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Four additional CCSD graduates earn 2022 college-sponsored National Merit Scholarships

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Charleston, SC – Four more graduates from Charleston County School District's (CCSD) Class of 2022 earned college-sponsored National Merit Scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) this year. They are part of the fourth and final group of winners in the 67th annual National Merit Scholarship Program, which was released this week. A total of 18 CCSD students earned scholarships from NMSC in 2022.

The following CCSD students are college-sponsored National Merit Scholarships recipients:

Academic Magnet High School

Anna L. Tangemen, National Merit Loyola University of Chicago Scholarship
David Y. Wang, National Merit Clemson University Scholarship

Wando High School

Austin B. Foye, National Merit University of North Texas Scholarship
Sarah G. Rickborn, National Merit Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Texas Scholarship

NMSC announced the names of more than 1,200 winners of National Merit Scholarships financed by U.S. colleges and universities. These recipients join more than 2,600 other college-sponsored award winners from June. Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among the finalists in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program who plan to attend their institution. These awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship.

"We are so proud of these two scholars for their latest remarkable accomplishment," said Jacob Perlmutter, Academic Magnet's principal. "David and Anna exemplify the character of our school, not just in academic excellence but in many other ways like service and building community."

This year, 155 higher education institutions are underwriting Merit Scholarship awards through the National Merit Scholarship Program. Sponsor colleges and

universities include 82 private and 73 public institutions located in 42 states and the District of Columbia.

"We at Wando High School are truly honored to congratulate two seniors on being offered college-sponsored Merit Scholarships from NMSC," said Wando's outgoing principal, Dr. Sherry Eppelsheimer. "As Austin Foye and Sarah Rickborn prepare to attend these wonderful institutions, the Warrior community stands proud of their academic accomplishments. We look forward to hearing of their continued success."

More than 7,200 finalists were selected to receive National Merit Scholarships in 2022, totaling nearly \$28 million. Winners are students who have, according to evaluators, the strongest combination of academic skills and achievements, extracurricular accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 to conduct the National Merit Scholarship Program. The majority of National Merit Scholarships offered each year are underwritten by approximately 400 independent corporate and college sponsors that support NMSC's efforts to honor the nation's scholastically talented youth and encourage academic excellence at all levels of education.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 49,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.