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Three Northwest ISD Seniors Selected as National Merit Finalists

Northwest High School seniors Damon King, Kassidy Knight and Matthew Walker have been named National Merit Finalists in the 58th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. The three finalists were selected from approximately 16,000 semifinalists. More than half of the estimated 15,000 finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the title of Merit Scholar.

“We are extremely proud of Damon, Kassidy and Matthew,” said Northwest High School Principal Jason Childress. “They are hardworking, talented and deserving of this recognition.”

Damon King plans to attend Brigham Young University and study financial law. King, a resident of Fort Worth, is the speech and debate captain at Northwest High School and a member of National Honor Society. **Kassidy Knight**, a resident of Haslet, plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and study industrial engineering. Knight is the Northwest High School student council president, senior class vice president, a member of National Honor Society and a cheerleader. **Matthew Walker** plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and pursue technical writing. Walker, a resident of Newark, is a member of the Northwest High School band, Leading Individuals Fighting for Tolerance (LIFT) and National Honor Society.

King, Knight and Walker each have maintained an outstanding academic record throughout high school and earned SAT scores that confirmed their performance on the qualifying test. Each finalist, along with a high school official, submitted a detailed scholarship application which included an essay and information about their participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Approximately 8,300 students nationwide will be selected as Merit Scholars. Students will be notified this spring.

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