

Stamford Public Schools
Stamford High School Student Achievements
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Two **Stamford High School** students, **Sydney Stenquist** and **Diane Yang**, were selected as winners in the National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Award in Writing competition. The program is designed to recognize some of the best student writers in the nation. Of more than 1600 nominees nationwide, 520 were selected. Sydney and Diane were two of only five winners in Connecticut and the only winners from Fairfield County.

Seventeen students in Stamford Public Schools were named either National Merit Semifinalists or Commended Students in the 2012 National Merit program. Their high selection index scores places them among the top of the more than 1.5 million students who took the 2010 PSAT.

Commended students may become candidates for special scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses.

Commended students are:

Yiping Hou, Timothy Lai, Michael Li, Jayant Rao, Sydney Stenquist – Stamford High

Semifinalists are the highest scoring entrants in each state and represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. To be considered for a National Merit[®] Scholarship, Semifinalists must advance to Finalist standing in the competition by meeting high academic standards and all other requirements.

National Merit Semifinalists are:

Samantha Sye and Diane Yang – Stamford High