

2019 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program's Distinguished Teachers

Mr. William Adler, Hathaway Brown School, OH, Math

Nominating Scholar: Yasmine Zein

Ms. Jo Ahlm, Raton High School, NM, Science

Nominating Scholar: Donavin Myles Mendez

Mr. Stephen Arel, Davies High School, ND, Social Studies (Economics and Government)

Nominating Scholars: Dyuti Dawn and Jutning Shen

Mr. Ross Arseneau, Detroit Country Day School, MI, Math

Nominating Scholar: Madeleine Yang

Mr. Drew Bagwell, Auburn High School, AL, Biology

Nominating Scholar: Donghan Park

Ms. Suzanne Bailey, Virgil I. Grissom High School, AL, Social Studies

Nominating Scholar: Alison Hu

Mr. Hector Barrera, Mater Lakes Academy High School, FL, Music

Nominating Scholar: Mercedes F. Ferreira-Dias

Dr. Joshua Barte, Bishop Gorman High School, NV, English

Nominating Scholar: Arthur Acuna

Mr. Steve Bartlett, Centennial High School, ID, Math

Nominating Scholar: John Chen

Ms. Minu Basu, Dougherty Valley High School, CA, AP Biology

Nominating Scholar: Won Bin Lee

Bruce Beck, Malverne Senior High School, NY, Science and Engineering

Nominating Scholar: Nelson Chow

Kris Bence, Riverside High School, SC, Band

Nominating Scholar: Jiaying Tong

Dr. Philip Benge, Mississippi School for Mathematics & Science, MS, Math
Nominating Scholar: Hamilton Wan

Mr. James Berger, John Adams High School, IN, History / Social Sciences
Nominating Scholar: Stanley Rozenblit

Jill Bickel, duPont Manual Magnet High School, KY, English
Nominating Scholar: Allison Kim Tien Tu

Ms. Alexandra Blumer, National Cathedral School, DC, English
Nominating Scholar: Shiva Khanna Yamamoto

Mr. James Bobbitt, Pensacola High School, FL, Math
Nominating Scholar: Ahna Bella Cecil

Ms. Anne Bonnycastle, Crofton House School, BC, Music
Nominating Scholar: Elizabeth Baranes

Ms. Gay Brasher, Leland High School, CA, Speech and Debate
Nominating Scholar: Cynthia Zhou

Ms. Dale Brooks, Design & Architecture Senior High School, FL, Visual Communications/Graphic Design
Nominating Scholar: Nina Osoria Ahmadi

Ms. Virginia Brown, Winston Churchill High School, MD, Molecular Genetics
Nominating Scholar: Garyk Brixi

Ms. Loretta Buddendeck, Centerville High School, OH, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Kevin Xincheng Yin

Mr. Conor Cameron, Eric Solorio Academy High School, IL, Math/Debate
Nominating Scholar: Amado DeJesus Candelario

Ms. Susan Campbell, Dyer County High School, TN, Math
Nominating Scholar: Isabella Rose Trasolini

Mr. Sean Carson, Florida Virtual School, FL, AP US History
Nominating Scholar: Cassandra James

Mr. Nick Casey, Reedsburg Area High School, WI, Agriculture, Science
Nominating Scholar: Matthew E. Ryherd

Mr. Steve Christensen, Newport Middle High School, NH, Science
Nominating Scholar: Benjamin Daniel Jachim-Gallagher

Mr. Travis Clement, Scottsdale Preparatory Academy, AZ, Music
Nominating Scholar: Amy Zhou

Ms. Rebecca Clere, Raceland-Worthington High School, KY, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Jacob Hunter West

Mr. Patrick Coffey, Brookfield East High School, WI, Social Studies
Nominating Scholar: Namitha Alexander

Ms. Lisa Colbert, Mounds View High School, MN, History
Nominating Scholar: Michael Taecheon Pak

Ms. Tari Costello, Waupun Senior High School, WI, Agriculture
Nominating Scholar: Katrina Eileen Pokorny

Janet D'Alesandre, Lincoln High School, RI, ELL
Nominating Scholar: Yiru Li

Mr. Matthew Davis, North Allegheny Senior High School, PA, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Christopher Lee

Mr. Tom Davison, BASIS International School Shenzhen, GA, Math
Nominating Scholar: William Ellsworth

Mr. Ryan Decker, Tea Area High School, SD, History
Nominating Scholar: Jaelyn Kae Morehead

Ms. Alison DiBenedetto, Andover High School, MA, Computer Science
Nominating Scholar: Ethan M Coyle

Dr. Elizabeth Dick, South Anchorage High School, AK, German
Nominating Scholar: Aden Jon Rothmeyer

Mr. Jim Dornan, Longmont High School, CO, History, Philosophy, Speech and Debate
Nominating Scholar: Emily Elizabeth Sanchez

Mr. Brad Dubbs, Eldorado High School, NM, Band/Jazz Band
Nominating Scholar: Abigail Pribisova

Ms. Alison Ehrensaft, Rampart High School, CO, English
Nominating Scholar: Edenna Huiyi Chen

