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Five DSHS Seniors Are National Merit Semifinalists

Five Dripping Springs High School seniors have been selected as National Merit semifinalists in the 62nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program: Cameron Adkins, Abigail Brack, Michael Geary, Rachel Nix and Marnie O'Boyle.

This represents the largest group ever from Dripping Springs High School. Semifinalists represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, and were the highest scoring students on the 2015 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. 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. The index score in the state of Texas (which is how students qualify) was at an all-time high. Finalists will be announced in February 2017.

CAMERON ADKINS: Cameron was named to the All-Star Cast in UIL One-Act Play last year and is vice president of the Thespian Society. He is an AP Scholar with Distinction who ranks in the top 1 percent of the senior class. Cameron is president of Venture Crew, a patrol leader and troop guide in Boy Scouts, and plays classical guitar. He is the son of Kristina and Robert Adkins.

ABIGAIL BRACK: The daughter of Erin and Michael Brack, Abigail is the team captain for varsity tennis and a leader in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Also a member of both National Honor Society and Chamber Choir, Abigail is ranked in the top 1 percent of the senior class.

MICHAEL GEARY: The son of Corinne and Michael Geary, Michael is a member of the varsity football team and National Spanish Honor Society, has qualified for the National Spanish Recognition program, and is ranked among the top 5 percent of his class. He also plays as a member of a band that recently composed and produced an album, which is available on iTunes.

RACHEL NIX: The daughter of Linda and Craig Nix, Rachel is a member of the DSHS Jazz Cats and performs with the Christian Academy of Performing Arts. Treasurer of the National

Honor Society and secretary of the DSHS Choir, Rachel qualified for the state UIL Championships in Computer Science. She ranks among the top 1 percent of her class.

MARNIE O'BOYLE: An AP Scholar with Distinction, Marnie is ranked in the top 5 percent of the senior class, is involved in Technical Theatre, and has studied Latin at Texas State University and through two separate programs in Italy. Marnie is the daughter of Robert O'Boyle and DSISD School Board vice president Barbara Stroud.

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