

## 2024 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program's Distinguished Teachers

**Ms. Ekaterina Adams**, Early College Academy, New Mexico, English

Nominating Scholar: Aileen Adanma Ukwuoma

**Ms. Willow Affleck**, Hellgate High School, Montana, Science

Nominating Scholar: Grace M. Wandler

**Ms. Elismari Aldarondo**, Baldwin School of Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico, Physical Education

Nominating Scholar: Meghna A. Pramoda

**Ms. Karen Amidon**, Peak to Peak Charter School, Colorado, English Literature

Nominating Scholar: Siddharth R. Nareddy

**Ms. Elizabeth A. Anderson**, Horizon Charter School, California, Math

Nominating Scholar: Penelope L. Oliver

**Mr. Peter Anderson**, Adlai E. Stevenson High School, Illinois, History/Humanities

Nominating Scholar: Pradyumn M. Bonu

**Ms. Cassandra Arquette**, Clark High School, Nevada, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Samuel Z. Chen

**Mr. William Christopher Baggett**, Craftsbury Academy, Vermont, English

Nominating Scholar: Matthew Henry Califano

**Mr. Martin Ballard**, Avondale Senior High School, Michigan, Career and Technical Education

Nominating Scholar: Anish Jain

**Mr. Matthew Barker**, Liberty High School, Missouri, AP Psychology and Key Club Advisor

Nominating Scholar: Santosh Manikandan

**Mr. Keith Barnes**, Timberline High School, Idaho, AP Environmental Science

Nominating Scholar: Austin Jackson Giffen

**Ms. Tanya Helene Baron**, Shawsheen Valley Vocational Technical HS, Massachusetts, Lead Electronics /  
Engineering Technology Instructor

Nominating Scholar: Sarah Jane Johansen

**Ms. Irina Bayeva**, Lawrence High School, New York, AP Physics  
Nominating Scholar: Ariana Amanda Watson

**Ms. Anne Beatty**, The Early College at Guilford, North Carolina, AP English Language & Composition /  
Creative Writing  
Nominating Scholar: Dishita Agarwal

**Mr. Islam Bedir**, New Horizons Governor's School for Science and Technology, Virginia,  
Computational Physics  
Nominating Scholar: Hannah Z. Hong

**Mr. Stephen Belsky**, Groton School, Massachusetts, Advisor; Science Teacher  
Nominating Scholar: Aryan Mago

**Ms. Nanette Bergen**, Newton High School, Kansas, Foreign Language-German  
Nominating Scholar: Anahi Sanchez

**Ms. Carrie Boswell**, James Wood High School, Virginia, Business & Information Technology  
Nominating Scholar: Olivia Kasie Judd

**Mr. Sterling Bristow**, Grapevine Senior High School, Texas, Mathematics  
Nominating Scholar: Eric J. Tong

**Mr. Adam Floyd Brock**, Lafayette County C-1 High School, Missouri, Agriculture  
Nominating Scholar: Lynn Marie Dyer

**Ms. Miranda Brogan**, North Marion High School, Florida, AICE U.S History AS Level/ AICE Travel and  
Tourism AS Level  
Nominating Scholar: Esperance J. Han

**Ms. Elizabeth Brown, PhD**, Sanford School, Delaware, Chemistry  
Nominating Scholar: Amanrai S. Kahlon

**Ms. Francine Brown**, Nashua Senior High School North, New Hampshire, Biotechnology Nominating  
Scholar: Deetya B. Nagri

**Ms. Lai T. Cao**, Baton Rouge Magnet High School, Louisiana, Physics  
Nominating Scholar: Brandon Lin

**Ms. Yvonne Chan**, Iolani School, Hawaii, Research  
Nominating Scholar: Michael X. Kostecki

**Mr. William Church**, Interlochen Arts Academy, Michigan, Director of Theater Arts  
Nominating Scholar: Christian Philip Trimmingham

**Mr. Victor Clark**, Fiorello H. Laguardia High School of Music and Art and Performing Arts, New York,  
Voice Teacher  
Nominating Scholar: Detola D. Badmus

**Ms. Sonya Compton**, Richmond Hill High School, Georgia, English  
Nominating Scholar: Joanna Yian Xiao

**Mr. Gabriel Cook**, The Barstow School, Missouri, Debate  
Nominating Scholar: Paranjay Sharma

**Ms. Maridee Cornell**, White Station High School, Tennessee, AP Physics  
Nominating Scholar: Jonathan Aryan Mehrotra

**Ms. Brianna Cotter**, The Meadows School, Nevada, Biology and Research  
Nominating Scholar: Beverly Y. Wang

**Ms. Valentina Craciunoiu**, Bellevue Senior High School, Washington, Environmental Science, AP Physics  
1, AP Physics 2  
Nominating Scholar: Kosha Upadhyay

**Ms. Gina Craun**, Academies of Loudoun, Virginia, Biology  
Nominating Scholar: Sriya Yalamanchili

**Ms. Nabila Santa Cristo**, New World School of the Arts, Florida, Art  
Nominating Scholar: Paola Beatrice Alvarez Ramirez

