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## **NRHS Student is Awarded National Merit Scholarship from Boston University**

**NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (June 7, 2019)** – New Rochelle High School senior Edward Jones is the recipient of the National Merit Boston University Scholarship. He is among 3,500 winners of National Merit Scholarships financed by U.S. colleges and universities who were announced this week by National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

“It’s very gratifying and affirming,” Jones said. “I’ve worked very hard these past four years of high school. I’ve put in the time, I’ve done every single assignment, I’ve worked as hard as I could on every single test. It already meant a lot to be chosen as a finalist. To receive this award now means even more.”

Jones sees Boston University as an ideal school to explore his wide range of interests, which include education, biology, history and political science. He is also considering becoming involved in the college radio station, where he’ll be able to put his love of music into play.

“Edward is a conscientious, intelligent, and a hard working young man, who maintains a high level of dedication in all of his academic and extracurricular activities,” said Jones’ guidance counselor, Kevin Austin. “I have worked with Edward for four years and believe his attitude, internal drive and tremendous work ethic will make him a wonderful asset to the Boston University student body.”

Boston University chose Jones from among the Finalists in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program who plan to attend their institution. These awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship. An additional group of Scholars will be announced in July, bringing the total number of college-sponsored Merit Scholarship recipients in the 2019 competition to about 4,100.

**Photo:** New Rochelle High School senior Edward Jones

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