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### Andover High School Students named semifinalists in National Merit Scholarship Program

**Andover, Mass** -- Philip Conrad, principal of Andover High School, is pleased to announce that **Ethan Coyle, Kate Ivanovich, Adam McKnight, Lekhya Sathi, and Omkar Savkur** have been named as semifinalists in the **2019 National Merit Scholarship Program**.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$31 million that will be offered next spring.

"We are so proud of these students, it's quite an honor to be recognized on a national level," notes Dr. Sheldon Berman Ed.D, superintendent of Andover Public Schools. "We wish them luck as they move forward in the National Merit Scholarship process."

"Ethan, Kate, Adam, Lekhya and Omkar have worked diligently to reach this point and we are thrilled to see them acknowledged for their hard work," says Principal Philip Conrad. "It is an incredible opportunity to be selected as a semifinalist."

The nationwide pool of semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. These students represent some of the most academically talented students in our country and this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and encourage them in their pursuit of academic success.

Semifinalists are expected to advance to the finalists' level and it is from this group that all National Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen. From the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the finalist level. In February, 2019, they will be notified of finalist designation. 7,500 National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of finalists. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.



*Left to Right: Omkar Savkur, Lekhya Saithi, Kate Ivanovich*



*Left to Right: Ethan Coyle and Adam McKnight*

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