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FOUR GERMANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AS SEMIFINALISTS IN THE 2017 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Joel R. Farren, Principal of Germantown High School, is proud to announce that four senior students—Christopher Beck, Joseph Heying, Ian Lawson and Samantha Stroebel—have been recognized as Semifinalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. These students have earned the distinction based on their results from the October, 2015 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

These four students are among approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 62nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program. All four academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$33 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 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and more than half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (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 approximately 420 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

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