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46 IMSA STUDENTS FROM 27 COMMUNITIES NAMED NATIONAL MERIT® SEMIFINALISTS

Aurora, IL, September 13, 2017 – The National Merit® Scholarship Program recently named 46 semifinalists from the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy® (IMSA) in its 2018 competition. IMSA semifinalists represent 27 different communities throughout Illinois. Nearly 25 percent of IMSA’s senior class are recognized as semifinalists.

Approximately 16,000 semifinalists throughout the nation now have the opportunity to continue to the finalist level of the competition. They must fulfil several requirements to advance to the Finalist level. About 90 percent of the semifinalists will attain finalist standing, and about half of these finalists will receive National Merit Scholarships for undergraduate study totaling more than \$32 million. Merit Scholars® will be announced in the spring of 2018.

IMSA’s Semifinalist in the 2017 National Merit® Scholarship Program

Last Name	First Name	Hometown
Agrawal	Gunwati	North Aurora
Arulanandan	Adhav	Crystal Lake
Babu	Vidya	Naperville
Bezugla	Katherine	Algonquin
Bravo	Rainier	Huntley
Campbell	Kyle	Riverton
Chen	Maelee	Highwood
Chung	Gina	Naperville
Dhyani	Parth	Aurora
Gao	Irena	Makanda
Gupta	Abhay	Moline
Gupta	Sohum	Aurora
Gutta	Goutam	Carpentersville
Harkleroad	Aurora	Rockford
Hong	Sheehwa	Des Plaines
Hultquist	Charles	Bartlett
Jayewickreme	Radeesha	Naperville
Kasana	Nikhita	Naperville
Kovach	Ishtvan	Moline

Lin	John	Naperville
Lin	Yuzhao	Libertyville
Liu	Lucy	Aurora
Lisitz	Amy	Deerfield
Lu	Albert	Lisle
Mathew	Esther	Schaumburg
Mathew	Rebecca	Palatine
McCarthy	Eric	Naperville
Mu	Melissa	Naperville
Narayanan	Pranav	Aurora
Rajagopal	Sriram	Naperville
Roy	Neil	Addison
Sai	Shyam	Rolling Meadows
Sharma	Shivani	Aurora
Su	Emily	Naperville
Sullivan	Lucas	Oswego
Tetali	Chandana	Naperville
Urbanski	Lucas	Crystal Lake
Van Den Berg	Aimee	Evanston
Wang	Amy	Woodridge
Wang	Claire	Peoria
Xu	Peijing	Hoffman Estates
Xun	Rebecca	Palatine
Yan	Jesse	Libertyville
Yang	Gary	Naperville
Yeung	Hannah	Bolingbrook
Zhu	Jiyun	Schaumburg

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Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA)

Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA) is the world's leading teaching and learning laboratory for imagination and inquiry and an esteemed three-year residential high school. Nearly 700 Illinois 10-12th graders currently live at the academy in Aurora, Illinois. Students hail from across Illinois and are enrolled in tuition-free, rigorous college preparatory classes. Graduates are leaders in the business, education, scientific, and civic sectors. IMSA advances education through research, groundbreaking ventures and strategic partnerships. To learn more about IMSA and its programs, visit www.imsa.edu.