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## Madison trio named National Merit Semifinalists



*Seniors Bailey, Kayal, Upton continue school's streak of national awards*

**M**adison Academic seniors Colson Bailey, Harrison Kayal, and Micah Upton were named National Merit Semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. These academically talented seniors have a chance to continue in the competition for some 6,870 Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$26 million. Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the

Finalist level of the competition. About 95 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title. Some colleges offer scholarships and perks for Commended Students, semifinalists, finalists, and Merit Scholars. In turn, schools get bragging rights for enrolling impressive Merit Scholars. #ChooseUs

**From the  
Superintendent's  
Desk**

We're excited to kick-off Leap Up for Literacy for the 2024-2025 school year! Each nine-weeks starts a new challenge. Let's see if we can read 1,000,000 minutes this school year! Visit [jmcss.org](http://jmcss.org) for more information, and contact your child's teacher to begin.