

2021 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program's Distinguished Teachers

Ms. Jennifer Adkisson, Mount Mansfield Union High School, Vermont, English

Nominating Scholar: Theresa J. Christiansen

Ms. Tamara Anderson, Ashland High School, Oregon, Math

Nominating Scholar: Kaitlyn J. Kim

Mr. James Bair, Christian Heritage School, Connecticut, English

Nominating Scholar: Rachel S. Brooks

Ms. Dana Bleicher, Grand Blanc Community School, Michigan, English

Nominating Scholar: Shriya S Yarlagadda

Mr. Philip Bock, James M Bennett High School, Maryland, English

Nominating Scholar: Marvin Li

Mr. Edward Bolton, Marquette High School, MO, Science (Chemistry)

Nominating Scholar: Janvi Huria

Mr. Andrew Bramante, Greenwich High School, Connecticut, Science Research

Nominating Scholar: Colin B. Speaker

Ms. Angela Brame, North Greene High School, Illinois, English

Nominating Scholar: Sarah Aline McEvers

Ms. Patricia Brock, St. Thomas of Canterbury School, New Hampshire, Social Studies

Nominating Scholar: Louis Peacemaker Mukama

Mr. Cameron Brooks, Sioux Falls Christian School, South Dakota, Theology

Nominating Scholar: Brooklyn Kate Pater

Ms. Rhonda Burnham, Newport High School, Washington, English

Nominating Scholar: Tessa Claire Pierce

Ms. Kristin Butler, Hillsboro High School, Tennessee, Theatre

Nominating Scholar: Alora E Young

Ms. Martha Cabrera, School for Advanced Studies-Wolfson, Florida, English
Nominating Scholar: Elyse Yvonne Thomas

Roan Callahan, Middlesex School, Massachusetts, Photography
Nominating Scholar: Andrew Harris

Ms. Sophia Carafotes, Retired (previously West Somerville Neighborhood School), Massachusetts,
English, social studies
Nominating Scholar: Kevin Wen

Ms. Tandy Caraway, CollegeMode Academy, Florida, Math/ College preparation
Nominating Scholar: Jalynn Jaielle McDuffey

Ms. Cortnee Castleberry, Woodbury High School, Minnesota, Math
Nominating Scholar: Esperanza Lee

Dr. Nickolas Castro, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, Math
Nominating Scholar: Alison Sue-Jeanne Jang

Dr. Sarah Chan, California State University Stanislaus, California, Music
Nominating Scholar: Parker Van Ostrand

Ms. Lisa Clark, Georgia Cyber Academy, Georgia, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Aaron Daniel Altamirano Dino

Mr. Chris Clarke, Cab Calloway School of the Arts High School, Delaware, Civics and Economics
Nominating Scholar: Risha Kumar

Mr. Todd Cobb, Ramey School, Puerto Rico, History
Nominating Scholar: Nicolas Taj Proskauer Valerio

Ms. Michelle Cohen, Nashua Senior High School South, New Hampshire, Science
Nominating Scholar: Rebecca Zhu

Joanna Cone, Dr Justin Wakeland High School, Texas, History
Nominating Scholar: Labiba Uddin

Ms. Kristin Cooley, Madison Central High School, Mississippi, Math
Nominating Scholar: Matthew Landon Yin

Ms. Laura Cooley, Pikeville High School, Kentucky, Social Studies
Nominating Scholar: Sarah Belcher

Mr. Timothy Cornell, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North, New Jersey, Math
Nominating Scholar: Akhil C Paulraj

Ms. Cynthia Cox, Mcdonogh School, Maryland, English
Nominating Scholar: Avinash J. Thakkar

Mr. Kevin Davenport, Creekside High School, Florida, Engineering
Nominating Scholar: Elyse V. Soracco

Ms. Molly Davies, Loveland High School, Colorado, Student Council Advisor
Nominating Scholar: Kayson M Marler

Mr. David Degan, Southeastern Regional Vocational-Technical High School, Massachusetts, Former Principal and Culinary Arts Teacher
Nominating Scholar: Julie A Canuto-Depina

Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Mount Carmel High School, MP, English / Social Studies
Nominating Scholar: Victoria Nicole Maniego Santos

Mr. Brian Dempsey, Acton-Boxborough Regional High School, Massachusetts, Biology
Nominating Scholar: Ritvik Chandra Pulya

Ms. Shannon Denna, William Fremd High School, Illinois, Computer Science
Nominating Scholar: Pavan Venkatesh Pandurangi

Ms. Tammy DeWitt, John Marshall High School, WV, Science
Nominating Scholar: Zara Zervos

Mr. Carlos Diaz, Branford High School, Florida, Science
Nominating Scholar: Barrett Ryan Young

Ms. Catherine Dunn, Viewpoint School, California, Filmmaking, English
Nominating Scholar: Charlotte Dawn Sedaka

Mr. Robert Durham, East High School, Utah, Science
Nominating Scholar: Mahider Tadesse

Mr. Christopher Eadie, Santa Fe High School South Campus, New Mexico, Social Studies
Nominating Scholar: Faris Irwin Wald

Mr. Malcolm Eckel, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology, Virginia, Computer Science
Nominating Scholar: Jason Wang

Ms. Jana Edwards, Valley High School, Iowa, Math
Nominating Scholar: Dorothy M Junginger

Ms. Tiffany Eggers, Homeschool, Connecticut, Literature
Nominating Scholar: Lucas Scott Eggers

Ms. Suzanne Elizondo, Keystone School, Texas, English (British Literature, AP English Literature)
Nominating Scholar: Derek Pan Wong

Mr. William Ellery, Carmel High School, IN, History
Nominating Scholar: Zoe Edwards

Mr. Kenny Felder, Raleigh Charter High School, North Carolina, Math
Nominating Scholar: Pratyush Seshadri

Ms. Erin Fluchel, Parkway West High School, Missouri, English
Nominating Scholar: Sri Jaladi

Ms. Shea Foley, Clark High School, Nevada, English
Nominating Scholar: Felix Zhan

Mr. Bruce Fraser, Robert F Munroe High School, Florida, Math
Nominating Scholar: Rohan R Davidi

Ms. Meighan Friedsam, Saint Francis High School, California, English
Nominating Scholar: Arya Pratap

Dr. Travis Gatewood, Shawnee Mission South High School, Kansas, English Language Arts
Nominating Scholar: Charles B. Horner

Ms. Stephanie Gladbach, Salisbury R-Iv High School, Missouri, Business
Nominating Scholar: Sydney Marie Stundebeck

Ms. Carmen Gonzalez Pescador, Richard Montgomery High School, Maryland, Spanish
Nominating Scholar: Saanika Mahashetty

Dr. Karen Haberstroh, Brown University, Nevada, Engineering
Nominating Scholar: Priyanka Senthil

Ms. Kristen Haggard, Klein High School, Texas, Health Science
Nominating Scholar: Sneha Sunil Shenoy

Mr. Benjamin Hale, John Bapst Memorial High School, Maine, Social Studies
Nominating Scholar: Devon Michael Hunter

Dr. Heather Hall, Blue Valley West High School, Kansas, Science
Nominating Scholar: Aishani Saxena

Ms. Meg Harms, Brownell-Talbot School, Nebraska, Science
Nominating Scholar: Trishna Aishani Srikumar

Mr. Eric Heinz, Divine Child High School, Michigan, Science
Nominating Scholar: Andrea Maizy

Mr. Nathan Herbert, Nathan Herbert, DE, Spanish
Nominating Scholar: Divita Taduvayi

Ms. Jamie Hofmeister, Cherry Creek High School, Colorado, Spanish
Nominating Scholar: Nicole Yee Chen

Mr. Tyler Hollow, Helena High School, Montana, Science
Nominating Scholar: Claire Anne Downing

Ms. Daniella Howard, Lynbrook High School, California, English
Nominating Scholar: Michael Zhao

Mr. Rick Hughes, The Westminster Schools, Massachusetts, Physical Education
Nominating Scholar: Erik Y. Wang

