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## THREE SENIORS CHOSEN AS NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—Three Dripping Springs High School seniors – **Heather Blevins, Clark Boes and Taylor Hetrick** – have been selected as National Merit semifinalists in the 59<sup>th</sup> 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 2012 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). From this group, National Merit finalists will be selected, based on high school academic record, principal recommendation, and PSAT scores confirming qualifying test performance. A detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's self-descriptive essay, and information about the semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities, also must be submitted. Finalists will be announced in February 2014.

**Blevins** is president of the Anime Club and former president of the Latin Club. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Physics Club and team captain for the Literary Criticism UIL competition team. The daughter of Mary and Dana Blevins, she intends to major in biology/pre-med in college, but hasn't yet decided where.

**Boes** is a section in leader in the Tiger Band and a member of the Spanish Honor Society. He is undecided on a university, but would like to combine career interests in education, chemistry and music. Clark is the son of Barry and Sheila Boes.

**Hetrick** is a member of the National Honor Society and the PALS student leaders. She also represents the senior class in the PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association). The daughter of Mary Jane and Tom Hetrick, she hopes to study engineering in college.

This is the most National Merit semifinalists DSHS has had in four years.

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