



Woodstock North High School Senior Selected as National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist

A Woodstock North High School senior with a penchant for the arts was named a semifinalist this week (Sept. 9) in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Jason Thurow is in the varsity band, a member of the Thunder marching band and has been involved in Woodstock North theater productions. Thurow was selected as a semifinalist among approximately 16,000 high school seniors from across the United States in the 66th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

“Jason is an outstanding student who continues to amaze me with his skills. He is a caring and thoughtful individual who deserves this recognition,” WNHS Principal Darlea Livengood said. “Woodstock North is very proud to say that he is our student.”

More than 1.5 million high school juniors entered the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking a qualifying test. Students who qualified as semifinalists represent less than one percent of high school seniors across the nation and include the highest scoring entrants in their respective states.

To be considered as a finalist, students must submit a detailed scholarship application providing information about their academic record, honors, employment, leadership abilities, school and community participation among other criteria.

Thurow, 17, has also participated in the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Math Team, Academic Challenge Team and is an officer in Thespian Troupe 7470. While he hasn't decided on a university yet, Thurow said he plans to major in physics.

National Merit Scholarship finalists will be named in February. More than 90 percent of semifinalists move on to the finalist level. Students are competing for about 7,600 scholarships worth more than \$30 million, which will be available next spring.