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SUBJECT: National Merit Semifinalists

THREE KETTLE MORaine SENIORS ARE NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

Wales, Wis. -- The Kettle Moraine (KM) School District is pleased to announce three students from the Class of 2019 are National Merit® Semifinalists. Congratulations to KM High School students Joel Heckenkamp and Mark Ibrahim, and to KM High School of Health Sciences student Mia Deaven. They are among 16,000 nationwide semifinalists announced in the 64th annual National Merit Scholarship program.

In addition to their outstanding academic achievements, Heckenkamp, Ibrahim and Deaven have demonstrated citizenship and personal development in several school and community activities.

Heckenkamp founded a website design business and has participated in rock climbing, cross country and golf.

Ibrahim produced films for the school and has been involved in robotics, soccer, track and National Honor Society.

Deaven has a Nursing Assistant certificate and conducts research at the Medical College of Wisconsin through a school partnership program. She is also a swimmer and member of the National Honor Society.



Mark Ibrahim, Mia Deaven, Joel Heckenkamp

Approximately 1.6 million high school juniors from more than 22,000 U.S. high schools entered the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, representing less than one percent of high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for an award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. For more information on the National Merit Scholarship program, visit

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