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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 | Istvan | Moline |

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| 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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