST LAKES ACADEMY

Turner, Evander

COCOA BEACH

COCOA BEACH H. S.
Cummings, Lucy

COCONUT CREEK

MONARCH H. S.
Strong, Steven

NORTH BROWARD PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Kunz, Madelyn
Schultz, Carter

COOPER CITY

COOPER CITY H. S.
Don, Aidan

CORAL GABLES

CORAL GABLES H. S.
Ridoux, Alexander R.

CORAL SPRINGS

CORAL GLADES H. S.
Wang, Hannah

CORAL SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL

Walker, Bryce

CRAWFORDVILLE

WAKULLA H. S.
Recks, Aubrey

DAVIE

COLLEGE ACADEMY AT BROWARD COLLEGE
Waite, Elias

HOMESCHOOL / ONLINE SCHOOL

Gonzalez, Giancarlo

WILLIAM T. MC FATTER TECHNICAL H. S.

Montezuma Fisis, Gabriel

NOVA H. S.

Alutu, Oluebube

DAVID POSNACK JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

Naider, Lily
Silverstein, Annabel

DE LAND

HOMESCHOOL / ONLINE SCHOOL
Noor, Raza

DELRAY BEACH

AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL
Besharat, Kersh
Daniel, Jacob
Debickes, Patrick
Deutsch, Kennedy
Deshpande, Aishwarya
Du, Siyuan
Greenwald, Harper
Heller, Samantha
Hodis, Michael
Justin, Luke
Kha, Rayan
Khan, Enan
Lambrecht, Jack
Levenston, Joseph
Li, Audrey
Liu, Ken
Lopez, Emma
Mikati, Michael
Rohit, Ryan
Rosenberg, Alexander
Sandkovsky, Emma
Schwartz, Alec
Singh, Sonya
Staton, Daniela
Thangaraj, Rishan
Thevenot, Zoe
Wernick, Jacqueline
Yaralli, Caitlin
Zhao, Alex
Zuckerman, Cole

ATLANTIC COMMUNITY H. S.

Smith, Jennifer

DORAL

DIVINE SAVIOR ACADEMY
Aragon, Isabella

DORAL ACADEMY CHARTER H. S.

Fonseca, Luis
Garcia, Helen
Padilla, Eduardo
Valdes, Emely

DORAL PERFORMING ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT ACADEMY

Rodriguez, Andres

SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES WEST

Maringanti, Shashank K.

DOVER

STRAWBERRY CREST H. S.
Badiger, Anu

Bagui, Ayona
Balaji, Sneha
Bodaka, Shreyashi
Bray, Shelby L.
Eriki, Sri Nithya P.
Gajjar, Varun M.
Gottipati, Arun P.
Gupta, Mahee
Jain, Gaurav
Jha, Priyanshu
Kalara, Ishan H.
Kim, Hyunmin S.
Oh, Andrew M.
Padhye, Sayali S.
Panchal, Radha
Parikh, Dev N.
Praveen, Adwait
Rajesh, Sujay
Saravanan, Ashank K.
Shankar, Shruti R.
Talati, Bhavya H.
Tyagi, Vaidehi
Udasi, Vritti A.
Vedhere, Sahasra
Venkatesh, Eesha L.
Wang, Alexander Y.
Zhang, Ashley J.

FLEMING ISLAND

FLEMING ISLAND H. S.
Bangkrasor, Benjamin
Frakt, Danil
Jacobs, Dimitri
Webster, Alan

ST. JOHNS CLASSICAL ACADEMY

Ayala, Carlos J.

FORT LAUDERDALE

CALVARY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Harris, Lainey C.

CARDINAL GIBBONS H. S.

Fuchs, Max

PINE CREST SCHOOL

Ayres, Brennan
Berinstein, Jeffrey
Chawla, Rishi
Cortadellas, Gisela
Edwards, Brynn
Jones, Jake
Lecour, Lucia
Merchel Czubek, Leon
Nicolo-Jones, Cosima
Palombo, Marcus
Pollok, Matthew
Rosenthal, Frederick
Strong, Elizabeth
Thomas, Clara
Todorov, Maya
Winn, Alexandra

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS H. S.

Abuhamda, Jad E.
Angelovski, Zora M.
DiMaggio, Nicholas J.
du Plessis, Fynn C.
Eacobacci, Joseph F.
Feinberg, Matthew J.
Kastler, Caden J.
Kermis, Aline E.
McAllister, Kenzie A.
Pistorius, Lila J.
Straka, Cody J.
Thorndike, Ricardo L.

