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Villa Park High School Student Named National Merit Scholar

ORANGE, Calif., June 17, 2010— Villa Park high School Senior Kevin Nguyen was recently named as a National Merit Scholar. Nguyen, who plans on attending UCLA in the fall, was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship courtesy of the Boeing Corporation. The scholarship is renewable each year he attends college. Only one high school student in 200 are National Merit Scholars.

“I was extremely shocked when I found out that I received the award because this is a famous competition. I was also surprised that I was the only student from Orange Unified to win,” said Nguyen, who plans a career in orthodontics.

Scholars were selected from students who advanced to the finalist level in the National Merit Scholarship competition and met the criteria of sponsors. Corporate sponsors provide scholarships to finalists who are children of employees, residents of communities the company serves or who plan to pursue majors or careers the grantor wishes to encourage. Recipients can use their awards at any regionally accredited U.S. college or university.

“I am pursuing a career in orthodontics because I can make a difference in the lives of people. I hope to restore their self-esteem and help them smile,” said Nguyen.

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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