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Houston County High Senior Named National Merit Scholar Semifinalist



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Houston County High senior Keerti Soundappan is one of 16,000 Semifinalists in the 64th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. She will continue to compete for one of the 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million.

Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalists level of the competition. More than 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and about half of the Finalists will win a national Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) - which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.6 million entrants each year - and by meeting published program entry and participation requirements.

Houston County High School is located at 920 Highway 96 in Warner Robins. Dr. Doug Rizer serves as principal. For more information, please visit www.nationalmerit.org.

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