

Comal Independent School District

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Comal ISD students earn national academic honors

Comal ISD had seven high school seniors named Commended Students in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program, and four seniors recognized by the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program.

All of these students will receive a Letter of Commendation from their high school principal.

The seven Commended students in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program are Canyon High's Sarah Stancik, Canyon Lake High's Joshua Harris and Dylan Janak, and Smithson Valley High's Brian Chenault, Amanda Falcon, Riley Fincher, and Weston Santleben.

Falcon was also recognized by the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program, along with fellow Smithson Valley High senior Kyle Pittman, and Canyon High seniors Justin Haas and Diego Pliego.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2010 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

The National Hispanic Recognition Program, established in 1983, is a College Board program that provides national recognition of the exceptional

academic achievements of Hispanic high school seniors and identifies them for postsecondary institutions.

Stancik, of New Braunfels, hopes to attend either Texas A&M University or the University of Virginia and major in engineering. Her parents are Kevin and Kathleen Stancik.

Harris, of Canyon Lake, plans on attending either the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Texas or Texas A&M University and major in aerospace engineering. His parents are Geoff and Dawn Harris.

Janak, of Canyon Lake, hopes to attend Rice University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Texas or Texas A&M University. He is undecided on a major. His parents are Don and Mary Ann Janak.

Chenault, of San Antonio, plans on attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology or the University of Texas and majoring in architecture or mathematics. His parents are Ron and Lynne Chenault.

Falcon, of San Antonio, hopes to attend either the University of Texas or Baylor University and major in biology. Her parents are Rodney Eric and Laurie Falcon.

Fincher, of Bulverde, plans on attending San Antonio College to pursue a career in nursing. Her parents are Chris and Lisa Fincher.

Santleben, of San Antonio, hopes to attend Texas Christian University, Baylor University, or the Texas A&M University and major in political science. His parents are Floyd and Marilyn Santleben.

Pittman, of Bulverde, is undecided on a college. He plans on majoring in engineering. His parents are Don and Martha Pittman.

Haas, of New Braunfels, plans on attending either the University of Texas, Texas A&M University or Baylor and majoring in pre-med biology. His parents are Randy and Tweety Haas.

Pliego, of New Braunfels, hopes to attend either Brigham Young University or Texas A&M University and major in bio medical science. His parents are Alfredo and Angelina Pliego.