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**New Paltz High School Seniors Named  
Commended Students in 2019 National Scholarship Program**

NEW PALTZ—Five New Paltz High School seniors—Maya Greenfield, Samuel Liebman, Lily Sackett, Danielle Takacs, and Claire Taylor—have been named Commended Students in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are being honored for their strong academic promise, as demonstrated by their performance on the qualifying test used for program entry.

The New Paltz seniors were among the more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2019 competition by taking the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). They placed among the top 50,000 scorers.

Although the New Paltz students will not continue in the 2019 competition for National Merit Scholarship Awards, they will be receiving a Letter of Commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program. This year, approximately 34,000 test-takers throughout the nation were designated as Commended Students.

New Paltz High School Principal Barbara Clinton praised the accomplishments of the five honorees. “Maya, Samuel, Lily, Danielle, and Claire are all outstanding students and active members of our school community,” she said. “We are very proud of them!”

The students are all residents of New Paltz. Maya is the daughter of Steve Greenfield and Teri Gil; Samuel is the son of Mark Liebman and Marcy Bernstein; Lily is the daughter of Jennifer and Anthony Sackett; Danielle is the daughter of Dawn Wolstencroft and Steve Takacs; and Claire is the daughter of Jason Taylor and Stella Deen.

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