



# 2017 NATIONAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARS

**Jesuit’s 22 National Merit Semifinalists:** *Bottom row (from left):* Christian E. Gonzalez, Andrew D. Souther, William G. Fine, Alexander W. Welsh, Troy A. Broussard, Dylan E. Meyer; *Second row:* Christopher A. Chimento, Noah D. Martin, John A. Quaglino, Samy M. Amkieh, Jonathan P. Vegh; *Third row:* Preston T. Warwick, Christian G. Hebert, Maxfield B. Bell, Graham S. Buck, Ethan D. Legrand, Keegan P. Rooney; *Fourth row:* Brandon M. Jackson, John D. Redfearn, William S. Hillery, John R. Steib, and Nikhil Gogineni

## NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

Twenty-two seniors in Jesuit High School’s Class of 2017 were honored as National Merit Semifinalists in the annual prestigious scholarship competition. Additionally, 12 Jesuit seniors were recognized as “Commended” students in the competition.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) underwrites the program which recognizes some 15,000 Semifinalists, who represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. The NMSC designates Semifinalists on a state representational basis to ensure that outstanding students from across the country are included in the talent pool. The number of Semifinalists named in each state is in proportion to its percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

Jesuit’s 22 National Merit Semifinalists represent 10% of Louisiana’s 211 honorees from 59 high schools. The 2017 qualifying test score was 214, the highest it has been in more than a decade. Scores for Blue Jay Semifinalists ranged from 214 to 226. The scores of “Commended” Blue Jays ranged from 209 to 213.

In the past 11 years, 361 Blue Jays have been honored as National Merit Semifinalists.

*Complete information about the competition is on the NMSC’s website: [www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org).*

## NATIONAL HISPANIC SCHOLARS

Six seniors in Jesuit’s Class of 2017 were honored as National Hispanic Scholars, including three who were among the 22 Blue Jays named as National Merit Semifinalists.

In the past 11 years, 41 Blue Jays have been recognized as National Hispanic Scholars.

The National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) is sponsored by the College Board and annually recognizes about 5,000 of the 250,000 Hispanic/Latino students who take the qualifying test.

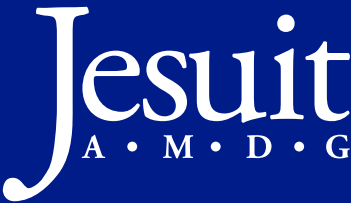
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JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL  
*congratulates the*  
NATIONAL  
ACADEMIC SCHOLARS  
*in the Class of 2017*

22 National Merit Semifinalists  
12 Commended in the  
National Merit Program  
6 National Hispanic Scholars

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**SAMY M. AMKIEH**, son of Faten and Ali Amkieh, attended Lake Castle Private School (Madisonville) and Mandeville Elementary School.



**MAXFIELD B. BELL**, son of Margaret and David Bell, attended Lusher Charter School.



**TROY A. BROUSSARD**, son of Norma and Troy Broussard, attended Christian Brothers School and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School.



**GRAHAM S. BUCK**, son of Jaime and Kenneth Buck, attended Christian Brothers School and St. Paul's Episcopal School.



**CHRISTOPHER A. CHIMENTO**, son of Leslie and George Chimento, attended Stuart Hall School for Boys.



**WILLIAM G. FINE**, son of Mary Beth and Paul Fine, attended Christian Brothers School and St. Dominic School.



**NIKHIL GOGINENI**, son of Shanthi and Chandra Gogineni, attended Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies and Ethel Schoeffner Elementary School.



**CHRISTIAN E. GONZALEZ**, son of Heather and Roberto Gonzalez, attended Stuart Hall School for Boys and St. Mary Magdalen School.



**CHRISTIAN G. HEBERT**, son of Patricia and Gary Hebert, attended Stuart Hall School for Boys.



**WILLIAM S. HILLERY**, son of Jeannie and Jubi Hillery, attended The Regis School of the Sacred Heart (Houston) and Stuart Hall School for Boys.



