Northwestern University Offers Scheck Hillel's Valedictorian College-Sponsored National Merit Scholarship

Scheck Hillel Community School's 2018 valedictorian, Nathalie Fuhrman, has been offered a National Merit Northwestern University Scholarship, announced this month by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Officials of each college sponsor selected scholarship winners from among Finalists in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program who plan to attend their institution. Nathalie will attend Northwestern University in the fall.

"It is an honor to be named a recipient of a National Merit Scholarship. This award speaks to Nathalie’s hard work and sums up her educational accomplishments," said Dr. Ezra Levy, Scheck Hillel’s Head of School. "May she continue to excel, guided by her passion for lifelong learning and her strong Jewish identity and values."

Nathalie, Class 2018 valedictorian, is a Jaime and Raquel Gilinski Hillel Ambassador. As a student, she was a member of the National Honor Society and Co-President of the Books Across Borders Club, she played the alto saxophone in Scheck Hillel's band. She is a lifeguard, water safety instructor and involved in the MAR-KCC Bamachol Dance Program, as both a dancer and a teacher. Nathalie’s community service with Chai Lifeline rounds out her impressive work.

Fellow graduates Keith Bosweit, Roy Glazer and Max Peicher were named 2018 National Merit Commended Students, placing among the top scorers of more than 1.6 million students who entered the competition by taking the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). All four seniors were also recognized by the College Board as 2017 AP Scholars with Distinction.

Scheck Hillel is honored to have graduated a roster of students recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program and to carry on the tradition in 2018. Most recently, Jordana Zuckon, Class of 2017 valedictorian, was named a 2017 National Merit Commended Student, she now attends Washington University in St. Louis. Scheck Hillel’s 2016 salutatorian, Ariel Gelrad, was a 2016 National Merit Scholar and attends the University of Pennsylvania.

This year, 178 higher education institutions are underwriting Merit Scholarship awards through the National Merit Scholarship Program. College-sponsored Merit Scholarship winners announced this month are a part of the distinguished group of about 7,500 high school seniors who will receive National Merit Scholarships for college undergraduate study worth over $31 million.

Scheck Hillel Community School is one of the world’s largest Jewish community day schools and a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. For information, please visit eHillel.org.