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## **OUSD High School Students Named National Merit Scholars**

ORANGE, Calif., April 25, 2011– The Orange Unified School District is pleased to announce that three OUSD high school seniors have been named National Merit Scholars in the first phase of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation's elite recognition program.

Only twenty-two Orange County high school students who aced their Preliminary SAT exams were named Merit Scholars. The honorees, who represent just 0.5 percent of test-takers nationwide, will receive college scholarships ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 annually. Additional winners will be announced May 4, May 25, and July 11. Orange Unified Honorees, their school, study of emphasis and sponsor are as follows:

<b>Andrew D. Le</b>	<b>Villa Park High School</b>	<b>Medicine</b>	<b>Boeing Company</b>
<b>Leah T. Wilensky</b>	<b>Villa Park High School</b>	<b>Education(History)</b>	<b>Boeing Company</b>
<b>Benjamin H. Kim</b>	<b>Canyon High School</b>	<b>Undecided</b>	<b>Boeing Company</b>

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.

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

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