

Dylan Otko is National Merit Finalist



Tivy High School senior Dylan Otko has advanced from Semifinalist standing, as announced in September 2009, to National Merit Scholar Finalist by the National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSP). Otko is one of only about 15,000 students of the initial 1.5 million entrants that have qualified. He is now eligible for the opportunity to compete for the approximately 8,200 Merit Scholarships awarded in the spring of 2010. Reaching finalist status with the NMSP qualifies students for National Merit Scholarships, Corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarships, and College-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards. Merit Scholarship awards are supported by over 500 independent sponsors and the NMSC's own funds.

The **National Merit[®] Scholarship Program** is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (**PSAT/NMSQT[®]**)—a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year—and by meeting published program entry/participation requirements.

As a National Merit Scholar Finalist, Otko will be recognized by the KISD School Board of Trustees at their next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 30th. For information on Tivy's National Merit Scholar Program, contact the Counselor's Offices at (830)257-2212, ext. 235.

To contact the National Merit Scholarship Corporation call (847)866-5100 or visit their website: <http://www.nationalmerit.org/>.