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DSHS STUDENTS NAMED NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—Dripping Springs High School seniors **Clark Boes and Taylor Hetrick** have been selected as National Merit Finalists in the 59th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Only 15,000 finalists are chosen nationally out of more than a million students who started the process last fall. National Merit finalists were selected based on high school academic record, principal recommendation, and PSAT scores confirming qualifying test performance. Finalists submitted 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. The National Merit program honors U.S. high school seniors who were the highest-scoring students on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) they took as juniors.

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) and is a member of the Tiger tennis team. The daughter of Mary Jane and Tom Hetrick, she hopes to study engineering in college.

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