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## **Fort Bend Baptist Academy senior Jane Jarjour has been named a Semifinalist in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program**

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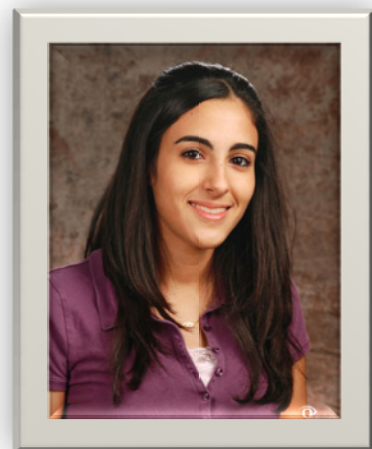
Today officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 55th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$36 million, that will be offered next spring.

Jane Jarjour, a current senior at Fort Bend Baptist Academy in Sugar Land, and a member of the Class of 2010 is one of the students who earned this prestigious honor.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of competition. About 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

The daughter of Imad and Laila Jarjour of Sugar Land, Jane is considering attending several top college and universities at this time. A student who has already achieved an impressive list of honors and awards throughout her high school career, Jane Jarjour has indicated she will study Bio-Chemistry (Pre-Med) in college, as she prepares for a career in medicine.

More than 1.5 million juniors in about 22,000 high schools entered the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors have been designated National Merit Semifinalists.



*Fort Bend Baptist Academy is celebrating 23 years of glorifying God through excellence in Christian education. Located on a 35-acre campus in the heart of Sugar Land, the school numbers over 820 students in Grades PK-12. For more information on FBBA, visit [www.fbba.org](http://www.fbba.org).*