

# 2018 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program's Distinguished Teachers

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**Ms. Laura Addington**, Caddo Parish Magnet High School, LA, Spanish  
Nominating Scholar: Dakota W. Simpson

**Ms. Alison Alowonle**, Minnetonka High School, MN, High Potential Education  
Nominating Scholar: Julia B. Luehr

**Ms. Connie Arends**, Lincoln East High School, NE, Science (Biology and Anatomy)  
Nominating Scholar: Hunter Guru

**Ms. Myrna Avila**, Boise High School, ID, Spanish  
Nominating Scholar: Jack A. Lauer

**Mr. Mitchell Becker**, Kindred High School, ND, Agricultural Education  
Nominating Scholar: Brianna D. Maddock

**Mr. Alan Begrowicz**, Mary Institute and St. Louis Country Day School, MO, Math  
Nominating Scholar: Alexander W. Donovan

**Dr. Dora Bell**, Collins Hill High School, GA, Math  
Nominating Scholar: Paul M. Matesevac

**Ms. Guinea Bennett-Price**, Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing & Visual Arts, TX,  
Theatre  
Nominating Scholar: Emir Price

**Ms. Michelle Bertsch**, Davies High School, ND, Math  
Nominating Scholar: Nidhi T. Mahale

**Mr. Ronn Blaha**, Brookfield Central High School, WI, Math  
Nominating Scholar: Sophia F. Sun

**Mr. Jim Bledsoe**, Providence Day School, NC, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Ronak Bhagia

**Ms. Rebecca J. Boerner**, Boerner Home School, OH, General Education  
Nominating Scholar: Nathaniel J. Boerner

**Mr. Alexander K Brahm**, Mirabeau B Lamar Senior High School, TX, Social Studies  
Nominating Scholar: Micheal Brown

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**Mr. Andrew Bramante**, Greenwich High School, CT, Science

Nominating Scholar: Michelle Woo

**Mr. Matthew Buffalo**, New World School of the Arts, FL, Theater

Nominating Scholar: Ishmael Gonzalez

**Ms. Catherine Burnett**, Pius XI High School, WI, Visual Art

Nominating Scholar: Xavier Lightfoot

**Ms. Maureen Bushman**, Foothills Elementary School, UT, General

Nominating Scholar: Riley J. Lewis

**Mr. Craig C Butcher**, Pensacola High School, FL, Philosophy

Nominating Scholar: Tamim Kawakibi

**Ms. Susanne Caudle**, Design & Architecture Senior High School, FL, English

Nominating Scholar: James Balo

**Mr. Gaetano Cecere**, Don Bosco Preparatory High School, NJ, Music

Nominating Scholar: Noah Lee

**Mr. Townley W. Chisholm**, Phillips Exeter Academy, NH, Biology

Nominating Scholar: Vinjai S. Vale

**Alan Chow**, Eastman School of Music, IL, Music

Nominating Scholar: David Hou

**Ms. Denisse Cintron**, Tasis School in Dorado, PR, French

Nominating Scholar: Cristina M. Trapaga

**Mr. Eric Clapeck**, BASIS PHOENIX, AZ, History

Nominating Scholar: Aditya Sivakumar

**Mr. Daniel Concannon**, Hauppauge High School, NY, Math

Nominating Scholar: Jade Carvalho

**Ms. Mary Eve Corrigan**, Columbus Academy, OH, Science

Nominating Scholar: Shreyah Mohanselman

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**Ms. Jennifer Cove**, Prospect Mountain High School, NH, Business  
Nominating Scholar: Tiffany White

**Ms. Dorothy Dady**, Cherry Creek High School, CO, Math  
Nominating Scholar: Isani Singh

**Dr. Bevin Daglen**, Oregon Episcopal School, OR, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Raley Schweinfurth

**Ms. Jennifer Denslow**, Oologah High School, OK, Speech, Debate, and Drama  
Nominating Scholar: Jamie E. Marrara

**Ms. Sarah Dewey**, KIPP Blytheville Collegiate High School, AR, English; College Advisor  
Nominating Scholar: Anika Mittal

