

## 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program's Distinguished Teachers

**Mr. Joseph Aldrich**, Russell High School, Kentucky, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Arnav Dharmagadda

**Ms. Kate Allender**, Nikola Tesla Stem High School, Washington, Research and Psychology

Nominating Scholar: Arihant Singh

**Ms. Carol Anderson**, William Mason High School, Ohio, Biomedical Sciences - Medical Interventions and Biomedical Innovation

Nominating Scholar: Sanjana M. Velu

**Ms. Kelly Anderson**, Ho-Ho-Kus Public School, New Jersey, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Sebastián N. Anderson

**Ms. Robin Anderson**, Phoenix Country Day School, Arizona, Foreign Language (Latin)

Nominating Scholar: Tyler Ming-Fei Tam

**Ms. Laura Azelborn**, Linn-Mar High School, Iowa, Chemistry

Nominating Scholar: Tejas Kishan Gururaja

**Mr. Stephen Ballard**, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology, Virginia, Band

Nominating Scholar: Mira Iris Kim

**Mr. Alan Ballweg**, Score Academy, Florida, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Rania Zuri

**Ms. Elizabeth Bates**, Los Alamos High School, New Mexico, German Language

Nominating Scholar: Brian L. Han

**Ms. Dichawn Belcher**, Worcester Vocational High School, Massachusetts, Biotechnology

Nominating Scholar: Alijandro Ian Mendoza

**Mr. Robert Benedetto**, Central Catholic High School, Massachusetts, Science

Nominating Scholar: Ranjana Ramesh

**Ms. Guinea Bennett-Price**, Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing & Visual Arts, Texas, Theatre

Nominating Scholar: Zariyah M. Perry

**Ms. Taylor L. Bentley**, Diagonal Jr-Sr High School, Iowa, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Alaina Marie Whittington

**Mr. Mark Biernbaum**, Ladue Horton Watkins High School, Missouri, Industrial Technology  
Nominating Scholar: Max Yang

**Ms. Margaret Birch**, Caesar Rodney High School, Delaware, Computer Science  
Nominating Scholar: Puiyee Kong

**Dr. Philip Blake**, eStem High Public Charter School, Arkansas, Computer Science  
Nominating Scholar: Sydney Elizabeth Massey

**Mr. Andrew Bramante**, Greenwich High School, Connecticut, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Ambika Grover

**Mr. Jeffrey Breedlove**, Blue Valley North High School, Kansas, Social Studies (Department Chair, BVN Social Studies)  
Nominating Scholar: Elizabeth Rushing Place

**Mr. Ryan Brooks**, West Career and Technical Academy, Nevada, World History  
Nominating Scholar: Amy Park

**Mr. Marcus Brown**, Hammond High School, Louisiana, Visual Arts - Three Dimensional  
Nominating Scholar: Khalil J. McKnight

**Dr. Nadine Goodman Brown**, Mayfield High School, Ohio, Biology  
Nominating Scholar: Pranav Sompalle

**Ms. Alyce Brownridge**, The Meadows School, Nevada, Chemistry  
Nominating Scholar: Amy Choi

**Ms. Katie Bullock**, Hillcrest High School, Utah, English  
Nominating Scholar: Priyanka Mathews

**Ms. Martene Campbell**, Episcopal Collegiate School, Arkansas, Social Studies  
Nominating Scholar: Neil Sash

**Dr. Umakanth Reddy Chinthapanthi**, Northview High School, Georgia, Computer Science  
Nominating Scholar: Aira Dani

**Ms. Catherine Cho**, PA Leadership Charter School, Pennsylvania, Violin Performance  
Nominating Scholar: Vibha Janakiraman

**Ms. Monia Carol Church**, Boise High School, Idaho, Social Studies

Nominating Scholar: Shiva Aaron Rajbhandari

**Ms. Sue Cline**, Johnston High School, Iowa, Social Studies / Talented and Gifted Program

Nominating Scholar: Eshaan S. Chandani

**Ms. Debra Faith Compton**, Millard North High School, Nebraska, Chemistry

Nominating Scholar: Abhirup Chandra Are

**Ms. Nicole Croy**, Carroll High School, Indiana, Photography

Nominating Scholar: Bayan Yunis

**Mr. Robert Culbertson**, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology, Virginia, Physics

Nominating Scholar: Teja Koduru

**Mr. William Dallas**, Medford Area Senior High School, Wisconsin, History

Nominating Scholar: Saskatoon Robert Fuzz Damm

**Ms. Marie D'Amato**, Hanover High School, New Hampshire, English

Nominating Scholar: Sora S. Shirai

**Dr. Patrick Davis**, Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Illinois, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Yina Wang

