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North Shore Schools, Glen Head, N.Y. - The North Shore School District is proud to announce that Lily Fagin and Gregory O' Rourke were named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. Approximately, 16,000 Semifinalists in the 57<sup>th</sup> annual National Merit Scholarship Program were announced by officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,400 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$36 million, that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 90 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.

Principal Albert Cousins said, "On behalf of the entire school community, I am extremely proud of Lily and Greg. In addition to their excellent achievement on the PSAT exam, they are also well-rounded and well-respected students."

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 450 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence. Congratulations to both North Shore High School students!

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