

OKLAHOMA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Two OSSM students from Ardmore named as National Merit Semifinalists

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Oklahoma City — The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM) announced today that 15 seniors have been named semifinalists in the 2023 Competition for National Merit Scholarships.

The OSSM students are Jackson Copeland (Oklahoma City), Amanda Dai (Ardmore), Emmy Huang (Norman), AJ Jayasekar (Edmond), Janice Ku (Stillwater), Charles Liu (Stillwater), Damodar Pai (Edmond), Sourish Pasula (Edmond), Sarvesh Ramakrishnan (Edmond), Anoushka Sasikumar (Oklahoma City), Meena Seshadri (Norman), Jason Wang (Walnut, Calif.), Natalie Waters (Duncan), Brian Yang (Stillwater), and Alexander Zhao (Ardmore).

Selection as National Merit Semifinalists is based on performance on the PSAT test taken at the beginning of a student's junior year, the first year of attendance at OSSM.

"Being named a National Merit semifinalist is a great achievement," said Edna McDuffie Manning, Ed.D., interim president of OSSM. "We congratulate our seniors and recognize their home high schools in helping prepare them for this challenging test."

OSSM Celebrates 15 National Merit Semifinalists

To qualify as a National Merit semifinalist, students must score in



Amanda Dai



Alexander Zhao

the top 1.25 percent of the nation and in the 99th percentile in their state on their junior year PSAT. Approximately 16,000 semifinalists were named by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation in the annual National Merit Scholarship program. These high school seniors now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$30 million that will be offered next spring. High school juniors entered the program by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which serves as an initial screen of program entrants.

About OSSM

Nationally ranked as a top public high school in the United States, OSSM provides a college-level, academically advanced curriculum in science and mathematics to juniors and seniors across the state. For more information, visit www.ossm.edu or call (405) 521-6436.



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