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# News Release

## From Seattle Public Schools

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### **Seattle Public Schools Semifinalists named in 2010 National Merit Scholarships program**

Officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the names of 24 students from Seattle Public Schools who are Semifinalists in the 55th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. The Seattle students are among 16,000 students nationwide who earned top scores on the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

College readiness is an important goal of Seattle Public Schools' strategic plan, *Excellence for All*, and the District is committed to providing an excellent education for every student so that students graduate from high school ready for college, careers and life.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for about 8,200 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$36 million, that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title. Click [here](#) to read the full news release from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Listed below are the student Semifinalists from Seattle Public Schools:

**Lily I. Albrecht**, Garfield High  
**Jixia Ao**, Roosevelt High  
**Lillian L. Brown**, Garfield High  
**Jesse V. Chugani**, Ballard High  
**Corey A. Dansereau**, Roosevelt High  
**Samuel G. Dunnington**, Garfield High  
**Celia M. Gurney**, Garfield High  
**Stephanie S. Holden**, Nathan Hale High  
**Audrey E. Howell**, Nathan Hale High  
**David Hughes**, Roosevelt High  
**Ryan A. Killory**, Garfield High  
**Joseph S. Lachman**, Garfield High

**Kate A. Lemly**, Garfield High  
**Annika Linde**, Garfield High  
**Eric G. Lombardo**, Garfield High  
**Andrew S. Morgan**, Garfield High  
**James A. Morris-Lent**, Garfield High  
**Audrey L. Musselman-Brown**, Garfield High  
**Benjamin S. Notkin**, Roosevelt High  
**Frank J. Pavia**, Garfield High  
**Carmen Rothwell**, Garfield High  
**Megan E. Thompson**, Garfield High  
**Zachary B. Wener-Fligner**, Garfield High  
**Hannah S. Zieve**, Garfield High

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