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### **Ashwaubenon's Emma Fischer, Samuel Stanko and Christian Van Iten Named Semifinalists in the 2020 National Merit® Scholarship Program**

**Ashwaubenon, WI – September 11, 2019** – Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced that Ashwaubenon High School students Emma Fischer, Samuel Stanko and Christian Van Iten are among 16,000 Semifinalists in the 65<sup>th</sup> 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 \$31 million that will be offered next spring.

Approximately 1.5 million juniors in more than 21,000 high schools entered the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2018 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, write an essay, and earn SAT® scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.

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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Photo Included: Merit.jpg. Caption: Pictured from left to right: Emma Fischer, Samuel Stanko and Christian Van Iten

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