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Seven CCSD students win National Merit \$2500 Scholarships

LAS VEGAS - Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) today announced the names of some 2,500 distinguished high school seniors who have won National Merit \$2500 Scholarships. Among them are seven CCSD students, listed below in alphabetical order:

- Adler Chang, Clark High School
- Alexander J. Cooper, Silverado High School
- Sydney P. Goings, Advanced Technologies Academy
- Michael H. Jones, Palo Verde High School
- Natalie K. Orlin, Advanced Technologies Academy
- Joyce H. Pang, Clark High School
- Amanda K. Slagle, Green Valley High School

The Merit Scholar designees were chosen from a talent pool of 15,000 Finalists in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program. National Merit \$2500 Scholarship winners are the Finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. They were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors. These Scholars may use their awards at any regionally accredited U.S. college or university.

This year's competition for National Merit Scholarships began in October 2006 when more than 1.4 million juniors in over 21,000 high schools took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

Last fall, the highest-scoring participants in each state, representing less than one percent of the state's seniors, were named Semifinalists on a state representational basis.

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