

Martin County Students Recognized as National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Seven Martin County students have been named semifinalists for the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program, a renowned academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. Each of the students will now be eligible to continue in the competition for approximately 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million that will be offered next spring.

This year, more than 1.6 million juniors from 22,000 high schools across the country entered the National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as the initial screening tool for program entrants. The semifinalist pool includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

To become a finalist for the National Merit Scholarship, semifinalists must submit a detailed scholarship application, including their academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment and awards and honors received. Students must also write an essay and submit a recommendation by a high school official.

Winners of the 2019 National Merit Scholarships will be announced from April through July 2019.

Congratulations to the following semifinalists from the Martin County School District:

Jensen Beach High School

- Nicholas E. Cocoves
- Charlotte G. Justak

Martin County High School

- Scott D. Daniel
- Jonathan B. Fogel
- Morgan B. Kofsky

South Fork High School

- Tarun Neelavannan
- Jeremy M. Ortmann