



National Achievement Scholarship Program

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SEMIFINALISTS IN THE 2009 NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT[®] SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM September 24, 2008 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 2009 National Achievement[®] Scholarship Program

(Evanston, Illinois) The names of more than 1,600 Black American high school seniors who have been designated Semifinalists in the 45th annual Achievement Scholarship[®] competition were announced today by the National Achievement Scholarship Program. These scholastically talented students now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 800 scholarships worth over \$2.6 million to be awarded next spring.

The National Achievement Program, conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (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 27,800 young men and women have received Achievement Scholarship awards worth more than \$91 million.

Approximately 1,300 Semifinalists are expected to fulfill additional requirements and advance to the Finalist level in the 2009 program. 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.

About the Competition

More than 150,000 high school juniors from all parts of the United States requested consideration in the 2009 National Achievement Program when they took the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT[®]). Semifinalists were 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, Semifinalists must present a record of high academic performance throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the PSAT/NMSQT performance. Also, the Semifinalist and a high school official must complete a detailed scholarship application in which they provide information about the student's participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, and educational goals. The substantial amount of information collected about each Finalist will be used in the selection of scholarship winners.

National Achievement Scholarships

National Achievement Scholarships provided in 2009 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: 2009 National Achievement Program

FLORIDA

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

LAKE BRANTLEY H. S.
628 Mwanza, Sesheta B.
459 Sanks, Taryn D.

APOPKA

FOREST LAKE ACADEMY
628 Nozil, Cassandra H.

BARTOW

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
SCHOOL
201 Bailey, Horace

BOCA RATON

FLORIDA ATLANTIC
UNIVERSITY H. S.
628 Pointdujour, Harryson J.

BRADENTON

MANATEE H. S.
250 Hornsby, Talaisha J.

BRANDON

BRANDON H. S.
603 McNealy, Gregory C.

COCOA BEACH

COCOA BEACH H. S.
455 Russell, Devyn A.

COCONUT CREEK

MONARCH H. S.
870 Bailey, Moya D.
303 Jacobs, Paula O.

NORTH BROWARD SCHOOL
710 Henry, Cristian J.

COCONUT GROVE

RANSOM EVERGLADES SCHOOL
200 Jarrett, Tor W.

CORAL SPRINGS

J. P. TARAVELLA H. S.
943 Palmer, Breanne

DAVE

THE COLLEGE ACADEMY AT
BROWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
214 Barclay, Alikiah
161 Hall, Anthony N.
600 Jones, Shani
907 Kerr, Kimani A.

NOVA CENTER FOR
APPLIED RESEARCH AND
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
450 Librun, Chelsie
628 Nestor, Lynn C.

DAYTONA BEACH

FATHER LOPEZ H. S.
463 Barnes, Jena A.

DEERFIELD BEACH

DEERFIELD BEACH H. S.
870 Fitzgerald, Kendrick K.
870 Small, Yasmin P.

DELRAY BEACH

AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL OF
BOCA - DELRAY
162 Akpoji, Ukwen C.

ATLANTIC COMMUNITY H. S.
999 Pilgrim, Grace
990 Placide, Krislyn

FORT LAUDERDALE

PINE CREST SCHOOL
450 Chin, Shane A.
950 Jefferson, Lloyce J.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS H. S.
712 Garel, Alicia M.
720 Kreitner, Jean-Luc D.

STRANAHAN H. S.
467 Johnson, Joshua D.

THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF
NOVA SOUTHEASTERN
UNIVERSITY
628 Brown, Christen B.

FORT MYERS

FORT MYERS H. S.
450 Wangure, Mwachofi

FORT PIERCE

LINCOLN PARK ACADEMY
555 Strong, Shelby
945 Watson, Nathaniel P.

GAINESVILLE

EASTSIDE H. S.
628 Calixte, Ritza E.
600 Killgore, Ashley

GAINESVILLE H. S.
720 Polke, Clarece J.

P. K. YONGE SCHOOL
450 Fethiere, Jonathan M.

HARMONY

HARMONY H. S.
628 Mwakyanjala, Edson J.

HOMESTEAD

SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES
000 Lumlock, Katelyn L.

JACKSONVILLE

THE BOLLES SCHOOL
169 Cobb, Zora N.

EPISCOPAL H. S.
999 Coachman, Danielle E.

PAXON SCHOOL FOR
ADVANCED STUDIES
628 Justilien, Purterson
628 Nimo, Nana Yaa A.
950 Wilson, Christen A.

STANTON COLLEGE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
456 Anderson, Whitney N.
209 Grant, Sarah N.
870 Jones, Britney H.
000 McMillan, Jerry L.
870 Williams, Natasha D.
456 Wright, Adrienna

EDWARD H. WHITE H. S.
000 Vincent, Eric E.

LAKE MARY

LAKE MARY H. S.
999 Fidalgo, Brittany

LAKE WORTH

PARK VISTA COMMUNITY H. S.
628 Amarquaye, Audrey A.
254 Atwell, Jasmine A.
455 Wossenu, Daniel

LANTANA

SANTALUCES COMMUNITY H. S.
833 Parent, Arly P.
459 Sincere, Rachell

LAUDERDALE LAKES

BOYD H. ANDERSON H. S.
999 James, Christopher R.
772 Ramgolam, Sydney I.
906 Stern, George

MIAMI

CARROLLTON SACRED
HEART SCHOOL
628 Johnson, Jasmine A.

