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Canyon High School Students Named National Merit Scholars

ORANGE, Calif., May 31, 2011— The Orange Unified School District is pleased to announce that two Canyon High School seniors have been named National Merit Scholars in the first phase of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation's elite recognition program.

Only 35 Orange County high school students who were proficient on their Preliminary SAT exams were named Merit Scholars. The honorees, who represent just 0.5 percent of test-takers nationwide, will receive college scholarships ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 annually. Additional winners will be announced through July 11th. Canyon High School honorees and sponsor are as follows:

- **Benjamin H. Kim, Boeing Company**
- **Ryan N. Rezvani, Emerson Electric Company Scholarship**

Scholars were selected from students who advanced to the finalist level in the National Merit Scholarship competition and met the criteria of sponsors. Corporate sponsors provide scholarships to finalists who are children of employees, residents of communities the company serves or who plan to pursue majors or careers the grantor wishes to encourage. Recipients can use their awards at any regionally accredited U.S. college or university.

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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