

16 area national merit winners named

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Seven high school seniors from Edmond, five from Oklahoma City and three from Norman are among 28 National Merit Scholarship winners from Oklahoma.

The winners — seven are from the Tulsa area — were announced Wednesday by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. The pro-

gram honors high school seniors who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. Each receives a \$2,500 scholarship.

Of the Edmond winners, **Alex Chao** attends Edmond Memorial High School, **Nick Chen** attends Edmond Santa Fe High School, **Jessica G. Fan** attends Edmond Santa Fe, **Shubham Gulati** attends [Oklahoma School of Science](#) and Mathematics

in Oklahoma City, **Yeahwon Victoria Lee** attends Edmond Memorial, **Michael Mandanas** attends Heritage Hall in Oklahoma City and **Keegan R. Myers** attends Edmond North High School.

The five winners from Oklahoma City are **Charlotte M. Bailey**, Clasen School of Advanced Studies; **Joseph A. Cover**, [Oklahoma School of Science](#) and Mathematics; **Peter M. Sandell**, Bishop McGuinness High

School; **Luke R. Stewart**, Heritage Hall; and **Luke A. Williams**, Heritage Hall.

The three winners from Norman are **Annemarie C. Cuccia**, Norman High School; **Daniel Lamothe**, Norman North High School; and **Ella F. Moxley** Norman North.

Winner **Joyce Sue Lee** of Guthrie attends Edmond North.

Other Oklahoma winners are from Ardmore, Bartlesville, Broken Arrow, Durant,

Jay, Jenks, Stillwater and Tulsa. One winner is schooled at home, according to a news release.

Nationally, 2,500 winners were selected from more than 15,000 finalists, according to the corporation. Wednesday's announcement was the second of four by the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program.

In April, more than 1,000 recipients of the corporate-sponsored

Merit Scholarship awards were named, including students from Broken Arrow and Owasso. About 4,000 winners of college-sponsored scholarships will be announced in June and July.

By the conclusion of the 2018 program, about 7,500 finalists will have earned the "Merit Scholar" title and received a total of more than \$31 million in college scholarships, according to the corporation.