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DSHS STUDENTS RECEIVE NATIONAL ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—Several Dripping Springs High School seniors have been honored for academic achievement at the national level.

Senior **Tori Gahagan** has been selected as a National Merit semifinalist in the 60th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Semifinalists represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, and were the highest scoring students on the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). To become a finalist, a student must have an outstanding high school academic record, be recommended by the school principal, and submit SAT scores that confirm his/her earlier qualifying test performance. Finalists will be announced in February 2015.

The daughter of Lisa and Alan Gahagan, at DSHS Tori has been involved with marching band, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, the Helping Hands Club and the Thespian Society. She also has competed in UIL academic competition and served as president of the Physics Club.

In addition, nine other seniors at Dripping Springs High School have been named as Commended Scholars in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended students are: **Cole Crawford, Kristina Dickinson, Alyssa Fowler, Madeline Kennedy, Sydney Neugebauer, Abigail Schmidt, Savannah Shifflet, Robert Thomas, and Haley Willis**. These seniors placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students nationally who took the PSAT/NMSQT. Approximately 34,000 Commended Scholars are being recognized nationwide.

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