**Mr. Gregory Difrancesco**, Northside College Preparatory High School, IL, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Ibraheem Khan

**Mr. Patrick Donald**, Baton Rouge Magnet High School, LA, History  
Nominating Scholar: Erina M. Buchholz

**Ms. Megan Elliot**, Antilles School, VI, Theater Arts  
Nominating Scholar: Mansi Totwani

**Ms. Lynne Ely**, Oconee County High School, GA, English  
Nominating Scholar: Minjung Yu

**Mr. Frank Eustis**, Breck School, MN, English  
Nominating Scholar: Hyun Soo Song

**Ms. Stacey Evert**, Brownell-Talbot School, NE, Counseling  
Nominating Scholar: Jenna Y. Mu

**Mr. Kenny Felder**, Raleigh Charter High School, NC, Math  
Nominating Scholar: Nithya S. Adusumilli

**Cindy Feltmeyer**, Eastland High District 308, IL, Agriculture and FFA  
Nominating Scholar: Connor K. Erbsen

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**Ms. Laurie Fields**, Lafayette Senior High School, KY, Dance- Ballet

Nominating Scholar: Aaron Choate

**Sarah Flynn**, Rye Country Day School Upper School, NY, Classics (Latin and Greek)

Nominating Scholar: Charles T. Curnin

**Mr. Timothy Allen Fossett**, Freedom High School, NC, English

Nominating Scholar: Jack M. Swanson

**Mr. Brent Freccia**, Newark Charter Junior/Senior High School, DE, History

Nominating Scholar: Michael Z. Chen

**Ms. Ria Galanos**, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology, VA, Computer Science

Nominating Scholar: Mihir Patel

**Mr. Richard Ganci**, Brookings High School, SD, Literature, Composition, and English

Nominating Scholar: Oscar Kavanagh

**Diane Gardner**, Timpanogos High School, UT, Career and Technical Education

Nominating Scholar: Lydia Day

**Ms. Alaina Garza**, Clear Brook High School, TX, Science (Biology)

Nominating Scholar: Syamantak Payra

**Ms. Gretchen Giuliani**, St. John's School, PR, Spanish Literature

Nominating Scholar: Diego F. Gonzalez-Lizardi

**Mr. Jason Gonzales**, West Career and Technical Academy, NV, Science

Nominating Scholar: Leah Yim

**Ms. Diane Goudy**, Fairfield Community High School, IA, Business and Career Education

Nominating Scholar: Hermela Gebremariam

**Laura Gravitt**, Lafayette Senior High School, KY, Math

Nominating Scholar: Kasey C. Fields

**Ms. Megan Grundtisch**, Homestead High School, IN, Latin

Nominating Scholar: Susan Chen

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**Leesa Guay-Timpson**, Burlington High School, VT, German  
Nominating Scholar: Mary C. Markley

**Dr. Heather Hall**, Blue Valley West High School, KS, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Neeharika Kothapalli

**Dr. William Christopher Hamel**, Heritage Hall Upper School, OK, History  
Nominating Scholar: Michael P. Gehr

**Mr. Mark Hannum**, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology, VA,  
Physics/Neuroscience/Math  
Nominating Scholar: Kavya Kopparapu

**Mr. Chris Hanson**, Poolesville Senior High School, MD, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Sreya Vangara

**Ms. Eleanor Dove Harris**, Metro Regl Career & Tech Ctr, RI, Social Studies  
Nominating Scholar: Sherente M. Harris

**Ms. Kathie Hay**, Oakes High School, ND, Music  
Nominating Scholar: Marissa R. Diggs

**Mr. Craig C Haynie**, San Augustine High School, TX, Music  
Nominating Scholar: Mikayla C. Slaydon

**Michele Hernandez**, Clark High School, NV, Guidance Counselor  
Nominating Scholar: Alisha M. Yi

**Ms. Kristin Herring**, Maumelle High School, AR, Family and Consumer Sciences  
Nominating Scholar: Ashley Turner

**Mr. Michael Hightower**, Moscow High School, ID, English  
Nominating Scholar: Tia T. Vierling

**Scott Holloway**, Westlake High School, CA, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Jake Kim

**Mr. Silas Hoover**, New World School of the Arts, FL, Acting

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Nominating Scholar: Elena Gonzalez