CORAL REEF H. S.
999 Allen, Janel
454 Dansoh, Richard O.
999 Jones, Zachary B.

JOHN A. FERGUSON H. S.
627 D'Anglade, Luca D.

MIAMI PALMETTO H. S.
451 Siclait, Daniel

MONSIGNOR EDWARD PACE H. S.
451 Jean-Francois, Al

SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED
STUDIES - SOUTH
870 Conwell, Emily A.

WILLIAM H. TURNER TECHNICAL
ARTS H. S.
900 Alexandre, Kessie

MIAMI LAKES

MIAMI LAKES EDUCATION CENTER
161 Morgan, Victoria M.

MIAMI SHORES

DOCTORS CHARTER SCHOOL
628 Richardson, Ezekiel A.

MIRAMAR

EVERGLADES H. S.
628 Green, Sydney R.

MIRAMAR H. S.

870 Cunningham, Jahneille A.

NAPLES

GULF COAST H. S.
452 Robinson, Grant A.

NICEVILLE

OKALOOSA - WALTON
COLLEGIATE H. S.
456 Chappell, Eddie D.
254 Reeves, Tawanah M.

NORTH MIAMI BEACH

NORTH MIAMI BEACH H. S.
463 McAulay, Krystan A.
628 Moulite, Maritza R.

ORLANDO

HOME SCHOOL
628 Kassu, Bilen

JONES H. S.

450 Blumhagen, Torin J.

DR. PHILLIPS H. S.

522 Battle, Courtney A.
946 Gary, Jarren A.

UNIVERSITY H. S.

999 Marcelle, Kristin M.

OSPREY

PINE VIEW SCHOOL
710 Rattray, Paul A.

OVIEDO

PAUL J. HAGERTY H. S.
417 Ezell, Yesenia A.
712 Mensah, Kayla A.

PALM COAST

MATANZAS H. S.
870 Rodrigues, Elias

PALM HARBOR

PALM HARBOR UNIVERSITY H. S.
628 Plunkett, Maria H.

PEMBROKE PINES

CHARLES W. FLANAGAN H. S.
710 Dawes, Ludlow O.

PENSACOLA

PENSACOLA H. S.
836 Evans, Billie D.

PLANT CITY

DURANT H. S.
628 Thompson, Trinity R.

PLANTATION

AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL
000 Davis, Spring J.
628 Grant, Lori-Ann S.

SOUTH PLANTATION H. S.

160 Gray, Kamal O.

POMPANO BEACH

POMPANO BEACH H. S.
603 Smith, Stephanie

PORT ORANGE

SPRUCE CREEK H. S.
522 Austin-Breneman, Jacob L.

RIVIERA BEACH

SUNCOAST COMMUNITY H. S.
907 Gordon, Sharina A.
629 Pierre, Anthony C.
999 Stewart, Isaiah

ROYAL PALM BEACH

ROYAL PALM BEACH
COMMUNITY H. S.
619 Gauthier, Clarissa

SANFORD

SEMINOLE H. S.
522 Kemper, Julian W.
999 Menna, Kamose T.
742 Olayinka, Oluwatumise M.

ST. PETERSBURG

LAKEWOOD H. S. - CENTER FOR
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES
712 Effiom, Hakim A.

ST. PETERSBURG

COLLEGIATE H. S.
628 Miller, Darrington R.

TALLAHASSEE

LEON H. S.
999 Jamerson, Kimberly S.

LINCOLN H. S.

214 Asifor-Tuoyo, Emiko
870 Edington, Gabriella R.
628 Zakare-Fagbamil, Rasheedatu T.

MACLAY SCHOOL

451 Brickler, David P.

JAMES S. RICKARDS H. S.

945 Edukore, Omekaro O.
629 Moore, Jason
628 Ugochukwu, Obiadada N.

TAMPA

HILLSBOROUGH H. S.
200 Gray, Jasmine C.
175 Santos, Kristine D.
628 Slater, Chelsea N.

C. LEON KING H. S.

628 Celerin, Donovan
450 George, Justin M.
628 Ikaidi, Uwana A.

WALTER L. SICKLES H. S.

211 Khalil, Kayda I.

TAMPA BAY TECHNICAL H. S.

121 Martin, Malcolm M.

TAMPA PREPARATORY SCHOOL

630 Knowles, Adrian N.

WHARTON H. S.

943 Blake, Aisha G.

VALRICO

BLOOMINGDALE H. S.
254 Martin, Keria A.

WELLINGTON

PALM BEACH CENTRAL H. S.
628 Annor, Ama K.
870 Charles, Melissa E.

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Florida (continued)

WEST PALM BEACH
ALEXANDER W.
DREYFOOS SCHOOL
947 Weise, Gaia

WESTON
CYPRESS BAY H. S.
200 Denbow, Anya C.

WINTER GARDEN
WEST ORANGE H. S.
254 Battles, Patricia L.

WINTER PARK
LAKE HOWELL H. S.
999 Pitcan, Mikaela

WINTER PARK H. S.
999 Jordan, Alexander C.