



# THE KING'S ACADEMY

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## The King's Academy Honors a Presidential Scholar Semifinalist and 23 National Merit® Scholars

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### U.S. Presidential Scholars Semifinalist

TKA senior **Mike Nguyen** was selected as one of 628 semifinalists in the 2023 [U.S. Presidential Scholars competition](#). This program, established in 1964, recognizes and honors the Nation's most distinguished graduating seniors based on overall academic achievement.

### National Merit Scholarship Program

The National Merit® Scholarship Program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The King's Academy is proud to recognize these outstanding scholars in the Class of 2023.

### National Merit Finalist from the Class of 2023

National Merit Semifinalists **represent the top 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors** and include the highest-scoring entrants in each state who took the 2021 PSAT. To qualify as a Finalist, a student must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be recommended by the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the PSAT in the fall of the junior year. Students scoring in the top 1% are also evaluated on a detailed application, essay, and information about their participation and leadership in school and community activities. **Congratulations to:**

**Stephanie Bae  
Zach Fischer  
Sophia Johnson  
Stephan Norquist  
Jonathan Thong  
Joshua Thong  
Zoe Wu**

### National Merit Commended Students from the Class of 2023

The following students scored in the **top 2 percent** of students who took the 2021 PSAT during their junior year. These students represent some of the most academically talented students in the U.S. **Congratulations to:**

**Yuna Ham  
Daphne Han  
Minho Kwon  
Daniel Lau  
Joshua Lin  
Thomas Lin  
Emma Ma  
Ken Mori  
Serena Nam**

**Skylar Qian  
William Sartorio  
Kennedy Shanafelt  
Ava Taylor  
Allyson Ting  
Shrivaas Vijayan  
Eric Zhang**

The King's Academy, an independent college preparatory school for 950 students in grades 6-12, is a Christ-centered school that inspires academic excellence, servant leadership, and enduring relationships. The King's Academy is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and The

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). **TKA is currently accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year.** For more information about TKA, please visit [www.tka.org](http://www.tka.org).

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