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National Merit Scholarship Program Semi-Finalists

Five LBHS seniors, Michael Brown, Emily K. Kiraly, Andrew B. Lyon, Luke T. Sanders, and Jane A. Sasso, have achieved National Merit Semifinalist status!

The National Merit Scholarship Program, which began in 1955, is an academic competition for student recognition and scholarships. Each year approximately 1.4 million students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which functions as an initial screening of the entrants. Students selected as semifinalists then complete application to be considered for scholarships and recognition as National Merit Finalists.

Nancy Hubbell, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, remarks about our exceptional LBHS scholars, "Dr. Daem, Dr. Austin, and I had the delightful opportunity to meet with our National Merit Semifinalists at a celebratory luncheon. In addition to their impressive academic achievements, they are well-rounded students who are involved in a variety of school and community activities. We are extremely proud of each of them."

Dr. Don Austin, LBHS Principal, also commends the outstanding achievement of our LBHS National Merit semifinalists, "In my previous high school experience, we had one semifinalist in eight years for a student body of three thousand plus students. At LBHS, where our student body is 1,080, we have five semifinalists in one year! In addition to focusing on their academic studies, our students are all active participants in a wide range of school and community activities."

The National Merit Semifinalist students, whose future interests range from engineering, architecture, chemistry, Middle Eastern studies, library science and teaching, praised the inspiring efforts of their parents, teachers, and coaches throughout elementary, middle school, and high school. Their efforts helped our students develop their personal work ethic and academic focus to succeed.