

Superintendent's Highlight October 4, 2019



The accolades have been pouring in for the Class of 2020! Last month, we found out that five scholastically talented seniors were named as **Semifinalists in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Competition**. They are among 16,000 students who have continued this far in the competition. These talented students have an opportunity to be considered for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million.

Pictured: (L to R): Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School (POBJFKHS): Principal James Murray, School Counselor Dom DiDomenico, Elizabeth Korn, Gregory Kies, Ziho Kim, Cameron Robinson, School Counselor Dan Jarmon, Kristen Dong, School Counselor Sara Egosi, and Director of Guidance Laurie Lynn.

We also recognized three seniors at Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School who were recently selected as **National Hispanic Scholars** for their excellent performance on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. They received this award for scoring in the top 2.5 percent among Hispanic and Latino students who took the PSAT in the "Middle State" region, along with a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Pictured: (L to R): Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School (POBJFKHS): Principal James Murray, Robert Casal, Ryan Norris Juliana Diaz, School Counselors Joe Izzo and Jason Miller, and Director of Guidance Laurie Lynn



We are also pleased to announce nineteen (19) members of the Class of 2020 who were named **Commended Students in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program**. Commended Students earned this recognition for placing among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students in the country who entered the 2020 competition by taking the Preliminary Student Aptitude Test (PSAT.) The students received a certificate from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. There are

34,000 Commended Students nationwide. Having 19 students accomplish this benchmark achievement is a tribute to the outstanding POB experience provided by our community. *The students are: Sieran Benson, Robert Casal, Stephen C. Corbisiero, Atul Gera, Evan Z. Hitsky, Breanna Huang-Ouyang, Krish J. Israni, Salil S. Kamath, Caleb Kim, Jaime Levy, Emily Liu, Lauren Park, Jeremy I. Portnoy, Emma P. Ratas, Evan T. Shapiro, Allison N. Taub, Kreena P. Totola, Dhiya Vaddigiri, Emily Zhang*

The Class of 2020 is surely **Moving Mountains!** # POBproud.