Ms. Stacie Elwood, Ashley Ridge High School, SC, Biomedical Science
Nominating Scholar: Jackson B Woodward Radcliffe

William Evans, Stevens Senior High School, SD, Orchestra
Nominating Scholar: Alan Zhu

Ms. Holly Faris, Hamilton High School, MT, Chemical Science
Nominating Scholar: George Evan Glidden-Handgis

Mr. Gregory Gagliardi, Cherry Hill High School East, NJ, English and Journalism
Nominating Scholar: Sophia Sizhe Liang

Mr. Charles Garcia, Horace Mann School, NY, Math
Nominating Scholar: Benjamin Hu

Ms. Ann Garrison, Caravel Academy, DE, Science - Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Akhil D Rao

Ms. Megan Garton, New Trier Township High School, IL, English
Nominating Scholar: Asher J. Noel

Ms. Ashley Gaumer, Hellgate High School, MT, English
Nominating Scholar: Julia Karin Roemer

Ms. Katy Gazda, Red Mountain High School, AZ, Science
Nominating Scholar: Adrian Henry Kwiatkowski

Dr. Richard Green, Northwest Career and Tech Academy, NV, Science
Nominating Scholar: Ananya Sahiba Dewan

Mr. Wallace Green, Grafton High School, VI, English
Nominating Scholar: Katelynne Berland

Mr. Mark Greenberg, Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, CA, Science
Nominating Scholar: Lauren Kong

Ms. Anna Griffin, Jackson Preparatory School, MS, English
Nominating Scholar: Eliza Phillips Burnham

Ms. Nathbia Guerrero, St. Mary's School, PR, Math

Nominating Scholar: Fayleon Lin

Ms. Chumki Gupta, Mcnair Academic High School, NJ, Biology

Nominating Scholar: Anthony M. Bishara

Ms. Kelly Gustafson, Carson High School, NV, Health Science

Nominating Scholar: Crystal Giselle Vargas

Ms. Diane Hackenberg, Lewisburg Area High School, PA, English

Nominating Scholar: Nicholas Samuel Jacobson

Mr. Dan Hagan, Burlington High School, VT, History

Nominating Scholar: Jackson Elder

Dr. Heather Hall, Blue Valley West High School, KS, Science

Nominating Scholar: Ritvik Illindala

Ms. Gillian Hanson, Ogden Senior High School, UT, Chemistry

Nominating Scholar: Kalii Sierra Caldwell

Mr. Glenn Hartman, Archmere Academy, DE, Science

Nominating Scholar: Tullis Tien-Tze Liu

Mr. Jeff Hartman, Cedar Falls High School, IA, Biology

Nominating Scholar: Astoria Chao

Mr. Matthew Hartnett, Phillips Exeter Academy, NH, Classical Languages

Nominating Scholar: Michaela Phan

Mr. James Hessler, Arrowhead High School, WI, Math

Nominating Scholar: Anthony Joseph Sikorski

Mrs. Misty McNeill Hildreth, Asheboro High School, NC, Biology

Nominating Scholar: Isaac Eli Diaz

Dr. Elizabeth Hobbs, Neuqua Valley High School, IL, English

Nominating Scholar: Anuva Shandilya

Mr. Stephen Howard, Bridgeport High School, WV, Physics

Nominating Scholar: Xavier Mark Evans

Mr. Scott Hunt, St. Mark's School of Texas, TX, Photography
Nominating Scholar: Kyle Braden Smith

Ms. Jenny Jackson, Houston County High School, GA, Business Education
Nominating Scholar: Keerti Jessica Soundappan

Mr. Steve Kalous, Sumner-Fredericksburg High School, IA, Business
Nominating Scholar: Megan Marie Niewoehner

Ms. Jennifer Kelley, Jackson Hole High School, WY, Math
Nominating Scholar: Lillian Brazil

Dr. Minhye Kim, The Juilliard School, NY, Music
Nominating Scholar: Anthony Choi

Ms. Clara Kim, The Juilliard School, PA, Music
Nominating Scholar: Isaiah John Kim

Ms. Kathryn Kottke, Wayzata High School, MN, English
Nominating Scholar: Anika Ahluwalia

Dr. Rathna Kumar, Anjali Center for Performing Arts, TX, Indian Classical Dance
Nominating Scholar: Isha Parupudi

Ms. Joanne Lafortune, Wheeler School, RI, English
Nominating Scholar: Everett Thornton Smith

Mr. Joel Lagrow, Essex High School, VT, Science
Nominating Scholar: Grace Jiayi Lu

Ms. Katharine Laird, Interior Distance Education of Alaska, AK, All Subjects
Nominating Scholar: Helen Serena Laird

Mr. Darin Larsen, Brownell-Talbot School, NE, English
Nominating Scholar: Sukanya Kennamthiang

Raymond Leonard, Jim Hill Senior High School, MS, JROTC
Nominating Scholar: Ruben Manasseh Banks

Mr. Matt Lewis, Killian Hill Christian School, GU, Math
Nominating Scholar: Sechan Yoon

Ms. Darla Loyless, Andrews High School, TX, Biology/Anatomy & Physiology
Nominating Scholar: Jordan H. Barton

