

## News Release

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### **Arlington High School senior is a finalist for the National Merit Scholarship**

ARLINGTON- Arlington High School Senior, Cole Hahn, found out last week that he was a finalist for the National Merit Scholarship, a nationwide academic competition for recognition and scholarships. Hahn became a semifinalist and then a finalist based on his high test scores from when he took the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) in his junior year. He also had to write an essay and receive a recommendation from his counselor.

"I was excited to learn I was a finalist," said Hahn. "My father actually sent me a picture of the letter when it arrived in the mail last week."

Hahn played soccer for four years, wrestled for three years, was a part of National Honor Society, and also participated in the Knowledge Bowl. He took Advanced Placement classes and said that Arlington High School prepared him well.

"Cole is to be commended for this outstanding level of academic achievement," said Arlington High School Principal, Duane Fish. "With this finalist status, Cole is among the top half percent of our nation's high school seniors."

"We only ask three things of every Eagle: Be Involved, Work Hard and Be Kind. Cole is all of these things and more. We couldn't be more proud of this young man."

Hahn plans to attend either Stanford or the University of Washington. He would like to major in computer engineering. He'll find out if he earned a scholarship this spring.

Of the 16,000 national finalists, about 7,500 will receive scholarship status. This will be based on the finalist's academic record, information about the school's curricula and grading system, two sets of test scores, the high school official's written recommendation, information about the student's activities and leadership, and the finalist's own essay. Winners can receive a National Merit Scholarship, corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship award, or college-sponsored Merit Scholarship award.

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