

2020 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program's Distinguished Teachers

Mr. Edwin Algarín, Academia Maria Reina, Puerto Rico, History

Nominating Scholar: Gabriela Cristina García Oruña

Mr. Bruce Allen, North Allegheny Senior High, Pennsylvania, Science

Nominating Scholar: David Jeffrey Ban

Mr. Mark Atwood, Indian Hill High School, Ohio, Latin

Nominating Scholar: Elizabeth Radway

Mr. Timothy Barron, Farmington High School, Connecticut, Science

Nominating Scholar: Brandon Demkowicz

Ms. Lisa Baser, La Crosse High School, Washington, Career and Technical Education

Nominating Scholar: Lauren Stubbs

Dr. Martha Began Crawford, Singapore American School, , Science

Nominating Scholar: Grant Schooling

Dr. Philip Benge, Mississippi School for Mathematics & Science, Mississippi, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Vayd Sai Ramkumar

Ms. Karen Bennett, Saint Margaret's Episcopal School, California, Filmmaking

Nominating Scholar: Teddy Alvarez-Nissen

Ms. Genevieve Bennett, ThunderRidge High School, Colorado, Business

Nominating Scholar: Melanie Zhiqi Zhou

Ms. Melinda Bennett, Orville H Platt High School, Connecticut, Career/Technical

Nominating Scholar: Elizabeth Ann Wozniak

Ms. Sandy Birrell, Lee Home-School, Washington, Math

Nominating Scholar: Conrad Lee

Mr. Justin Black, Chattanooga High Center for Creative Arts, TN, Arts

Nominating Scholar: Maggie A Wilkinson

Marcia Bogart, Fayetteville High School East Campus, Arkansas, Math
Nominating Scholar: Amanda Mei Thomsen

Ms. Cathryn Boness, Interlake High School, Washington, English
Nominating Scholar: Emily Lei Du

Mr. Brian Bradley, BASIS CHANDLER, Arizona, Math and Computer Science
Nominating Scholar: Rithvik Reddy Musuku

Mr. Andrew Bramante, Greenwich High School, Connecticut, Science
Nominating Scholar: Cynthia Chen

Ms. Seana Brief, Cypress High School, California, Legal Practices
Nominating Scholar: Jessica Costescu

Mr. Jered Bright, University of Minnesota, Minnesota, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Benjamin Bin Yan

Ms. Lesley Bunch, Colony High School, Alaska, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Gavin Lee Block

Ms. Joanna Burr, PikeView High School, West Virginia, English
Nominating Scholar: Kayli Madison Mann

Ms. Lai Cao, Baton Rouge Magnet High School, Louisiana, Science
Nominating Scholar: Cindy Zheng

Mr. Raul Casillas, Mayfield High School, New Mexico, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Mireya Cosima Sanchez-Maes

Ms. Rachael Castillo, Paducah Tilghman High School, Kentucky, English
Nominating Scholar: Kathleen Criner

Mr. Carlos Castro, Woodbridge Senior High School, Virginia, Engineering
Nominating Scholar: William B Calli

Mr. Christopher Cey, Wood River High School, Idaho, Science
Nominating Scholar: Zoe Simon

Ms. Sue Cline, Johnston High School, Iowa, History
Nominating Scholar: Matthew Ding

Mrs. Diane Chamberlain, Laramie High School, Wyoming, Spanish
Nominating Scholar: Sam Miller

Ms. JoAnne Daniels, Moravian Academy, Pennsylvania, Science
Nominating Scholar: Neil Deshmukh

Ms. Elizabeth Dann, University Liggett School, MI, Science
Nominating Scholar: Maria Fields

Ms. Chanel DaSilva, Fiorello H. Laguardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts, New York,
Dance
Nominating Scholar: Nouhoum Koita

Ms. April Dauscha, The Fine Arts Center, South Carolina, Fibers
Nominating Scholar: Nicholas Michael Dean Turgeon

Mr. Kevin Davenport, Creekside High School, Florida, Engineering
Nominating Scholar: Lauren Philip

Ms. Sabrina Denney Bull, Millard North High School, Nebraska, Competitive Speech
Nominating Scholar: Lucy Tu

Mr. Rich Eber, Seward High School, Nebraska, History
Nominating Scholar: Jarod Michael Harris

Ms. Pamela Ellis, Kaiser High School, Hawaii, English
Nominating Scholar: Eui Jin Song

Ms. Robin Emery, Newsome High School, Florida, English
Nominating Scholar: Alexander Grayson Dyer

