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National Merit Scholar Semifinalists Named

Flour Bluff High School is proud to announce that two seniors have been selected as Semifinalists in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program. Those students are **Colin O'Brien and Sam Lambiotte**. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance will award 8,400 Merit Scholarships in the spring of 2013.

More than one million juniors in over 21,000 U.S. high schools entered the 2013 National Merit Program by taking the 2012 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Approximately 16,000 high school seniors were named as Semifinalists.

To become Finalist, Semifinalists must have a record of very high academic performance, be endorsed and recommended by their school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm their earlier qualifying test performance. The Semifinalist and a school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's self-descriptive essay and information about the Semifinalist's participating and leadership in school and community activities.

NMSC was founded in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual Merit Scholarship competition. The independent sponsor organizations and institutions that support scholarships awarded through the National Merit Program join NMSC in its efforts to honor scholastically able young men and women, broaden their educational opportunities, and encourage academic excellence at all levels.