

National Merit Finalists

Not One, But Two Gators Make The Cut

(March 6, 2024) GEORGETOWN, TX —Ian Craig of Pflugerville and Rohan Kharel of Georgetown have been named National Merit Scholarship finalists. The Gateway College Prep seniors are among 15,000 students who qualified for this honor from more than 1.2 million students who took the qualifying exam.



(Left: Rohan Kharel; Right: Ian Craig)

Ian Craig plans to attend MIT and major in Mathematics while Rohan is eyeing medical school and would like to attend Texas A&M University to major in Biology or Chemistry.

About half of the National Merit Scholarship finalists ultimately receive scholarships and this year's winners will be announced between April and July. Last year, Gateway's Matthew Bidwell earned the first Merit Scholar title in school history.

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