

## 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

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

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**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

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Nominating Scholar: Dallin Tyler Christensen

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Nominating Scholar: Divya Nori

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Nominating Scholar: Molly Jane Williams

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

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

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

Nominating Scholar: Justin David Eddy

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Nominating Scholar: Shriya Reddy

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Nominating Scholar: Whitney Blue

**Mr. Kyle Novy**, Interlochen Arts Academy, Michigan, Singer-Songwriter Instructor  
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**Mr. Kyle Oksiuta**, Oregon High School, Wisconsin, Math  
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Nominating Scholar: Stephen Thomas Mirabello

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Nominating Scholar: Shubh Khanna



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**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

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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  
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**Dr. Carol Price**, Baton Rouge Magnet High School, Louisiana, Math (Calculus)  
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**Ms. Betsy Purpura**, Punahou School, Hawaii, Athletics (Tennis)  
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**Ms. Rhonda Reist**, Olathe North High School, Kansas, Chemistry  
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Nominating Scholar: Emmanuelle Rachel Teng

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**Ms. Melanie Stender**, Stone Bridge High School, Virginia, English  
Nominating Scholar: Shreya Somayajula

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

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**Mr. Ian Swensen**, San Francisco Conservatory of Music, California, Music

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Nominating Scholar: Tess I Weinreich

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

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

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Nominating Scholar: Derek Lin Chien

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

**Mr. Richard Weems**, Bergen County Academies, New Jersey, Literature  
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  
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