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Springwood Senior, Christopher Caldwell, Semifinalist in 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program

Springwood senior, Christopher Caldwell qualified as a Semifinalist in the 60th annual National Merit Scholarship Program this fall. He is the son of Alan and Charlene Caldwell of Lanett.

Chris was named a Semifinalist based on his score on the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The pool of approximately 16,000 semifinalists represents less than 1 percent of U.S. high school students. These academically talented high school seniors have the opportunity to continue in the competition to become a Finalist and contend for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$33 million that will be offered next spring.



Headmaster, Rick Johnson congratulates Chris Caldwell

Chris moved to Lanett with his family during the summer of 2011 and began attending Springwood School as a freshman. He plays both football and baseball at Springwood and is involved with the Robotics program. Chris says that most of his time outside of class is spent at sports practice or out on the water fishing and he also works most Saturdays at Valley Bowl.

We congratulate Chris for his exceptional achievement and commend him for his dedication to his studies," said Springwood Headmaster, Mr. Rick Johnson. "In many ways Chris represents the Springwood experience. Along with this tremendous academic accomplishment, he competes in athletics, plays a role on the award-winning Robotics team, and demonstrates fine character with his teachers and peers. We certainly wish him the best as he attempts to become a Finalist in this prestigious competition."

To be considered as a Finalist, Chris must maintain his outstanding academic record in high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT scores that confirm his earlier performance on the qualifying test. About 15,000 students are expected to be named finalists in February. National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from that group based on their skills, accomplishments and potential for success in college studies. Congratulations and good luck Chris.