



Superintendent's Highlight of the Week

September 30, 2016

We start the holidays off with a wonderful celebration of accomplishment from some of our Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School Class of 2017. We are proud to announce four academically talented seniors have qualified as semifinalists in the



2017 National Merit Scholarship Competition. **Talia Blum, Philip Danziger, Max Kuster and Jina Yom** are among 16,000 students around the country who have demonstrated scholastic aptitude in the competition having earned some of the highest scores on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). A total of 7,400 finalists nationwide will be considered for an opportunity to receive National Merit Scholarships worth over \$32 million.

Additionally, ten students were named Commended Students in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended students earned this recognition for placing among the top five percent of more than 1.6 million students in the country who entered the 2017 competition by taking the 2015 Preliminary Student Aptitude Test (PSAT.) The students, who received a certificate from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, include: **Alec Ash, David Cheng, Joanna Cheng, Jason Getzler, Daniel Gulotta, Brent Hong, Sun Woo Kang, Paul Lee, Maxwell Schulman, and Casey Urban.**



This is a great way to usher in the new year. L'Shana Tovah to all who celebrate.