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Eight PUSD Students are National Merit® Scholarship Winners

Eight Poway Unified students are among only [43 in San Diego County](#) and 2,500 nationwide to be named 2017 National Merit \$2500 Scholarship winners. The designees were chosen from a talent pool of more than 15,000 outstanding Finalists in the [2017 National Merit Scholarship Program](#).

National Merit \$2500 Scholarship winners are the Finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The number of winners named in each state is proportional to the state's percentage of the nation's graduating high school seniors.

These Scholars were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors, who appraised a substantial amount of information submitted by both the Finalists and their high schools: the academic record, including difficulty level of subjects studied and grades earned; scores from two standardized tests; contributions and leadership in school and community activities; an essay written by the Finalist; and a recommendation written by a high school official. Congratulations to:

- Lillian Bu (Del Norte High School)
- Kaumron K. Eidgahy (Del Norte High School)
- Brian Sanyu Huo (Del Norte High School)
- Katie H. Lam (Del Norte High School)
- Albert J. Lee (Del Norte High School)
- Hyunjae Lee (Del Norte High School)
- Zoe R. Li (Mount Carmel High)
- April L. Xie (Del Norte High School)

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