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Byron Nelson High School Senior Named National Merit Semifinalist

Byron Nelson High School senior Jason Ye is among the approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 60th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Ye will have an opportunity to advance in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth approximately \$33 million that will be offered next spring. About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to achieve finalist standing, and more than half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the title of Merit Scholar.

“The Byron Nelson High School Bobcat family is thrilled for Jason,” says Principal Ron Myers, Ph.D. “He is extremely talented, but more importantly he is a terrific young person.”

Approximately 1.4 million juniors enter the enter the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). To achieve finalists status, they must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirms their earlier performance on the qualifying test.

Jason Ye is a member of the full symphonic orchestra. He serves as the senior class vice president and is a member of student council. Ye is president and founder of the Konnect Club, a student-led organization dedicated to helping new students become involved in the school and local community. He is also a Byron Nelson High School link leader and is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America. Ye has not yet decided where he will attend college, but plans to major in business.

Approximately 15,000 semifinalists are expected to advance to the finalist level, where all National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected. Winners will be announced in April. These scholarship recipients will join more than 308,000 students with the title of Merit Scholar.

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Photograph included.