Mr. William Hunt IV, Hillsborough Middle School, New Jersey, Social Studies
Nominating Scholar: Youssef Abdelhalim

Kristen Iverson, Amherst Regional High School, Massachusetts, English
Nominating Scholar: Arden E. Lloyd

Ms. Dawn Jacobi, Destrehan High School, Louisiana, Math
Nominating Scholar: Eric Jaron Jones

Ms. Juliet Jensen, Tekamah-Herman High School, Ne, English
Nominating Scholar: Lucas G Niewohner

Ms. Dara Johnson, Albuquerque Academy, New Mexico, Community Service
Nominating Scholar: Melinda Leyuan Modisette

Ms. Christine Jumbeck, Cochrane Fountain City High School, Wisconsin, Agriculture
Nominating Scholar: Amara Lynn Livingston

Laura Kamka, Desert Mountain High School, Arizona, English
Nominating Scholar: Danielle Sherman

Dr. Abbe Karmen, Riverdale Country School, New York, History
Nominating Scholar: Julia K. Brand

Mr. Dennis Kennedy, St Mary Academy - Bay View, Rhode Island, History
Nominating Scholar: Brooke L Newbury

Ms. Mary Kersey, Skyview High School, Idaho, Math
Nominating Scholar: Katherine E. Hebdon

Mr. Matthew Kirby, Corvallis High School, Oregon, Physics, Math
Nominating Scholar: Kevin Dai

Jonathan Klein, The High School for Performing & Visual Arts, Texas, Magnet Coordinator
Nominating Scholar: Sarah Grace Kimberly

Dr. Stephanie Kokoszka, Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School, Michigan, Science
Nominating Scholar: Saaam Ali Khan

Mr. Daniel LaHatte, Dulaney High School, Maryland, Social Studies
Nominating Scholar: Kathy Yao

Ms. Lilas Lane, Harvard-Westlake School, California, History
Nominating Scholar: Allison Sky Park

Mr. Mark Lenfestey, Homestead High School, Indiana, Physics
Nominating Scholar: Kobe Chen

Ms. Victoria Leon, Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy, Florida, Spanish
Nominating Scholar: Ellen Choi

Ms. Donna Leonardi, Bergen County Academies, New Jersey, Biology Research
Nominating Scholar: Lara Ozkan

Kirk Lindgren, Academic Magnet High School, South Carolina, Physics
Nominating Scholar: Lily Lassiter

Luke Lister, United Nations Internatl Sch, New York, History

Nominating Scholar: Kristen Meola

Mr. Blake Livingston, Mat-Su Career and Technical High School, Alaska, English

Nominating Scholar: Alex Prayner

Mr. Christopher Lofgren, Lafayette High School, Missouri, Science (Human Anatomy)

Nominating Scholar: Rohith K Ryali

Ms. Shaina Manning, Signal Mountain Middle High School, Tennessee, English (8th Grade), Yearbook

Nominating Scholar: Seo Yoon Yang

Ms. Elizabeth Marass, Sanford High School, Maine, Science

Nominating Scholar: Aislynn K Worden

Mr. Samuel Martineau, Leadership Academy of Utah, Utah, Debate

Nominating Scholar: Dallin Tyler Christensen

Ms. Amanda Martinez, Milton High School, Georgia, Science (Biology)

Nominating Scholar: Divya Nori

Ms. Jo Mason, Charles F Adams High School, Washington, Marketing

Nominating Scholar: Molly Jane Williams

Ms. Kathleen McDonald, Council Rock High School North, Pennsylvania, Science

Nominating Scholar: Richard Su Fang

Mr. Michael McDowell, Ardrey Kell High School, North Carolina, AP Calculus AB/BC

Nominating Scholar: Ijay Narang

Mr. Marcus McGuinn, David H. Hickman High School, Missouri, Government

Nominating Scholar: Justin David Eddy

Ms. Eleanor McKinley, Design & Architecture Senior High School, Florida, English

Nominating Scholar: Is Perlman

Dr. Braden Mechley, Saint Xavier High School, Ohio, Classics

Nominating Scholar: Aidan J Finn

Ms. Harriet Medlin, Brentwood High School, Tennessee, English, Gifted Support Teacher

