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Willow Canyon student named National Merit Scholar

DYSART SCHOOLS — William Newbury, a Willow Canyon High School student, has been named a National Merit Scholarship winner – the first time ever for a Willow Canyon High School student. Newbury is the second National Merit Scholar from the Dysart School District since 2007.

William Newbury, a senior at Willow Canyon High School, will receive a \$2,500 National Merit Scholarship and plans to attend Harvey Mudd College in California, majoring in Engineering. Newbury is an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma candidate, the IB Society Treasurer and the STEM Club President.

Starting from a pool of approximately 1.4 million entrants, Newbury became one of 15,000 finalists selected from across the country. Of those, 8,200 actually receive monetary awards. Scholar selection was based on committee members' appraisal of a substantial amount of information submitted by finalists and their schools. The committee evaluated each finalist's academic record, including difficulty level of subjects studied and grades earned; scores from standardized tests; contributions and leadership in school and community activities; an essay describing interests and goals and the recommendation written by a high school official.