

For Scholarship Awards

30 CMS Students Listed Among 15,000 Semifinalists

The names of about 15,000 semifinalists, including 30 from Charlotte high schools were listed recently in the competition for some 5,000 Merit Scholarships to be awarded in the spring of 1983. These names were announced by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). These young men and women represent the top half of one percent of each state's high school senior class.

In Charlotte the students include: Charlotte Country Day School: Katharine M. Fortune, Michael K. Grode, John David Ramsey and Jeffrey M. Shapiro.

From Charlotte Latin School: Joseph F. Kenny and Richard A. Wortman.

East Mecklenburg's semifinalists include Timothy C. Binford; Erik M. Dutton, Kyle Fidler; Maria B. Forgiione; Scott K. Gordon; Steve P. Schultz; and Anny B. Thompson.

From Garinger Jon D. Milligan and Ronald A. Padgett.

Independence Senior High School, Thomas E. Conder; James P. Kelley; and Carol L. McRae.

Myers Park: David Kocinis; Keith J. Merritt; Alexandra D. Prudden; Michael A. Snell; Nathan Tennes; and Kenneth E. Towery.

From Olympic High School: David R. Peeler and from Providence Day School: Rebecca L. Vaughn.

John E. Mundt of West Charlotte Senior High School is also a semifinalist and so are William R. Miller, Pamela Prince and Christopher R. Simmons of West Mecklenburg.

Over one million students attending some 18,000 U.S. secondary schools entered the competition by taking the PSAT-NMSQT in 1981 when most of them were juniors. Those designated as semifinalists are being honored publicly as the highest scorers in their respective states; in addition, they are being identified to colleges and universities in the hope of increasing educational opportunities for these academically able young students.

Semifinalists have completed the first step in the Merit Scholarship competition but to be considered further, they must meet additional requirements and advance to finalist standing. Each semifinalist who becomes a finalist must be fully endorsed and recommended for scholarships by the high school principal, demonstrate high academic standing in records submitted by the school, substantiate high performance on the qualifying test with equivalent scores on another examination, and supply biographical data and a self-description of activities and extracurricular accomplishments. About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to qualify as finalists and all Merit Scholars will be chosen from among this highly able group of about 13,500.

At least 1,500 of the 5,000 Merit Scholarships to be offered in 1983 will be one-

time National Merit \$1,000 scholarships. Every finalist will compete for one of these awards and recipients will be those who distinguish themselves in the competition. A committee of experienced college admissions officers and secondary school counselors will be convened to choose winners on a state-by-state basis. The selection process is a subjective one, and "National" award winners represent the finalists in each state who are judged by the committee to have the best combination of abilities, accomplishments and personal qualities important to success during and after college. The majority of the \$1,000 awards will be underwritten by corporate and business sponsors that also finance four-year scholarships; unrestricted grants to the Merit Program will support the remainder.

Some 3,500 renewable Merit Scholarships, worth between \$1,000 and \$8,000 over each winner's four years of undergraduate study, will be awarded in 1983. Of these, about 1,500 will be funded by some 400 corporations, company foundations, and businesses that designate the four-year awards they support for children of company employees, for finalists from geographic areas the sponsor organization serves, or for students planning careers a sponsor wishes to encourage. Additionally, more than 2,000 four-year Merit Scholarships will be underwritten by 180 colleges and universities. Only Finalists who wish to attend a sponsor institution are considered for these awards, which must be used at the college or university financing them.

In April and early May, names of Merit Scholars of 1983 will be released by NMSC in three separate nationwide announcements -- one for each type of

award. In the 27 competitions between 1956 and 1982, over 73,000 students have won Merit Scholarships valued at about \$210 million; 18,800 of them are currently undergraduates enrolled in almost 700 of the nation's highest education institutions.

Hamilton Awarded \$300 Scholarship

Stephanie Lee Hamilton, a full-time engineering technology student at Central Piedmont Community College, has been awarded a \$300 scholarship funded by the Charlotte Engineering Club.

Through classroom performance and interviews, Stephanie has demonstrated academic excellence, career growth, and contribution to her field. She plans to use the scholarship for continued study at CPCC this fall quarter while working part-time as a drafter for General Electric's medical systems division. She will also be a part-time lab assistant in CPCC's Architectural and Civil Engineering Technology.

Stephanie is a member of the Student Senate and president of the CPCC Clubs and Organizations Council. After graduation from CPCC in the summer of 1983, she hopes to continue engineering studies at UNCC leading to a career in structural design.

Stephanie's husband, Douglas, is a student at CPCC's Engineering Technology Program.

Arthritis Reality

"Wellness-An Arthritis Reality" is the theme of the 3rd annual Arthritis Awareness Week.



The Charlotte Chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women, Inc. (NANBPW) recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships to local high school graduates. Jacqueline Brown, a graduate of West Charlotte High School, will enter Duke University in the fall to pursue a major in pre-medicine. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Brown, 2008 Quentine Street. Thomas Horton, another scholarship winner, will enroll this fall at N.C. A&T State University. The son of Edna Horton of 3225 Seymour Drive, Thomas will major in accounting. The students were chosen for scholastic abilities, extracurricular activities and outstanding personalities. The scholarships were presented to each student at their high schools during awards day exercises. Sarah B. Stevenson, president of NANBPW, made the presentations.

Urban Studies Get \$103,000

The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, of Flint, Michigan has announced a \$103,000 grant in urban studies to Johnson C. Smith University for 1982-83.

An initial grant of \$104,000 was awarded in 1981-82. Dr. Wilbert Greenfield, JCSU president, said the Mott investment has resulted in a full department of urban studies and community affairs, with a bachelor's degree leading to graduate study in public administration, planning and finance.

The program was conceived three years ago to serve a researched need for problem-oriented, professionally-prepared blacks in inner-city leadership roles.

In addition to the academic curriculum, the program includes experimental internships, community-shared facilities and services of an Urban Studies Center, an Urban Life College for evening students; a federation of Charlotte neighborhood leaders, Urban Life Associates, and a series of campus-hosted Black Symposiums, Town Meetings, seminars and

Ingram's Looking For Policy Holders To Reimburse

RALEIGH - Insurance Commissioner John Ingram says his staff is searching for policy holders who are due monies in excess of \$22,523,967 from insurance policies, (held in the State's Escheats Fund) but cannot be found by the insurance companies involved.

Insurance Commissioner's Office. These funds are held in the State's Escheats Fund in the State Treasurer's Office.

Persons who think they may be due such funds from insurance policies should contact the Insurance Commissioner's Office in Raleigh at 919-733-5631. Interest from such funds are used to establish a scholarship fund for needy students attending State supported institutions in North Carolina.

There are some 500 to 600 people on this year's list, and the amounts range from about \$50 to more than a thousand dollars which were sent to the

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Copies of the report are available at the Community Development Department, Cameron-Brown Building, 301 South McDowell Street; the Office of the City Clerk, the Public Service and Information Department and the City Manager's Office, all located at City Hall, 600 East Trade Street. The performance report is also available at Community Development's Third Ward Site Office located at 916 West Fifth Street.

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