Nominating Scholar: Nelson D. Rose

Mr. Matthew Meister, Cleveland Heights High School, Ohio, humanities and history
Nominating Scholar: Maple Buescher

Ms. Celia Moore, Greenbrier East High School, West Virginia, English
Nominating Scholar: Kendra S Goeddert

Mr. Aldo Morales, Del Rio High School, Texas, Music
Nominating Scholar: Christian Tamez

Ms. Holly Morse, University School of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Spanish
Nominating Scholar: Neil Sai Dogra

Ms. Melanie Mundell, Newark Charter High School, DE, Biotechnology
Nominating Scholar: Rohan P Kanchana

Ms. Rawan Naja Ajam, International College, Business Management/Economics
Nominating Scholar: Haddy Elie Alchaer

Mr. James Nelligan, Baldwin School of Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico, Theory of Knowledge
Nominating Scholar: Alejandra Sofía Lozada Santana

Ms. Cynthia Nelson, Grand Forks Central High School, North Dakota, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Dennis Du

Ms. Karin Nelson, Northville High School, Michigan, Science
Nominating Scholar: Shriya Reddy

Mr. Daniel Niedringhaus, Fairview High School, Colorado, History
Nominating Scholar: Whitney Blue

Mr. Kyle Novy, Interlochen Arts Academy, Michigan, Singer-Songwriter Instructor
Nominating Scholar: Calvin R. Hinds

Mr. Kyle Oksiuta, Oregon High School, Wisconsin, Social Studies
Nominating Scholar: Phoebe J. Jeske

Laura O'Neill, School Without Walls, District Of Columbia, History
Nominating Scholar: Stephen Thomas Mirabello

Ms. Miriam Ong Ante, Hunter College High School, New York, Math
Nominating Scholar: Shubh Khanna

Mr. Jared Opp, Gregory High School, South Dakota, Music
Nominating Scholar: Samantha Timanus

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Nominating Scholar: Justin Michael Burch

Mr. Pallone Pallone, Lynbrook High School, California, Science - Biology
Nominating Scholar: Eshani Jha

Dr. Devin Parry, Lakeside School, Washington, Science
Nominating Scholar: William R. Murray

Mr. Daniel Parson, Green River High School, WY, Science
Nominating Scholar: Jessica L. Petri

Mr. TJ Peacher, BASIS Scottsdale Charter, Arizona, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Viraj Mehta

Mr. John Peterson, Rutland High School, Vermont, US History
Nominating Scholar: John Cotter

Ms. Christina Philibotte, Goffstown Area High School, New Hampshire, English, Dance
Nominating Scholar: Fahim Ahmed

Ms. Alyssa Pohlman, Sturgis Charter School, Massachusetts, International Baccalaureate Physics
Nominating Scholar: Caroline Curran

Dr. Jennifer Pollard, Moscow High School, Idaho, Science
Nominating Scholar: Jaston B. McClure

Dr. Carol Price, Baton Rouge Magnet High School, Louisiana, Math (Calculus)
Nominating Scholar: Ju-Woo Nho

Mr. Curtis Price, Charles Page High School, Oklahoma, Science
Nominating Scholar: Sean Michael Kuehn

Ms. Natalya Prokhorova, Alabama School of Mathematics and Science, AL, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Gregory T. Li

Ms. Betsy Purpura, Punahou School, Hawaii, Athletics (Tennis)
Nominating Scholar: Cosette Ting-Hua Wu

Ms. Rhonda Reist, Olathe North High School, Kansas, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Khushi Kohli

Ms. Janet Rivera, Washington Irving Intermediate School, New York, Spanish
Nominating Scholar: Owen M. Dugan

Mr. Kenneth Roberts, Hobson Public School, MT, English
Nominating Scholar: John Cody Gilbert

