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Ashwaubenon's Naveen Balu, Mikayla Mitchell and Clayton Monfils Named Semifinalists in the 2021 National Merit® Scholarship Program

Ashwaubenon, WI – September 9, 2020 – Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced that Ashwaubenon High School students Naveen Balu, Mikayla Mitchell and Clayton Monfils are among approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 66th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$30 million that will be offered next spring.

More than 1.5 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, and write an essay.

From the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation.

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