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DSHS STUDENTS HONORED IN NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM

Eighteen Dripping Springs High School seniors have been honored in the 64th annual National Merit program: National Merit semifinalist Reid Lohman and 17 students who have been recognized as "Commended."

Semifinalists represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors who were the highest scoring students on the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The son of Lori Lee and Mark Lohman, Reid is a four-year member of the Tiger Marching Band and has been a section leader for three years. He was selected as a chair in both the region and area bands. Reid also was a founding member of the FIRST robotics team, and competed with the BEST robotics team as well. He plans to major in mechanical engineering in college, and has not yet decided where he will attend. National Merit finalists will be announced in February of 2019.

To be chosen as a Commended Scholar, students must have 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.

The 17 Commended students from Dripping Springs High School are: John Babiak, Edouard Ballett, Katherine Bender, Isabel Bermudez, Ethan French, Ken Gossett, Lauren Kell, Kendrick Lemmond, Catherine Manning, Ben Marsan, Jacob McKee, John Nolen, Ryan Nowicki, Kamal Turner, Varun Verma, Alexandra Voss, and Samuel White.