Ms. Taunya Robertson, Sumner-Fredericksburg High School, Iowa, English
Nominating Scholar: Molly Ann Niewoehner

Ms. Amy Rosen, Oxford High School, Mississippi, Science
Nominating Scholar: Emmanuelle Rachel Teng

Mr. Dean Ruch, Quakertown Senior High School, Pennsylvania, Machining & Engineering Technologies
Nominating Scholar: Raymond A. Slifer

Ms. Jennifer Savage, Savage Home School, Florida, Math, English
Nominating Scholar: Stephen Adam Savage

Diana Schergin, Westside High School, Nebraska, Economics
Nominating Scholar: Ramya Iyer

Dr. Dave Shelton, Timpview High School, Wyoming, Science
Nominating Scholar: Siler J Weaver

Adam Smith, Washington High School, South Dakota, Science
Nominating Scholar: Riley James Nold

Ms. Jessica Snider, Parkersburg South High School, West Virginia, History
Nominating Scholar: Nicholas G Murphy

Mr. Marcus Soule, Governor Dummer Academy, Massachusetts, Science
Nominating Scholar: Maria Isabella Carpenter

Melody Stahl, North Point High School, Maryland, Computer Science
Nominating Scholar: Sahil Patel

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Nominating Scholar: Shreya Somayajula

Ms. Barbara Stewart, Walnut Hills High School, Ohio, English

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Ms. Stephanie Surles, Homeschool, Michigan, English Language Arts and Social Studies

Nominating Scholar: Madelyn Dietz

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Nominating Scholar: Grace Huh

Ms. Cindy Swope, The Potomac School, Virginia, French

Nominating Scholar: Tess I Weinreich

Mr. Benjamin Test, Westlake High School, Utah, Computer Science

Nominating Scholar: Nathan Daniel Ford

Mr. Davis Thompson, Auburn High School, Alabama, English

Nominating Scholar: Soojin Park

Mr. Justin Tsai, Jesuit High School, California, Math

Nominating Scholar: Donovan Julian Jasper

Ms. Suzan Turner, Nashua-Plainfield High School, Iowa, Talented and Gifted; History

Nominating Scholar: Lucas Ian Pierce

Mr. Luis Valentin, St. John's School, Puerto Rico, Math

Nominating Scholar: Ricardo Shawki Marrero-Alattar

Ms. Karen Vich, Locust Grove High School, Oklahoma, Science

Nominating Scholar: Emily Jordan Benelli Ward

Mr. Alejandro Vidal, North Penn High School, Pennsylvania, Spanish

Nominating Scholar: Catherine A. Cavanaugh

Ms. Shelly Voight, Larimore Public High School, North Dakota, English

Nominating Scholar: Ellen Anna Gregoire

Dr. Judson Wagner, Brandywine High School, Delaware, Science/Engineering

Nominating Scholar: Patrick Stratton Campbell

Ms. Elizabeth Walenta, Davidson Academy of Nevada, Nevada, Science

Nominating Scholar: Derek Lin Chien

Ms. Patricia Weber, Carnage Middle School, North Carolina, Science
Nominating Scholar: Nrithya P Renganathan

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Nominating Scholar: Katherine Vandermel

Mr. Thomas Wharton, Wheeler School, Rhode Island, Math
Nominating Scholar: Eric Tang

Ms. Adrienne White, Hawaii Preparatory Academy, Hawaii, Social Studies
Nominating Scholar: Parker Emma Rabinowitz

Mr. Ashley Wilder, Redlands High School, CA, U.S. History
Nominating Scholar: Diya Sarah Theodore

Mr. Robert Wilder, Spartanburg High School, South Carolina, Science
Nominating Scholar: Jacob T Price

Ms. Renee Woodruff, Mountain Ridge High School, Arizona, CTE
Nominating Scholar: Suhani Patel

Ms. Michelle Wrambel, Tower Hill School, Delaware, English
Nominating Scholar: Reece Alexander Ratliff

Mr. Alan Yeh, Iolani School, Hawaii, Math
Nominating Scholar: Joshua H. Park