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49 Boston high school seniors named Merit Scholarship semifinalists

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By Matt Rocheleau, Globe Correspondent

Forty-nine seniors from Boston high schools, and another 350 seniors from Massachusetts schools, advanced to a national scholarship's pool of semifinalists, after earning some of the top scores in the state on the 2009 Preliminary SAT.

About 16,000 high school seniors nationwide, less than 1 percent of seniors, moved on to the semifinals from a group of over 1.5 million students from around 22,000 high schools that entered the 56th annual National Merit Scholarship Program by taking last year's PSATs.

The semifinalists will now compete to become finalists for around 8,400 available scholarships, worth more than \$36 million combined, that will be offered next spring. This year's scholarship winners will be made public in four announcements between April and July.

About 90 percent of semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and around half of the finalists will win a scholarship, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation said in a news release.

The semifinalist and a high school official must also submit a detailed scholarship application, including an essay and information about the student's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

The number of semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors, the release said. For more information about the competition, visit www.nationalmerit.org.

Below, the semifinalists from Boston schools in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program arranged alphabetically by neighborhood:

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY ACADEMY

- Dukach, Dagny S.
- Harwood, Robert G.
- Sand, Ted H.
- Stanfill, Colin A.
- Synge, Elizabeth Y.

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Zhou, Paul

BACK BAY

COMMONWEALTH SCHOOL

Boudreau, Marielle E.
Brennan-Wydra, Emma K.
Elias, Alexander
Hsu-Flanders, Raphaela Y.
Kuhn, Benjamin S.
Mohan, Sominder G.
Raevsky, David J.
Rosenthal, Allison P.
Strassman, Elliot B.
Thomsen, Benjamin T.
Wang, Rui
Weinreb, Caleb S.

DORCHESTER

BOSTON COLLEGE H. S.

Chowdhury, Benjamin K.
Sogolow, Zachary A.

FENWAY

BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL

Chen, Michael Y.
Gao, Sally K.
McConnell, Reed E.
Montpetit, Mathilde A.
Tang, Olive W.
Vo, Andy
Wong, Raymond R.

WINSOR SCHOOL

Benjamin-Pollak, Rebekah M.
Jin, Aurora C.
Kania, Elsa B.
Levitova, Sonya
Stoddard, Philippa S.
Wang, Wei-Chieh
White-Nockleby, Caroline C.

WEST ROXBURY

ROXBURY LATIN SCHOOL

Bartholomae, Eric T.
Casey, Garrett T.
Deininger, Ethan S.
Fifer, Eric D.
Franc, Daniel K.
Grogan, Peter J.
Hughes, Michael S.
Kim, Andrew D.
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