**Ms. Patricia del Toro**, St. John's School, Puerto Rico, Social Studies: History, Geography and Government

Nominating Scholar: Alia Sofia Marrero-Altar

**Mr. David Diehl**, Millard North High School, Nebraska, History

Nominating Scholar: Sarah Jane Wood

**Mr. Michael Dobyns**, Corona Del Mar High School, California, Student Government

Nominating Scholar: Sophia Ann Rabin

**Ms. Leslie Eames-Pierce**, Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing & Visual Arts, Texas,

Jewelry Instructor

Nominating Scholar: Cole Willis

**Mr. William Ellery**, Carmel High School, Indiana, History

Nominating Scholar: Archit Kalra

**Mr. Alan Farnsworth**, George Walton High School, Georgia, Latin 1, 2, 3, AP, 5

Nominating Scholar: Jack Xu

**Ms. Jenny Fey**, New School Northern Virginia, Virginia, Linguistics  
Nominating Scholar: Emily Ocasio

**Ms. Kelly Field**, James Madison High School, Virginia, Psychology  
Nominating Scholar: Mayra Rios

**Mr. Luke Finley**, Independence High School, Tennessee, Physics  
Nominating Scholar: Nate Martinez

**Ms. Virginia Forcucci**, MOT Charter School, High School Campus, Delaware, English Language Arts  
Nominating Scholar: Tatyana Rashid

**Ms. Nora Frank**, Caesar Rodney High School, Delaware, English  
Nominating Scholar: Samra Iman Iqbal

**Mr. Trent Fry**, Westview High School, Oregon, English  
Nominating Scholar: Rishab K. Jain

**Mr. William James Furiosi II**, Oviedo High School, Florida, Experimental Science  
Nominating Scholar: Ishika Nag

**Mr. Max Gabrielson**, Wilton High School, Connecticut, Latin/Ancient Greek (The Classics)  
Nominating Scholar: Lukas Koutsoukos

**Ms. Theresa Garno**, East Greenwich High School, Rhode Island, History  
Nominating Scholar: Cayetano Sanchez IV

**Ms. Terry Gatchell**, Evanston Township High School, Illinois, Chemistry  
Nominating Scholar: Emmet Jeremiah Ebels Duggan

**Ms. Lily Gates**, Cleveland Innovation Academy, North Carolina, English  
Nominating Scholar: Georgia Elizabeth Greene

**Ms. Leah George**, The Woodlands College Park High School, Texas, AP Seminar  
Nominating Scholar: Siddhu Pachipala

**Ms. Kathy Giles**, St. Paul's School, New Hampshire, Rector  
Nominating Scholar: Ashley Zhou

**Mr. Jeff Ginn**, Gatlinburg-Pittman High School, Tennessee, Drama  
Nominating Scholar: Mara Wren Klein

**Ms. Kathy Good**, Sheridan High School, Wyoming, Spanish  
Nominating Scholar: Cameron Nicholas Reckard

**Ms. Anne Louise Greer**, Spartanburg Day School, South Carolina, Chemistry  
Nominating Scholar: Cam Srivastava

**Ms. Lara Haggerty**, The Greene School, Rhode Island, Biology  
Nominating Scholar: Julia Martins

**Ms. Princesa Hansen**, Maple Grove Senior High School, Minnesota, Science  
Nominating Scholar: Stavva Arora

**Mr. Christopher Hanson**, Poolesville Senior High School, Maryland, Physics  
Nominating Scholar: Andrew Z. Yuan

**Ms. Lynn Harder**, Falmouth High School, Maine, Biology  
Nominating Scholar: Patrick Michael Wahlig

**Ms. Allison Hargrove**, Carmel High School, Indiana, AP United States History  
Nominating Scholar: Amogha Medha Paleru

**Mr. Michael Hilbert**, University High School, Arizona, Culturally Relevant English Language and  
Composition  
Nominating Scholar: Zakiriya Hilal Alem Gladney

**Mr. Bryan Hirschman**, Essex High School, Vermont, Chemistry  
Nominating Scholar: Adowyn Mulligan Byrne

**Ms. Jennifer Hoffman**, East Chapel Hill High School, North Carolina, Latin  
Nominating Scholar: Clara Cecilia Brodey

**Ms. Aubrie S. Holman**, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology, Virginia, Biology  
Nominating Scholar: Emma E. Cox

**Mr. Shannon Houtrouw**, Portage Central High School, Michigan, Computer Science  
Nominating Scholar: Simar Bhatia

**Ms. Leslie Hurt**, John Carroll High School, Alabama, Chemistry  
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**Ms. Alina Iliescu**, Redmond High School, Washington, Mathematics  
Nominating Scholar: Lora Kwon

**Mr. Justin Iwerks**, The Spence School, New York, Computer Science  
Nominating Scholar: Samara Baksh

**Dr. Brian A. Jones**, Western Heights High School, Oklahoma, History  
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**Mr. Justin Jones**, Concord High School, North Carolina, History  
Nominating Scholar: Nipun Gorantla