FORT MYERS

CANTERBURY SCHOOL
Bazan, Diego
Magas, Phoebe

DUNBAR H. S.

Fernando, Kurukulasuri N.
Fowler, Isabella J.
Gogineni, Deetya
Schofield, Finlay G.

FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGIATE H. S. - LEE CAMPUS

Vanpham, Brayden T.

FORT MYERS H. S.

Busch, Victoria A.
Canizares, Sebastian A.

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LEE VIRTUAL
INSTRUCTION PROGRAM
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BISHOP VEROT H. S.
Calixte, Ambrielle
Mayus, Sofia

GAINESVILLE

BUCHHOLZ H. S.
Caedington, Annika
Gadikota, Pranay
Karri, Shailey
Rotchford, Evan
Zheng, Keith

CORNERSTONE ACADEMY
Jones, Hannah

EASTSIDE H. S.
Melendez, Francheska M.
Rahman, Irma S.
Seong, Juhjung
Smith, Miles A.

FRAZER SCHOOL
Chen, Aliana
Jiang, James
Ngo, Bach
Patel, Anish
Ravi, Adityaa
Wei, Michael
Zhang, Xuyao

GAINESVILLE H. S.
Archer, Rowan S.
Dos Santos, Lina C.
Goodrich, Madeleine G.
Impink, Irma
Rant, Elizabeth M.

HOMESCHOOL / ONLINE SCHOOL
Gunther, Graham

W. T. LOFTEN H. S.
Rockwell, Logan P.

OAK HALL SCHOOL
Lee, Hajun

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC ACADEMY
Fariborzian, Cyrus D.
Russell, Cade B.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS

CLAY H. S.
Mata, Joshua A.

GREENACRES

JOHN I. LEONARD H. S.
Crumpler, Grace

GULF BREEZE

GULF BREEZE H. S.
Buck, Collin M.
Giberman, Owen E.
Khan, Joshua L.
Lu, Anna T.
Roush, Owen S.
Smith, Caroline K.

HIALEAH

JOSE MARTI MAST 6 - 12 ACADEMY
Mena, Edsel J.

MATER LAKES ACADEMY H. S.
Lemoine, Christophe

HIALEAH GARDENS

MATER ACADEMY CHARTER H. S.
Molina, Anthony D.
Peraza, Daniel I.

MATER PERFORMING
ARTS ACADEMY
Piedra, Abraham

HILLIARD

HILLIARD H. S.
Couey, Cole D.

HOBE SOUND

THE PINE SCHOOL
Phillips, Aurora

HOLLYWOOD

CHAMINADE - MADONNA COLLEGE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Silla, Jason

HOLLYWOOD HILLS H. S.
Chatelier, Chelsea

SHERIDAN HILLS
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Johnston, Hailey L.

SOUTH BROWARD H. S.
Moncada, Xiomara M.

HOMESTEAD

MEDICAL ACADEMY FOR SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY
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SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES

Jiang, Katherine S.
Machado, Logan
Pasarín, Aidan A.

SOMERSET ACADEMY
Jauregui, Laura

JACKSONVILLE

THE BOLLES SCHOOL
Deshmukh, Jayan
Economidis, Ioannis
Edgar, Victoria
Ghate, Sameera
Gratz, Zachary
Jijosh, Nishta
Joseph, Charlotte
Kasavaraju, Esha
Ketty, Akhil
Manohar, Jay
Pearson, Jack
Reddy, Nikhil
Shah, Arnab

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
Herford, Stella G.
Korn, Chloe S.
Noles, Gary J.
Wong, Liam R.

BISHOP KENNY H. S.
Hobensack, Jacob J.
Logue, Lauren E.
Valenzuela, Jacob N.

MANDARIN H. S.
Koti, Dennis
Rollins, Charlotte M.
Smith, Joshua A.

PAXON SCHOOL FOR
ADVANCED STUDIES
Higgins, Saige G.

RIVER CITY SCIENCE H. S.
Carin, Cole
Keller-Karatsonyi, Markus
Tahhan, Joyce T.

