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### ***Henry Sibley students named National Merit Finalists***

*(Mendota Heights, Minn.)* --- Henry Sibley High School and District 197 congratulate Sibley seniors Daniel Kennedy and Adiv Paradise who have been named Finalists in the 2010 Competition for National Merit Scholarships. These academically talented students represent a narrowing number of national candidates as they advance in the selection process.

Finalists in the 55<sup>th</sup> annual National Merit Scholarship Program will continue in the competition for some 8,200 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$36 million, that will be determined in the coming months. Merit Scholarship awards are supported by over 500 independent sponsors and by the National Merit Scholarship Competition's own funds. Sponsor organizations include corporations and businesses, company foundations, professional associations, and colleges and universities.

“We are very proud of Daniel and Adiv for being named Finalists in such a highly competitive and esteemed program,” says Dr. Robin Percival, Henry Sibley principal. “We are honored that they represent Sibley’s academic talent and wish them further success as they continue the competition.”

More than 1.5 million juniors in about 22,000 high schools entered the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists narrowed the competition in September, and now the Finalists represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors.

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