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## **12 BCPS students named National Merit semifinalists**

*Students represent Carver Center, Dulaney, Eastern Tech, Hereford, Towson, and Western Tech high schools*

TOWSON, MD. – Twelve Baltimore County Public Schools students have been named semifinalists in the 69th annual National Merit Scholarship Program coordinated by the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

The honored students are:

### **Dulaney High School**

Mingni L. Dong  
Akash E. Paraniham

### **Eastern Technical High School**

Nathan D. Brojan  
Cadence J. Scott

### **George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology**

Chiara C. Adjoh-Davoh

### **Hereford High School**

Gilbert Chiang

### **Western School of Technology and Environmental Science**

Enyu Ling  
Aisha A. Olufayo  
Krish B. Patel  
Evelyn H. Sangree

### **Towson High School**

Mansoor O. Johnson  
Frank Zhang

“Congratulations to these 12 students for their outstanding academic achievement and to the teachers, families, and administrators who taught and supported them,” said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Myriam Rogers (Yarbrough). “We know that all BCPS students have the potential to achieve at high levels. These National Merit semifinalists represent that potential, and the recognition they have earned inspires all members of Team BCPS to set and reach higher goals.”

High school juniors entered the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program by participating in the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NSMQT®). The highest scoring entrants in each state create the national pool of more than 16,000 semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of high school seniors in the nation. Most semifinalists advance to the finalist level (based on their academic records, recommendations, and SAT scores) and compete for 7,140 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million.

Through its longstanding partnership with the College Board, which administers the PSAT/NSMQT, BCPS provides funding so that all Grade 10 students can take the PSAT/NSMQT, and all Grade 11 students can take the SAT. In addition, Grade 11 students can take the PSAT/NSMQT by request. The PSAT test provides practice for the SAT and provides BCPS educators with important assessments of student strengths and challenges.

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