**Mr. Jeremy Hopping**, Granville High School, OH, Government, History

Nominating Scholar: Nicholas D. Maxwell

**Ms. Deborah Hughes**, Cherry Creek High School, CO, English

Nominating Scholar: Siddharth M. Mane

**Ms. Stephanie Hunter**, George M. Steinbrenner High School, FL, Science

Nominating Scholar: Grant J. LoPresti

**Ms. Susan Inman**, Greely High School, ME, English

Nominating Scholar: Gregory A. Pershing

**Ms. Yun Sil Jeon**, Coastal Carolina University, SC, Spanish

Nominating Scholar: Robert D. Rush

**Mr. Dominic Johann-Berkel**, West High School, WI, Physics

Nominating Scholar: Charles X. Hua

**Mr. Eric Johnson**, Sturgis Brown High School, SD, English

Nominating Scholar: Bridger J. Gordon

**Mr. Robert Juranitch**, University School of Milwaukee, WI, Science

Nominating Scholar: Nabeel J. Quryshi

**Mr. Kenneth Kapptie**, Skyline High School, UT, Technology Teacher | Yearbook & TSA Adviser |  
Webmaster

Nominating Scholar: Kanishka Ragula

**Ms. Rebecca A Kelley**, Washington High School, SD, History

Nominating Scholar: Ruhama Tereda

**Ms. Vicki Kemp**, Marquette High School, MO, Counseling

Nominating Scholar: Michelle Li

**Eric Kincaid**, Morgantown High School, WV, Biology

Nominating Scholar: Vinitha Joseph

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**Mr. Colin Kloster**, North High School, ND, American History  
Nominating Scholar: Isaac S. Spanjer

**Ms. Mylynda Koener**, Centennial High School, AZ, English/Business Administration  
Nominating Scholar: Lana H. Mohamed

**Ms. Maria Koziobrodzka**, Sidwell Friends School, DC, Math  
Nominating Scholar: Michael Adeyi

**Ms. Colleen Kyle**, Lakeside School, WA, History  
Nominating Scholar: Grant Hugh

**Julie Ladd**, Helena High School, MT, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Emma G. Sihler

**Ms. Dawn LaFon**, White Station High School, TN, Latin (Foreign language)  
Nominating Scholar: Rachel M. Fan

**Ms. Judith LaPlante**, Powell High School, WY, Technology  
Nominating Scholar: Harriet W. Pimentel

**Mr. Fritz Lauriston**, Battle Ground Academy, TN, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Chapman D. Finn

**Mr. Jason Lee**, Lynbrook High School, CA, Science: STEM, Biology, Physiology  
Nominating Scholar: Advait Patil

**Mr. William Lee**, Saint Patrick Catholic High School, MS, Music  
Nominating Scholar: Tyler A. Jackson

**Ms. Nina Legg**, Vandegrift High School, TX, Government, Seminar and Research  
Nominating Scholar: Sonesh Patel

**Ms. Donna Leonardi**, Academy for Medical Science Technology, NJ, Biology  
Nominating Scholar: Katherine Dai

**Mr. Bob Linne**, Perry Central Community School, IN, Math  
Nominating Scholar: Lane Hilgenhold

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**Ms. Jemma M. Loughery**, Broadwater High School, MT, Agriculture Education  
Nominating Scholar: Tyler Noyes

**Mr. Ziwei Lu**, Buchholz High School, FL, Math  
Nominating Scholar: Sidhika Balachandar

**Dr. Lynne Lundberg**, Pleasant Valley Community High School, IA, English  
Nominating Scholar: Sophia Xiao

**Dr. Maureen A. MacLeod**, Punahou School, HI, English  
Nominating Scholar: Isabelle J. Rhee

**Ms. Susan Magedanz**, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, KY, Mathematics and Art History  
Nominating Scholar: David W. Ma

