

POBJFKHS Students Earn Top Marks in 2023 National Merit Scholarship Competition

Four Seniors are Named Semifinalists, 19 are Commended Students

PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK (September 2022)—Seniors at Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School (POBJFKHS) had another strong showing at the National Merit Scholarship Competition for the 2022-2023 school year. Ryan Flood, Sophia Gu, Ethan Hsu and Daniel Zhang have been named competition semifinalists, while 19 other students were named Commended Students in the prestigious contest.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation seeks to identify academically talented students throughout the United States. Of the roughly 1.5 million students who apply for the program each year, the four POBJFKHS students were among only 16,000 selected to become semifinalists. They are now in the running to become recipients of the roughly 7,500 National Merit Scholarships awarded annually. The scholarships are worth a total of more than \$31 million.

For more information about the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, please visit the District's website at www.pobschools.org. Exciting activities happening throughout the District and programs celebrating student achievement can also be found on the District's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pobschools/>.



Principal James Murray, from left, Guidance Counselor Cristina Rivas-Laline, Daniel Zhang, Sophia Gu, Ryan Flood, Ethan Hsu, Guidance Counselor Sarah Egosi, and Director of Guidance Laurie Lynn.



In addition to the four semifinalists, 19 POBJFKHS students were named Commended Students in the contest. They are pictured with their guidance counselors.