Ms. Tessie Lumabao Ford, Waipahu High School, HI, Engineering
Nominating Scholar: Ian Henry Carnate Acosta

Ms. Tami Lunsford, Newark Charter Jr/Sr High School, DE, Biology
Nominating Scholar: Noah Rossi

Ms. Elizabeth Mabrey, Storming Robots, NJ, Engineering
Nominating Scholar: Sonia Purohit

Mr. Matthew MacLeod, Bloomfield Hills High School, MI, Social Studies
Nominating Scholar: Braden Lucas Crimmins

Ms. Lisa Mahla, Rigby High School, ID, Science
Nominating Scholar: Megan Elizabeth Clements

Ms. Bridget Mahoney, Lone Tree High School, IA, Agriculture
Nominating Scholar: Jaxon Mullinnix

Ms. Nancy Malone, Dulles High School, TX, Science
Nominating Scholar: Lauren Hu Yang

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Mr. Paul Marques, Malden High School, MA, Computer Science
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Nominating Scholar: Ethan Chen

Ms. Donna Mateyka, West Essex High School, NJ, Choir
Nominating Scholar: Madelin Morales

Mr. Michael May, Old Town High School, ME, History
Nominating Scholar: Emma Hargreaves

Mr. Paul McClernon, BASIS Scottsdale Charter, AZ, Physics
Nominating Scholar: Saaketh Ram-Rachakonda Narayan

Megan McDonald, McDonald Home School, IA, All Subjects
Nominating Scholar: Colin McDonald

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Nominating Scholar: Remi Savard

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Nominating Scholar: Julian Marcellus Zanders

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Nominating Scholar: Yunhee Park

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Nominating Scholar: Kimberley Tran

Mr. Kenneth Neisser, Harvard-Westlake School, CA, History
Nominating Scholar: Charles Kogen

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Dr. Coree Newman, Brentwood School, CA, History
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Nominating Scholar: Tingyi Lu

Ms. Janet Oshiro, Punahou School, HI, Math
Nominating Scholar: Ryan Park

Mr. Stephen Patton, William Fremd High School, IL, Wellness; Badminton Coach
Nominating Scholar: Maegan Jong

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Nominating Scholar: Scott Nicholas Orton

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Nominating Scholar: Taylor Mie Venenciano

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Nominating Scholar: Ruth Nyagaka

Mr. Vann Prime, Mount Hebron High School, MD, Economics
Nominating Scholar: Chase Blanchette

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Nominating Scholar: Phillip Meng

Laura Ramos, Fife Senior High School, WA, Business
Nominating Scholar: Christina A Masnyy

Ms. Lynn Reed, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, VI, Math
Nominating Scholar: Alexander Emilov Nikolov

Ms. Lauren Reggero-Toledano, The Catlin Gabel School, OR, Spanish
Nominating Scholar: Seth David Talyansky

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Nominating Scholar: Bradley Barron Ferguson

Mr. Michael Roh, University High School, WV, Physics
Nominating Scholar: Daphne Barretto

Mr. Gregory Roman, Ronald Reagan College Preparatory High School, WI, History
Nominating Scholar: Isaac Arnold Wells-Cage

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Nominating Scholar: Vanessa Beibei Hu

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Nominating Scholar: Sophie Paquette

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Nominating Scholar: Rohan Brahm Sharma

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Nominating Scholar: Anne Liu

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Nominating Scholar: Navami Jain

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Mr. Ron Spalter, Southwest Junior High School, AR, Debate
Nominating Scholar: Sojas Wagle

Ms. Aimee Sueltenfuss, Shawsheen Valley Voc Tec High School, MA, Science
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Nominating Scholar: Douglas Edward Robins II

Ms. Marianne Tan, Canyon Crest Academy, CA, English
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Nominating Scholar: Annette Doeun Lee

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Nominating Scholar: Njari Dimario Anderson

Ms. Jaime Vander Velde, Communications High School, NJ, Creative Writing
Nominating Scholar: Vlvian Parkin DeRosa

Ms. Cindy Von Feldt, Rocky Ford High School, CO, Art
Nominating Scholar: Martin Fernandez

Dr. Lindsey Waddell, Arkansas School for Mathematics & Sciences, AR, Geosciences
Nominating Scholar: Rachel Stall

Katherine Walker, Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing & Visual Arts, TX, Dance,
Modern, Kinesiology
Nominating Scholar: Emma Claire Sutherland

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Nominating Scholar: Sharara Shabeeba Kasem

Ms. Shelly Weir, Blue Valley North High School, KS, English
Nominating Scholar: Praneeta Nalluri

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Nominating Scholar: Vani Senthil

Hal Wilcock, Pleasant Grove High School, UT, Choir
Nominating Scholar: Scott David Milner

Ms. Amanda Wilcox, Avon Grove High School, PA, Music/Choir
Nominating Scholar: Akhila Yalvigi

Mr. Robert Wilder, Design Thinking Academy, DE, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Justin Chan

Mr. John Wiley, Challenge School, CO, Science
Nominating Scholar: Edwin C. Bodoni

Mr. Joshua Winterfield, Robert F. Wagner Middle School, NY, Science
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