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OUSD Celebrates National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

ORANGE, Calif., October 14, 2010 – Orange Unified School District announced today it has 13 National Merit Scholarship Competition Semifinalists. These students comprise less than 1% of graduating seniors in the United States. Of the 1.5 million entrants nationwide, some 50,000 with the highest Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) Selection Index scores (critical reading + mathematics + writing skills scores) qualify for recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

In April, high-scoring participants from every state are invited to name two colleges or universities to which they would like to be referred by NMSC.

OUSD National Merit Scholarship Competition Semifinalists:

Canyon High: Taylor Boyd, Darius Ho, Benjamin Kim, Carl Moose, Ryan Rezvani, John Stephens

El Modena High: David Keating

Villa Park High: Daniel Kim, Jasper Lai, Andrew Le, Kristine Tran, Leah Wilensky, Alison Wong

Additionally, the National Merit Competition commended the following students:

Canyon High: Jaclyn Doo, Carly Haack, Christine Han, Christopher Huab, Johnerson Li, Karina Mehta, Gareth Montiero, Jolene Nguyen-Cuu, Jared Suu, Deborah Tan, Natalie Tomasik

El Modena High: Dianne Dang, Sean Dunn, Alana Eldridge, Joli Lam, José Robles

Villa Park High: Katherine Jaw, Simon Lee, Megan Messerly, Kaitlyn Risser, Isabella Sarmiento, Luc Sutherland, Theodore Tzeng, Luke Warneke, Alex Wilensky

National Hispanic Recognition Program Finalists

Villa Park High Audrey Arbogast, Laura Billiter, Mark Bustamante

National Achievement Program Outstanding Participants Referred to Colleges

Villa Park High Mason Banks

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