**BRANDON M. JACKSON**, son of Darnell and Mike Jackson, attended Christian Brothers School and St. Clement of Rome School.



**ETHAN D. LEGRAND**, son of Michele and Pierre Legrand, attended St. Catherine of Siena School.



**NOAH D. MARTIN**, son of Jeannine and David Martin, attended Christian Brothers School and St. Philip Neri School.



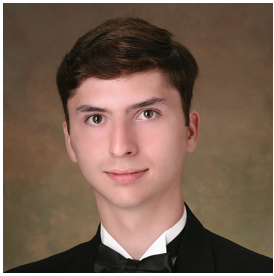
**DYLAN E. MEYER**, son of Maria and Greg Meyer, attended Stuart Hall School for Boys and Isidore Newman School.



**JOHN A. QUAGLINO**, son of Ruth and John Quaglino, attended Christian Brothers School and St. Catherine of Siena School.



**JOHN D. REDFEARN**, son of Beverly and Douglas Redfearn, attended Stuart Hall School for Boys.



**KEEGAN P. ROONEY**, son of Maureen and Timothy Rooney, attended St. Catherine of Siena School.



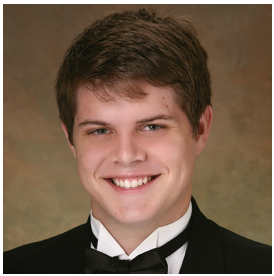
**ANDREW D. SOUTHER**, son of Aimée and David Souther, attended Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy and Metairie Academy for Advanced Studies.



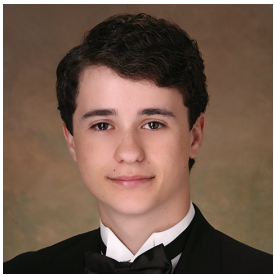
**JOHN R. STEIB**, son of Tish and Raymond Steib, Jr., attended Christian Brothers School and St. Pius X School.



**JONATHAN P. VEGH**, son of Deborah and Stephen Vegh, attended Christian Brothers School and St. Rosalie School.



**PRESTON T. WARWICK**, son of MaryAnne and Brian Warwick, attended St. Catherine of Siena School.



**ALEXANDER W. WELSH**, son of Sherry and William Welsh III, attended Christian Brothers School and St. Catherine of Siena School.

“We are extremely proud of these Blue Jays whose significant academic achievements involved perseverance and hard work. It is truly an honor for not only our seniors, but also their parents. On behalf of Jesuit’s faculty and administration, I congratulate the senior scholars in the Class of 2017.”  
—Jesuit principal Peter Kernion '90

**NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS**

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| Samy M. Amkieh          | Ethan D. Legrand   |
| Maxfield B. Bell        | Noah D. Martin     |
| Troy A. Broussard       | Dylan E. Meyer     |
| Graham S. Buck          | John A. Quaglino   |
| Christopher A. Chimento | John D. Redfearn   |
| William G. Fine         | Keegan P. Rooney   |
| Nikhil Gogineni         | Andrew D. Souther  |
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| Christian G. Hebert     | Jonathan P. Vegh   |
| William S. Hillery      | Preston T. Warwick |
| Brandon M. Jackson      | Alexander W. Welsh |

**COMMENDED STUDENTS IN THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

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| Jeffery P. Brothers  | August E. Neyrey  |
| Peyton D. Duersel    | Matthew T. Nguyen |
| Eric R. Espinal      | Sam J. Recile     |
| Roger W. Jordan      | Patrick M. Rees   |
| John D. Kling        | Henry J. Sauviac  |
| John Garel B. McCord | Hunter K. Tracey  |

**NATIONAL HISPANIC SCHOLARS**

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| Troy A. Broussard     | Christian G. Hebert   |
| Eric R. Espinal       | Philip L. Hourguettes |
| Christian E. Gonzalez | Christian A. Marks    |

Jesuit is nationally recognized as an exemplary school by the U.S. Secretary of Education.

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