**Nicholas Manjoine**, Harker School, CA, English  
Nominating Scholar: Jacqueline He

**Mr. Lance McGee**, Maysville High School, OH, Social Studies  
Nominating Scholar: Emily G. Dietz

**Ms. Deanna McMurry**, Vancleave High School, MS, English  
Nominating Scholar: Wei Li

**Mr. Mark Meola**, Sparta High School, NJ, Robotics and Engineering  
Nominating Scholar: Alexandra Poret

**Ms. Megan Rae Merrill**, Springport High School, MI, Agriscience  
Nominating Scholar: Caitlin Henne

**Ms. Randi Metsch-Ampel**, Glen Rock High School, NJ, English  
Nominating Scholar: Isaac Hart

**Mr. Russel Miller**, South Medford High School, OR, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Brian Josephson

**Ms. Kara Millsap**, Lakeridge Elementary, WA, First Grade  
Nominating Scholar: Dana Berejka



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**Ms. Kimberly L Mitchell**, Talladega High School, AL, Family and Consumer Sciences  
Nominating Scholar: Zackery C. Love

**Ms. Peggy Mitchusson**, Magdalena High School, NM, Math and Science  
Nominating Scholar: Jorrell Mirabal

**Ms. Mamie Morgan**, South Carolina Governor's School for Arts & Humanities, SC, Poetry  
Nominating Scholar: Aidan Forster

**Mr. Russell Motter**, Iolani School, HI, History, AP Capstone Seminar/Research  
Nominating Scholar: Davey Huang

**Mr. Clark Mumaw**, New Albany High School, IN, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Harrison Knable

**Mr. Jerry Ogden**, Barrow High School, AK, Math  
Nominating Scholar: Ana Stringer

**Mr. Zachary Opps**, Powell Middle School, WY, computer science  
Nominating Scholar: Rhett Pimentel

**Ms. Michelle Ott**, Canton Jr-Sr High School, CT, Chemistry  
Nominating Scholar: Cole Marcuccio

**Ms. Kathleen Outlaw**, Escambia High School, AE, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Ayden J. Kemp

**Mr. Ewan Park**, PA Leadership Charter School, PA, Humanities, Economics  
Nominating Scholar: William McGregor

**Ms. Susie Parker**, Artesia High School, NM, Music  
Nominating Scholar: Alexandra K. Mauritsen

**Ms. Christine Pasterczyk**, Noble and Greenough School, MA, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Samantha C. Alves

**Ms. Kasie Payne**, Wasatch High School, UT, English  
Nominating Scholar: Kael Berkley

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**Ms. Rebecca Peltonen**, Deane Bozeman School, FL, Agriscience  
Nominating Scholar: Caroline Hanson

**Ms. Ayana Peters**, New Roads, CA, American Literature  
Nominating Scholar: Sanna Legan

**Ms. Claire Pichette**, Helena High School, MT, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Devin J. Seyler

**Ms. Cristal Piper**, School Without Walls, DC, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Samantha C. Osullivan

**Ms. Msry Poker-Page**, Cape Elizabeth High School, ME, Social Studies  
Nominating Scholar: Grace E. Roberts

**Mr. Mark Rauch**, Heritage Hall Upper School, OK, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Michael Mandanas

**Ms. Shannon Reczek**, Plano Senior High School, TX, Physics  
Nominating Scholar: Katherine Lei

**Ms. Paula Redding**, Hot Springs High School, AR, English  
Nominating Scholar: Jon C. Boekhout

**Mr. Karl Resnik**, The Musical Arts Center, OH, Voice  
Nominating Scholar: Natalie Choo

**Mr. Estan Reynon**, Kapolei High School, HI, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Mylia H. Briggs

**Ms. Erica Robson**, Los Angeles County High School for the Arts, CA, Musical Theater  
Nominating Scholar: Anilee List

**Ms. Aubrey Jewel Rodgers**, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, MI, Art, Illustration, Film,  
Photography  
Nominating Scholar: Nathan Ginter

**Ms. Leslie Russell**, Walter Payton College Preparatory School, IL, English  
Nominating Scholar: Audrey Pettigrew

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**Ms. Jessica Saiki**, Clark High School, NV, Science