BISHOP JOHN J. SNYDER H. S.
Flowers, Matthew

STANTON COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Alwakeel, Alan M.
Ancha, Karthik
Ashar, Rijul
Das, Aashvi
Dearing, Luke P.
Felix, Carmen
Gadre, Aarohi K.
Johnson, Lindsay M.
Jucker, Edward R.
Krishna, Aayush I.
Leiby, James M.
Menon, Ramsagar
Palakamshetty, Suhaan S.
Pendem, Shreyas
Pulumbat, Indiana-Jones A.
Sapatla, Samuel D.
Umar, Amina H.
Vanga, Pranavi
Verma, Om

SAMUEL W. WOLFSON H. S.
Glasheen, Graham R.
Lee, Amber S.
Mercer, Emerson W.
Okada, Kai E.
Porter-Keefer, Zoe P.

JUPITER

JUPITER COMMUNITY H. S.
Gerring, Thomas
Lavrik, Estella
Martin, Kiera

KENNETH CITY

DIXIE HOLLINS H. S.
Michalski, James M.

KEY WEST

BASILICA SCHOOL OF ST. MARY
STAR OF THE SEA
Siegert, Mila S.

KISSIMMEE

NEOCITY ACADEMY
Evans, David A.
Fermin, Leonardo G.
Kim, Erika D.

OSCEOLA COUNTY SCHOOL FOR
THE ARTS
Xie, Wenqing

TOHOPEKALIGA H. S.
Thomas, Kevin

LAKE CITY

COLUMBIA H. S.
Chiong, Nathan

LAKE MARY

LAKE MARY H. S.
Adeosun, Jessica T.
Gupta, Yash
Kassner, Jackson A.
Singhvi, Aarav
Srijit, Pranav

LAKE WORTH

HOMESCHOOL / ONLINE SCHOOL
Olenn, Katherine

PARK VISTA COMMUNITY H. S.
Luong, Alexander
Mason, Noah

LAKELAND

HOMESCHOOL / ONLINE SCHOOL
Hunink, Addison R.

POLK STATE LAKELAND
COLLEGIATE H. S.
Dolan, Madison A.

LAKEWOOD RANCH

THE OUT - OF - DOOR ACADEMY
Chase, Mason N.
Papper, Zachary A.
Smith, Chase B.
Wilson, Hays T.

LAND O' LAKES

LAND O' LAKES H. S.
Griffis, Luke J.
Mandava, Mahathi
Nekkanti, Rishitha S.
Panthangi, Sarika
Pinilla, Consuelo C.
Trivedi, Yana M.

SUNLAKE H. S.
Lammers, Eliza

LANTANA

SANTALUCES COMMUNITY H. S.
Yuan, Xiao

LARGO

LARGO H. S.
Corriveau, Andre R.
Lin, Ryan
Ritchey, Chase A.
Schmidt, Chloe H.

LEHIGH ACRES

GATEWAY H. S.
Spitzer, Madelyn M.

LITHIA

JOE E. NEWSOME H. S.
Ayres, Casey A.
McClellan, Kaitlin M.

LONGWOOD

LYMAN H. S.
Manrique Giraldo, Jeronimo

LUTZ

GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER H. S.
Jeevan, Karthik
Luikart, Hannah J.
Patel, Shaan R.
Roji, Elaine R.
Sharma, Raghav
Wu, Andy B.

MAITLAND

ORANGEWOOD CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL
Baker, Amelia
Baker, Isabel
Cochran, Nathan

MELBOURNE

HOLY TRINITY
EPISCOPAL ACADEMY
Canlas, Elle
Jackson, Alessandra
Shen, Brittany
Zaidi, Alina

HOMESCHOOL / ONLINE SCHOOL
Branan, Luke M.
Dorn, Isaiah

MELBOURNE H. S.
Curtis, Amelia D.

VIERA H. S.
Blood, Tyler A.
Borbath, Brian L.
Brooker, Jane E.
Chen, Tyler R.
Moss, Isaac A.
Sun, Andrew

WEST SHORE H. S.
Ashta, Aryan
Beilman, Carter D.
Grimson, John M.
Guan, Andy
Hoffmann, Lindsey J.
Jani, Manan M.
Shuster, Samuel R.
Sinha, Rhea

MERRITT ISLAND

EDGEWOOD H. S.
Bhattacharyya, Twisha
Dalal, Nirvaan A.
Mehta, Twisha T.
Murphy, Eleanor E.
Penny, Mary P.
Vellody, Jacob R.
Woodrich, Sebastian C.

