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### **NEWS ADVISORY**

#### **Two GUSD Seniors Named National Merit Scholars**

GLENDALE, CA -- Two GUSD seniors have been selected as 2019 National Merit Scholars. Davit Antonyan from Hoover and Justin S. Nakama from Crescenta Valley High School are among the 2,500 Merit Scholar designees selected nationally from a pool of more than 15,000 outstanding finalists.

National Merit Scholars are deemed to have, "the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies," according to the not-for-profit National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

National Merit Scholars are initially selected to the semifinals in the fall of their junior year of high school based on their scores on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The highest-scoring participants in each state, representing less than one percent of the nation's high school seniors, are named semifinalists and invited to continue in the competition.

Each semifinalist is then evaluated on their academic record, including the difficulty of subjects studied and grades earned, scores from two standardized tests, contributions and leadership at school and in the community, an essay, and a recommendation by a high school official.

"We are so proud of the many accomplishments of our outstanding seniors," said GUSD Interim Superintendent Dr. Kelly King. "We look forward to following their continued success in college and future careers."

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