



12 BPHS SENIORS RECOGNIZED BY NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

Twelve Bethel Park High School seniors have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation in its 55th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Four seniors have been identified as Semifinalists: **Paula Amin, Brian Brady, Robert Collopy** and **Andrew Pfeifer**. They are among the elite group of 16,000 high school seniors across the country who are now eligible to receive one of 8,200 National Merit Scholarships to be awarded in the spring of 2010.

Semifinalists in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program represent the top scorers in the country on the 2008 PSAT Exam, which they took as high school juniors. To advance to the Finalist level, these students must demonstrate an outstanding academic record, score high on the SAT and be recommended by their principal. National Merit Scholarships will be awarded based on the students' skills, accomplishments and potential for success.

Eight students were named as Commended by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation: **Ryan Bromley, Caitlin Brust, Marcus Dominick, Jeremy Ferlic, Joshua Kammeraad, Nathan Muscato, Ainesh Ravi** and **Harriet Yarroll**.

They are among the top 34,000 scorers on the PSAT, and while they are not eligible to receive a National Merit Scholarship, their accomplishment is notable. Over 1.5 million high school students participated in this program.

The 12 students honored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation represents the largest number of Bethel Park High School students recognized in this program since 2004, when 10 students were named Commended.

"The Bethel Park School District is especially proud of all of these students for their commitment to academic excellence," said Bethel Park Superintendent Thomas A. Knight, Ed.D. "We congratulate them for this national recognition and wish our four Semifinalists all the best as they move forward in the process."

MISSION:

To lead an educational partnership with the Community, maintaining an environment that challenges all students to reach their potential as lifelong learners and responsible members of society.

