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Two St. John the Baptist DHS Students are Named National Merit Scholar Finalists

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West Islip, NY--- St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School is proud to announce that two seniors, Sachin Devasahayam of Commack and Dominick Rich of Bay Shore, have been selected as National Merit Scholar finalists.

Both Sachin and Dominick were named National Merit Semi-Finalists last spring. The selection was based on their performance on the PSAT (Preliminary SAT) test. They advanced to the round of finalists after meeting other rigorous academic criteria and performing at a high level on the SAT test. Approximately 1.6 million students entered the competition by taking the PSAT exam. Only 16,000 were selected as National Merit Scholar Finalists.

In addition to their academic excellence, both Sachin and Dominick are involved with many extra-curricular activities both in and out of school. Sachin is the president of SJB's chapter of the National Honor Society. He is also involved in the Radio Club, Mathletes, Peace and Justice Club, SJB's Genesis Science Research program, and St. John's Middle States Committee. He is also a second degree black belt in jiu-jitsu.

Dominick is the vice president of SJB's chapter of the National Honor Society, competes in both Varsity Basketball and Spring Track, and is involved with St. John's Catholic Charities and Big Brother, Big Sister Programs.

Sachin is considering MIT, Stanford, Cornell and Binghamton University as his college choice. He has not decided what his course of study will be, however, his top two interests are computer science and engineering. Dominick applied for early admission and was accepted to Johns Hopkins University. He will attend JHU this fall and plans to study Molecular Biology



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About St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School: 1,550 students attend St. John the Baptist DHS, a college preparatory Catholic High School located on the south shore in West Islip. As part of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, St. John's offers a value-centered education that recognizes the unique talents and abilities of each child, while fostering a school environment that challenges students to reach their true potential. Open since 1966, St. John's offers a rigorous curriculum and extensive activity and athletic programs. Students have the opportunity to take numerous Advanced Placement classes and 99% of St. John's graduates continue on to higher education. For Mission Statement and additional information: www.sjbdhs.org