Dr. James Farre, Yale University, Utah, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Moses Giles Samuelson-Lynn

Mr. David Feinberg, Columbus Academy, Ohio, Computer Science
Nominating Scholar: Aniv Ray

Ms. Lucy Filppu, Palo Alto Senior High School, California, English
Nominating Scholar: Dante Jervaise Kirkman

Mr. Will Frazer, Buchholz High School, Florida, Math
Nominating Scholar: Helena Jiang

Mr. Eric Gettrust, West High School, Wisconsin, Physics

Nominating Scholar: Dayi Ethan Dong

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Nominating Scholar: Katherine J Pardy

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Nominating Scholar: Luke Partsch

Mr. Jeff Graham, Waubonsie Valley High School, IL, Business

Nominating Scholar: Arnav Prashant Lande

Ms. Laura Grebasch, Heelan High School, Iowa, Math

Nominating Scholar: Elizabeth Catherine Meyer

Dr. Nathaniel Green, BASIS DC, District of Columbia, Biology

Nominating Scholar: Lauren Xu

Mr. Brett Guisti, Davidson Academy of Nevada, Nevada, Science (physics)

Nominating Scholar: Emhyr Subramanian

Dr. Chris Hamel, Heritage Hall Upper School, Oklahoma, History

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Mr. Christopher Hamilton, Kamiakin High School, Washington, English

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Ms. Martha Hardy, Laurel School, Ohio, Spanish

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Nominating Scholar: Nisha Shah

Ms. Teresa Henderson, Manlius-Pebble Hill School, New York, Visual Art

Nominating Scholar: Olivia Bigtree

Mr. Philip Herdman, Mount Hebron High School, Maryland, History
Nominating Scholar: Bill Tong

Ms. Celia Hernandez, Vidal M. Trevino School of Communication and Fine Arts, TX, Choir
Nominating Scholar: Vivian Catrice Coleman

Dr. Emma Hernberg, Stevens Senior High School, South Dakota, Science (Chemistry)
Nominating Scholar: Jonathan Coronado

Julie Heyen, Richland High School, North Dakota, English
Nominating Scholar: Hanna Johnson

Mr. Michael Hightower, Moscow High School, Idaho, English and History
Nominating Scholar: Jieyan Wang

Ms. Ingrid Hill, Boston Trinity Academy, Alaska, English, History, Biblical Studies
Nominating Scholar: Grace J Park

Mr. Timothy Hipsky, Hipsky Home-School, IN, Physical Education
Nominating Scholar: Meagan Maureen Hipsky

Mr. Thomas Hoch, Tower Hill School, Delaware, Science
Nominating Scholar: Umar Arif Aulia

Ms. Emira Hot, Brookfield East High School, Wisconsin, English
Nominating Scholar: Sanjana Reddy Peddagorla

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Nominating Scholar: Brianna Elyse Thompson

Mr. George Hume, Bangkok Patana School, , Geography
Nominating Scholar: Claire Marie Hightower

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Nominating Scholar: Ryan McCord

Mr. Bradley Jackson, Kent Denver School, CO, History
Nominating Scholar: Eliot Lee Juhon Hodges

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Nominating Scholar: Matthew Allana

Mark Johnson, Mounds View High School, Minnesota, Science
Nominating Scholar: Aunika Zheng

Ms. Katherine Johnson, Nashua High School South, New Hampshire, Social Studies - Government
Nominating Scholar: Jeffrey Lam

Mr. Joseph Kemper, Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, Florida, Theatre
Nominating Scholar: Mallorie Sievert

Ms. Kathleen Keyes, Greater Lawrence Regl V-Tec Hs, Massachusetts, Business Technology
Nominating Scholar: Saviel Ortiz

Ms. Terri King, Odessa High School, Washington, Business, FBLA
Nominating Scholar: Madelynn Jae Wagner

Ms. Marta Kmbikyan, Verdugo Academy, CA, English
Nominating Scholar: Anoush Pogossian

Dr. John Knapp, Albuquerque Academy, New Mexico, English
Nominating Scholar: Zachary J. Auster

Mr. Alex Koppel, Georgiana Bruce Kirby Preparatory School, California, Music
Nominating Scholar: Anthony Arya

Mr. Jeffrey Lang, Huntsville High School, Alabama, History
Nominating Scholar: Kittson Hamill

Mr. Colin Lang, Alamo Heights High School, Texas, Science (aerospace studies)
Nominating Scholar: Christopher Zollino Lloyd