Nominating Scholar: Andrew T. Wang

**Mr. Joe Seitz Jr.**, Polaris K-12 School, AK, English

Nominating Scholar: Birch J. Boyer

**Ms. Leslie Shapiro**, Classical High School, RI, Science (Biology and Chemistry)

Nominating Scholar: Jordan C. Kimia

**Mr. Michael Sinnott**, Vestavia Hills High School, AL, English

Nominating Scholar: Sarah Zhao

**Ms. Wendy Slijk**, Canyon Crest Academy, CA, Science

Nominating Scholar: Maggie S. Chen

**Ms. Jennifer Smith**, Parkland High School, PA, English

Nominating Scholar: Aryaman Khandelwal

**Ms. Amanda Steger**, Annapolis High School, MI, English

Nominating Scholar: Tanner L. Bonner

**Mr. David Stein**, Montgomery Blair High School, MD, Math

Nominating Scholar: Michael Yin

**Anne E Sullivan**, J.W. Martin Elementary School, MA, 5th Grade

Nominating Scholar: Moriah G. Lim

**Ms. Heather Swift**, Lincoln School, RI, Computer Science

Nominating Scholar: Portia T. Gaitskell

**Mr. Keith Teller**, Oakland Schools Technical Campus- Northeast, MI, Computer Networking

Nominating Scholar: Mikal Goodman

**Mr. Rich Tempsick**, Monmouth Academy of Allied Health & Sciences, NJ, Science - Biology

Nominating Scholar: Deven Singh

**Dr. Scott J Thompson**, North Oconee High School, GA, Science

Nominating Scholar: Keaton P. Coletti

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**Mr. Jason Thomsen**, Lincoln Southwest High School, NE, Biology  
Nominating Scholar: Jae Hyun Lim

**Lee Tran**, BASIS Peoria, AZ, History/Government  
Nominating Scholar: Seoyoon Kim

**Ms. Suzan Turner**, Nashua Plainfield High School, IA, History  
Nominating Scholar: Caleb L. Lines

**Dr. Terrence Vale**, Broad Run High School, VA, Chemistry  
Nominating Scholar: Marissa Sumathipala

**Ms. Almita Vamos**, Brookfield East High School, WI, Music  
Nominating Scholar: Julian Rhee

**Ms. Catrina Vaughn**, Skyline High School, MI, Economics  
Nominating Scholar: Neha Seshadri

**Ms. Melissa Vigil**, Fossil Ridge High School, CO, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Chelsea Wang

**Mr. Patrick Walsh**, The Catlin Gabel School, OR, History  
Nominating Scholar: Ameya Okamoto

**Ms. Deborah Ware**, Academic Magnet High School, SC, Guidance Counselor  
Nominating Scholar: Jenny J. Yao

**Mr. Thomas Wayock**, The Independence School, DE, English  
Nominating Scholar: Grace Gong

**Ms. Valerie M Welsh**, The Baldwin School, PA, College Counseling  
Nominating Scholar: Pranshu Suri

**Ms. Robin White**, Sissonville High School, WV, Social Studies  
Nominating Scholar: Brady D. Hanshaw

**Ms. Catherine Whitten**, Blue Valley High School, KS, Social Studies  
Nominating Scholar: Gabriel J. Gress

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**Ms. Michelle Williams**, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, KY, History

Nominating Scholar: Zsombor T. Gal

**Ms. Shannon Wilson**, West High School, UT, Counselor

Nominating Scholar: Annelisa Kingsbury-Lee

**Ms. Abby Woodard**, McGill-Toolen Catholic High School, AL, History

Nominating Scholar: Dylan E. Campbell

**Abigail Yager**, North Carolina School of the Arts, NC, Dance

Nominating Scholar: Jace A. Weyant

**Ms. Jennifer Yarger**, Harrison High School, MI, Medical Skills

Nominating Scholar: Veena Thamilselvan

**Thomas Young**, Harwood Union High School, VT, elementary school

Nominating Scholar: Walker C. Randall