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ADVANCED ACADEMICS
Arevalo, Andres E.
Perez, Rusbell R.

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Jiang, Yufei
Johnet, Shaun
Londono, Matthew

BELÉN JESUIT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Erdmann, Max E.
Felix-Padilla, Santiago
Hoyos, Andres A.
Quijano, Julian D.
Quintero, Renier A.
Souto, Luis I.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS H. S.

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De Paz, David
Del Castillo, Patricio
Garcia, Adrian E.
Gonzalez, Zackary

Semifinalists: 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program

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CORAL REEF H. S. Beck, Elena Fields, Brianna Fuenteslara, Isabella Her, Yujune Perez, Marcos	XCEED PREPARATORY ACADEMY Rimland, Jocelyn	OCALA FOREST H. S. McGinley, Leah K. Rubin, Ethan	UNIVERSITY H. S. Gala, Aadi S. Velazquez, Alexander
GULLIVER PREPARATORY SCHOOL Bahniuk, Matthew Chainani, Kaveen Krajewski, Eitan Marin, Simone Merner, Justin Perez, Ramiro Rampoldt, Griffin Tarac, Elisa Tarpey, Gabriella	MIAMI BEACH MIAMI BEACH H. S. Forsberg, Leo	VANGUARD H. S. Archer, Noah	OSPREY PINE VIEW SCHOOL Anderson, Jeffrey Antoniuk, Natasha Bishayee, Ankur Butakow, Benjamin Cabrera, Carly D'Amato, Logan Dash, Rohan Govindu, Prabhav Gries, Matthew Harris, Gabriel Jayendran, Niranjana Khodzhaieva, Elizabeth Lobo, Devdaan Maggard, Jacob Manjesh, Sankalp Mehta, Mirai Molnar, Kira Nisberg, Esther Rans, Jocelyn Reuter, Cole Sweiderk, Jaime Thompson, Kinley Yerra, Krishav Zhang, Sophia
MARITIME AND SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY Daza, Santiago Elena, Paulina M. Estrada, Juan I. Lewislewin, Elijah F. Magarinos, Tomas Munoz-Legarre, Florencio J. Roeset, Nicholas J. Tesoriero, John P.	MIAMI LAKES BARBARA GOLEMAN H. S. Prophete, Christopher W.	WEST PORT H. S. Capobianco, Gabriella	OVIEDO PAUL J. HAGERTY H. S. Ferencak, Thomas R. Goyal, Parth Hwang, Grace Miller, Lia A. Tole, Evelyn Yu, Ethan Zou, Daniel D.
MATER BRICKELL ACADEMY Iriarte, Francisco	MIDDLEBURG MIDDLEBURG H. S. McKeel, Christopher L.	ODESSA HOMESCHOOL / ONLINE SCHOOL Bonigala, Arnab Scipione, Luciana	OVIEDO H. S. Aysun, Colin Elwell, Elise L. Matteson, Jewel E.
OUR LADY OF LOURDES ACADEMY Alvarez, Lorena Fernandez, Juliana Graham, Lauryn Mimica, Nadia Zaharewicz, Katerina	MIDDLETON THE VILLAGES CHARTER SCHOOL Esma, Audrielle P.	ORLANDO WILLIAM R. BOONE H. S. Ursic, Austin	PACE PACE H. S. Penrod, Adam E. Thies, John
RANSOM EVERGLADES SCHOOL Alesandro, Ryan Alfonso, Connor Aronow, Jacob Dabus, Matheus do Valle, Gustavo Duwin, Oliver Gould, Charlotte Griffin, John Grunwald, Max Hernandez, Beatrice Jindal, Aarav Keedy Brown, Patrick Michelsen, Olivia Pena, Constantino Rhone-Fernandez, Sofia Seabrook, Virginia Silberwasser, Eliana Stamate, Armin Yashiv, Erela Zhou, Minnie	MINNEOLA LAKE MINNEOLA H. S. Tuttle-Marshall, Amaya S.	COLONIAL H. S. Bush, Nathan E.	PALM BEACH GARDENS BENJAMIN SCHOOL Duffy, Liam J. Park, Siu Tang, Han Tepper, James E.
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	HOMESCHOOL / ONLINE SCHOOL Baquero-Iglesias, Xavier	LAKE NONA H. S. Diaz, Nicholas X. Smith, Kyle J. Venezia, Olivia S.	PANAMA CITY BAY H. S. Dyer, Silas
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