Mr. Peter Laub, George Mason High School, Virginia, Journalism
Nominating Scholar: Colter Adams

Ms. Lori Laurenzana, Windermere High School, Florida, Film & Broadcast
Nominating Scholar: Sage Croft

Mr. Joey Lechuga, Regis Jesuit High School, Colorado, Latin
Nominating Scholar: Jack Selner Brustkern

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Nominating Scholar: Robert Wachen

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Nominating Scholar: Jason Ping

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Nominating Scholar: Dana Marie Smiley

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Nominating Scholar: David Sandoval

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Nominating Scholar: Sophia Eileen Tedesco

Ms. Kathy McHugh, North Shore Country Day School, Illinois, English
Nominating Scholar: Isabella Cho

Ms. Betsy McIntire, Sacred Heart High School, MS, English
Nominating Scholar: Abigail Wiest

Mr. Joe Medina, Harvard-Westlake School, CA, Photography
Nominating Scholar: Caitlin Chung

Mr. Mark Meola, Sparta High School, New Jersey, Robotics Engineering
Nominating Scholar: Alan Yeung

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Nominating Scholar: Brooke Avery Bradford

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Nominating Scholar: George John Eliadis

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Ms. Thienan Nguyen, Canyon Crest Academy, California, Math
Nominating Scholar: Christina Wooden

Ms. Jennifer Niehaus, Northview High School, Georgia, Math
Nominating Scholar: Albert Zhang

Ms. Cara O'Dell, Baton Rouge Magnet High School, Louisiana, Math
Nominating Scholar: Sunggun Lee

Mrs. Michelle Levin Okun, Desert Mountain High School, Arizona, Robotics
Nominating Scholar: Jake Okun

Ms. Megan Orton, The Waterford School, Utah, Math
Nominating Scholar: Emma Grace Sun

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Nominating Scholar: John Bishop Wahlig III

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Nominating Scholar: Koichiro Otake

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Nominating Scholar: Grant James GianGrasso

Mr. Jason Piluk, Centennial High School, Maryland, Biology
Nominating Scholar: Nadine Meister

Dr. Jose Pluguez Ph.D., Commonwealth-Parkville School, Puerto Rico, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Latin
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Nominating Scholar: Lauren Chen

Mr. Sam Rockford, St. James Academy, Kansas, Math
Nominating Scholar: Bridget Rose Schippers

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Nominating Scholar: Jack Norris

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Nominating Scholar: Freya Francy Abraham

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Nominating Scholar: Elizabeth Welch-Jani

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Nominating Scholar: Clarence Chinedu Ndubisi

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Nominating Scholar: Jaiden David Edelman

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Nominating Scholar: Benjamin Tanchoco Rossen

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Nominating Scholar: Dong Jun Lee

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Nominating Scholar: Sophia Lynn Li

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Nominating Scholar: Sydney Hummel

Ms. Michelle Spigner, Spring Valley High School, South Carolina, Science (Biology/Research)
Nominating Scholar: Vamsi Krishna Gorrepati

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Nominating Scholar: Henry Wu

Ms. Kim Stubbe, Ann Sobrato High School, CA, English
Nominating Scholar: Dean Tran

Ms. Michele Summers, Merrol Hyde Magnet School, Tennessee, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Benjamin Charles Perry

Ms. Amy Sutton, Benson Polytech High School, Oregon, Science
Nominating Scholar: Tina Trang Truong

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Nominating Scholar: Justin Junpeng Zhao

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Nominating Scholar: Ankush Kundan Dhawan

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Nominating Scholar: Neily Kate Raymond

Mr. Henry Tuchscherer, Jackson Hole High School, Wyoming, English
Nominating Scholar: Megan Ruth Dufault

Ms. Mari Vega, Academia del Perpetuo Socorro, Puerto Rico, English
Nominating Scholar: Harold Ignacio Peón Castro

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Nominating Scholar: Maria Christina Hancu

Mr. Dave Whitson, The Catlin Gabel School, Oregon, Social Studies

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Ms. Bonnie Wood, Western Heights High School, Oklahoma, Gifted & Talented, Concurrent Enrollment

Nominating Scholar: Nicholas Sayegh

Ms. Madison Yount, Hickory High School, North Carolina, English

Nominating Scholar: Chase Elliot Johnson

Ms. Lori Zang-Berns, Lafayette High School, Missouri, Social Studies

Nominating Scholar: Rahul Suresh Kanna

Dr. Chao Zhou, Washington University at St. Louis, Pennsylvania, Science

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