News Release: Four PGCPS Scholars Named Semifinalists in National Scholarship Program

September 16, 2014 For Immediate Release

CONTACT:

Office of Communications 301-952-6001

communications@pgcps.org (mailto:communications@pgcps.org)

UPPER MARLBORO, **MD** – Four students from **Eleanor Roosevelt High School (/schools/details.aspx?id=160244)** have been named semifinalists in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program.

"Congratulations to the students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School for their accomplishment," said Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell, Chief Executive Officer for PGCPS. "To earn this distinction is an honor, and these students are great examples of the outstanding students we have in our district."

Charles Bond, Ivie Ebhojiaye, Kristen Ramsey, and Brenda Zhang will join the national competition for 7,600 awards totaling more than \$33 million.

Approximately 16,000 students were selected as semifinalists out of a pool of 1.4 million, representing 22,000 high schools across the nation. Semifinalists were chosen based on their performance on the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) (https://www.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt).

Finalists for the award will be announced next spring, and will be selected based on their skills, accomplishments and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

-30-

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), one of the nation's 20th largest school districts, has 201 schools and centers, more than 133,000 students and nearly 20,000 employees. The school system serves a diverse student population from urban, suburban and rural communities located in the Washington, DC suburbs. PGCPS is nationally recognized for college and career-readiness programs that provide students with unique learning opportunities, including dual enrollment and language immersion.