

## **NYACK SCHOOL HAS SIX STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AS NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS**

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Nyack High School has two semi-finalists and four commended students in the prestigious 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. More than 1.5 million students took the PSAT last October and entered the NMSC competition for recognition and awards.

Semifinalists placed among the top 2% of those taking the exam and were designated Semifinalists on a State representational basis as the highest scorers in their State. Commended students rank among the top 5% of the test takers, and the others were named commended students. Semifinalists, about 2% of those taking the exam and less than 1% of all high school students in the nation, now have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8200 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$36 Million to be offered in the spring. About 90% of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist status and half of them will win a National Merit Scholarship.

**Congratulations to Semifinalists: Benjamin Grange and Adam Straus**

**Congratulations to Commended students: Suzanna Buck, Alexander Hahn, Zachary Miles and Camille Yongue.**

The students are recognized for their exceptional academic promise demonstrated by their outstanding performance on the qualifying test used for program entry. Says a spokesperson for the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, "Recognition of academically talented students and the key role played by schools in their development is essential to the pursuit of educational excellence in our nation."