

## **Plainview-Old Bethpage Sees Record Number of NMSC Semifinalists** *7 POB Students are Semifinalists in National Merit Scholarship Competition*

The Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District is pleased to announce that seven seniors at Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School (POBJFKHS) have been selected as semifinalists in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Competition. This is the largest group of semifinalists in POBJFKHS's recent history.

"Each of these students is an extraordinary scholar," said POBJFKHS Principal James Murray. "They are truly outstanding representatives for our school and community." "To have this many students achieve the esteemed honor of being a National Merit Semifinalist during one of the most challenging years is truly remarkable," Superintendent Dr. Mary O'Meara said. "Our District applauds these students for their hard work and dedication to their education."

Each year, an astonishing 1.5 million high schoolers nationwide enter the National Merit Scholarship Program. POBJFKHS seniors Justin Chan, Justine Choi, Jeremy Grossman, Michael Khalfin, Andre Oganessian, Aidan Shor, and Arnav Surjan are among just 16,000 students who have made it to the semifinalist level in the competition. Their excellence has earned them the opportunity to compete for 7,600 scholarships, valued at more than \$31 million.

The achievements of these students illustrate the superior level of academic excellence that the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District prides itself on. The District is proud to produce semifinalists year after year and foresees bright futures in all seven of these scholars.

