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PRESS RELEASE

Mason Lough named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist

Mason Lough, a senior at Wellington High School, has been named a semifinalist in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. According to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, over 1.5 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screening of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to move on and be considered for a National Merit Scholarship. To be considered for a National Merit Scholarship, semifinalists will have to fulfill requirements to advance to finalist standing. To become a finalist, the semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the Semifinalists academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. Semifinalists also have to have an outstanding academic record, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, and earn SAT or ACT scores that confirmed their qualifying test performance.

Carmen Hatfield, counselor at Wellington High School, says Lough is a very intelligent and talented kid.

“Along with taking a rigorous course load, he is involved in band, choir, drama, scholars bowl, NHS, and scored a 33 on the ACT. He's also in a band with his younger brothers. We are so proud of Mason and all of his accomplishments and know he will do great things in the future.” says Hatfield.

Finalists will be announced in February and the National Merit Scholarship winners will be announced in a series of press releases beginning in April and concluding in July.

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