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Jackson students named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists!

Timberwolves have much to celebrate with four having highest scores in PSAT



From left to right: Priyanka Rao, Ethan Thong, Juliana Mothersbaugh and Emilia Peterson.

The list of Washington State's National Merit Scholarship semifinalists was released last month, and Juliana Mothersbaugh, Emilia Peterson, Priyanka Rao and Ethan Thong from Henry M. Jackson High School were named.

The state's semifinalists, along with about 16,000 others across the nation, had the highest scores on the 2018 PSAT taken by 1.5 million juniors this past year. About 90 percent of those students will be named finalists in February. To qualify, each student and their high school must submit an

application that includes academic transcripts, an essay and a letter of recommendation. About half the finalists are awarded Merit Scholarships worth about \$31 million in total and will be notified beginning in March and continuing to mid-June. Scholarship winners are the finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is a United States academic scholarship competition for recognition and university scholarships administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), a privately funded, not-for-profit organization based in Evanston, Illinois.

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