**Ms. Jacqueline Kahler**, West Albany High School, Oregon, French  
Nominating Scholar: Caroline Xingyan Gao

**Mr. Kenneth Kapptie**, Skyline High School, Utah, Computer Science  
Nominating Scholar: Aaron Wang

**Ms. Renee Kiriazis**, International Academy, Michigan, Biology  
Nominating Scholar: Adnan Mahir Khan

**Ms. Tonya Knollmeyer**, Bartlesville High School, Oklahoma, AP Physics  
Nominating Scholar: Joyce Yang

**Mr. John Kraljic**, Falmouth High School, Maine, Engineering technology  
Nominating Scholar: Coco Leqi Xu

**Ms. Kendra M. Krapfl**, Brunswick R-II High School, Missouri, Agriculture  
Nominating Scholar: Hannah N. Rice

**Dr. Hannah Krug**, Holton-Arms School, Maryland, Physics  
Nominating Scholar: Maya Naomi Lall

**Ms. Andrea Kusanovich**, Ann Sobrato High School, California, AP Psychology  
Nominating Scholar: Aaron Hieu Tran

**Ms. Amanda Laden**, Wayzata High School, Minnesota, Biology  
Nominating Scholar: Matthew Chen

**Ms. Pat Ledden**, The Woodlands College Park High School, Texas, Kindergarten  
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Nominating Scholar: Fallon Carys Sungah Ryu-Dern

**Dr. Dorian J. López León**, Tasis School in Dorado, Puerto Rico, History  
Nominating Scholar: Jose Antonio Puig Camacho

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Nominating Scholar: Ian Liu

**Ms. Vidya Mannem**, BASIS San Antonio Shavano Campus, Texas, Mathematics  
Nominating Scholar: Hannah Guan

**Ms. Trisha Martin**, Century High School, North Dakota, English  
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Nominating Scholar: Audrey Su-Wai Yeung

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Nominating Scholar: Aaron Joy

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Nominating Scholar: Suhani Bhatt

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Nominating Scholar: Kaylee Mae Kirkeby

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Nominating Scholar: Jin Z. Chung

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**Ms. Christina Sell**, Hickory Ridge High School, North Carolina, AP Seminar  
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**Dr. Yuria Sharp**, Miami Palmetto Senior High School, Florida, Honors / AP Chemistry  
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**Ms. Nadyne Shimada**, The ASK Academy, New Mexico, Career Pathways, Special Education  
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**Mr. David Sica**, Mountain Lakes High School, New Jersey, Anatomy and Physiology, Environmental Science  
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Nominating Scholar: George Porteous

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Nominating Scholar: Jackson Powell Church

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**Ms. Vendi Stable**, Westside High School, West Virginia, Vice Principal  
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**Mr. Derek Strahn**, Bozeman High School, Montana, History  
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Nominating Scholar: Cathy Tang

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Nominating Scholar: Michelle Li

**Mr. Bill Topich**, Pulaski Academy, Arkansas, Social Science  
Nominating Scholar: Mariam Tariq Parray

**Ms. Mindy Trisko**, Adrian C. Wilcox High School, California, Fashion Design & Merchandising  
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**Ms. Barbara Turnbull**, Blue Valley North High School, Kansas, Gifted education  
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**Mr. Olaf Verdonk**, Champlain Valley Union High School, Vermont, Design & Technology  
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**Dr. Kristina Vetter**, Stanford University Online High School, California, Biology  
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**Dr. Keith Voss**, Lawrenceville School, New Jersey, Science (Physics)  
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**Mr. John Walcutt**, Orange County High School of the Arts, California, El-Erian Family Acting Conservatory  
Director, Acting Technique. Directing  
Nominating Scholar: Lauren Mei

**Dr. Emily Wardrop**, Casady School, Oklahoma, History  
Nominating Scholar: Jeffrey Connor Evans

**Ms. Sharon Webster**, Nicolet High School, Wisconsin, Mathematics  
Nominating Scholar: Ethan Mark Zentner

**Ms. Laura Wenger**, Syosset High School, New York, AP U.S. History  
Nominating Scholar: Sabrina Guo

**Ms. Claire Elizabeth West**, Nelson County High School, Kentucky, Agricultural Education  
Nominating Scholar: Cecelia Ann Rogers

**Ms. Leandra Wilden**, West Anchorage High School, Alaska, U.S. History  
Nominating Scholar: Lillian Yang

**Mr. Anton Wilson**, Baltimore School for the Arts, Maryland, Dance  
Nominating Scholar: Cassidy May Reigel

**Ms. Jennifer Wilson**, Lambert High School, Georgia, AP US History  
Nominating Scholar: Sahil Sood

**Ms. Elizabeth Wood-Weas**, Mountain Brook High School, Alabama, Speech and Debate  
Nominating Scholar: Sophia Li

**Ms. Fei Yao**, Phillips Academy, Massachusetts, Physics  
Nominating Scholar: Sol Kim

**Ms. Tamara Yowell**, Madison Central High School, Mississippi, Mathematics (Statistics)  
Nominating Scholar: Leo Mei

**Ms. Lauren Zarandona**, Mississippi School for Mathematics & Science, Mississippi, Mathematics  
Nominating Scholar: Madison G. Echols