

Local students rise to the top

Three Fayette County Public School students were among the more than 1,600 students nationally selected as semifinalists in the National Achievement Scholarship Program's 44th annual academic competition for high-achieving African-American high school students.

Arrius L. Harris from Henry Clay High School and Jonathan C. Jones and Hyman D. Thompson from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School will now compete for approximately 800 scholarships worth more than \$2.5 million next spring on the on the basis of their abilities, accomplishments, and potential for academic success in college.

More than 140,000 students from all parts of the U.S. entered the 2006 National Achievement Program by requesting consideration in the program when they took the 2006 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) as high school juniors. Semifinalists were designated within geographic regions and are the highest-scoring program entrants in the states that make up each region. There were 15 semi-finalists named in Kentucky.