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A STATEMENT FROM MR. NICHOLAS J. NORCIA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS AND COMMENDED STUDENTS

FAIR LAWN, N.J. (Oct. 23, 2019) – Fair Lawn High School is proud to announce that 13 of its seniors of the Class of 2020 have been recognized for outstanding achievement in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program.

“We are proud of our students and their academic achievements committed both in and outside the classroom. We look forward to their bright and accomplished futures,” said Principal Paul Gorski. “The best news of all is that FLHS has two more Semifinalists than we did last school year and our total of 13 National Merit Scholars is one more than we had last year!”

Seniors Max Garval, Jordan Mach, and Anna Shamis will continue on as semifinalists in the 65th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Garval, Mach and Shamis are three of only 16-thousand students in the country to be so recognized; they will now be considered for one of the 7,600 scholarships to be awarded next spring, totaling more than \$31 million dollars nationwide.

Ten students earned accolades as Commended students. They scored within the top 50,000 of over 1.5 million students who entered the 2020 competition by taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Commended students are Bheemesh Bommireddy, Samantha Fox, Jacqueline Giz, Christine Kim, Nivedita Kinatukara, Kenneth Niemiec, Malina Pavlova, Marina Tawfeles, Rebecca Toothman, and Drusilla Zheng.

Image #1

(From L, 1st Row): Commended students: Christine Kim, Nivedita Kinatukara, Drusilla Zheng, Rebecca Toothman; (From L, 2nd Row): Commended Scholars: Marina Tawfeles, Kenneth Niemiec, Malina Pavlova, Jacqueline Giz, Bheemesh Bommireddy

Image #2

(From L): Counselor Michael Maio, Samantha Fox (Commended student), FLHS Principal Paul Gorski

Image #3

(From L): Counselor Michael Bacs, Jordan Mach (FLHS National Merit Semifinalist), Counselor Kara Popadics, Anna Shamis and Max Garval (FLHS National Merit Semifinalists), Counselor Michael Maio, and FLHS Principal Paul Gorski.

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