**Mr. Nicholas Czabanowski**, North Kingstown High School, Rhode Island, History  
Nominating Scholar: Ryan Steven Lukowicz

**Ms. Elizabeth Dean**, Phillips Exeter Academy, New Hampshire, English  
Nominating Scholar: Philippa Jane Pflaum

**Mr. Joseph DellaValla**, Homeschool, New Hampshire, Science and Math  
Nominating Scholar: Molly Fitzgerald DellaValla

**Mr. Peter Dong**, Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Illinois, Science (Physics)  
Nominating Scholar: Zuyu Liu

**Ms. Jennifer Dwyer**, Kent Place School, New Jersey, English  
Nominating Scholar: Gabrielle Liberman

**Ms. Jaclyn Evans**, Bentonville West High School, Arkansas, Social Studies  
Nominating Scholar: Collier DeClerk

**Ms. Julie Evans**, duPont Manual Magnet High School, Kentucky, Musical Theatre  
Nominating Scholar: Chase R. Phillips

**Ms. Brooke Forrelli**, Lexington High School, Massachusetts, AP Psychology  
Nominating Scholar: Radhika Heda

**Mr. Bruce Gabbitas**, Timpview High School, Utah, Computer Science & Robotics  
Nominating Scholar: Joseph Tsai

**Mr. Jacob Galik**, Wheeling Park High School, West Virginia, Social Studies  
Nominating Scholar: Grant Carter Kenamond

**Ms. Heather Gallagher**, Goldendale High School, Washington, Business  
Nominating Scholar: Lexi J. Molnar

**Mr. Richard Ganci**, Brookings High School, South Dakota, English  
Nominating Scholar: Owen O. Burns

**Mr. William Gibson**, Morgantown High School, West Virginia, Mathematics and Computer Science  
Nominating Scholar: Lauren Jiayi Shen

**Mr. Chad Gilliland**, Richardson High School, Texas, AP Calculus BC  
Nominating Scholar: Isabelle Agarwal

**Ms. Celia Goedde**, Harvard-Westlake School, California, History  
Nominating Scholar: Ian Byul Kim

**Ms. Carmen Gonzalez-Pescador**, Richard Montgomery High School, Maryland, AP and IB Spanish  
Nominating Scholar: Angelina Xu

**Mr. Bruce Allen Gregg**, John Hay Senior High School, Ohio, Department of Classical and Computing Languages - Latin and Greek  
Nominating Scholar: Chardon Javar Black, Jr.

**Mr. Brooks Gunderson**, Skyline High School, Utah, Chemistry  
Nominating Scholar: Audrey Su

**Ms. Deborah Haggard**, Beechwood High School, Kentucky, Science (Chemistry and Biology)  
Nominating Scholar: Joshua Zyzak

**Mr. Tom Hainfield**, Creighton Preparatory School, Nebraska, History  
Nominating Scholar: Mark M. Bausch

**Ms. Deborah Hamilton**, Dulaney High School, Maryland, AP Language and Composition  
Nominating Scholar: Mingni L. Dong

**Ms. Dolores Hamilton**, Sidwell Friends School, District Of Columbia, Mathematics  
Nominating Scholar: Keya Krishna

**Mr. Francis Rutledge Hammes**, Charleston County School of the Arts, South Carolina, Creative Writing  
Nominating Scholar: Jessie J. Leitzel

**Mr. Matthew Harbinger**, Cicero-No Syracuse High School, New York, Computer Science  
Nominating Scholar: Thomas A. Wills II

**Ms. Allison Hargrove**, Carmel High School, Indiana, AP United States History  
Nominating Scholar: Claire H. He

**Ms. Maricar Harris**, Wichita Collegiate School, Kansas, Chemistry  
Nominating Scholar: Ayaan Parikh

**Ms. Dawn Herbert**, Saugus High School, California, Computer Science/Business  
Nominating Scholar: Caitlyn Haein Park

**Ms. Debra Hill**, Sheridan Junior High School, Wyoming, English  
Nominating Scholar: Landis D. Zebroski

**Ms. Kara Hooper**, Thacher School, California, Counselor / Scouting  
Nominating Scholar: Henry Zhou

**Ms. Yi-Fang Huang**, The Juilliard School, New York, Viola Performance  
Nominating Scholar: Iris Hur

**Mr. David Scott Hunt**, St. Mark's School of Texas, Texas, Photography  
Nominating Scholar: Patrick Christie Flanagan

**Ms. Julie Jobe**, Radio Park Elementary School, Pennsylvania, Homeroom/Social Studies & ELA  
Nominating Scholar: Prithvi Vijay Narayanan

**Ms. Amy Jordan**, Providence Day School, North Carolina, Biology  
Nominating Scholar: Jacob Elijah Chen

**Mr. Stanislav Kats**, Brooklyn Technical High School, New York, Mathematics  
Nominating Scholar: Sheldon Y. Liu

**Ms. Nina Kearns**, Highlands High School, Kentucky, Psychology  
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**Ms. Kristin Kelly**, School Without Walls, District Of Columbia, Multivariate Calculus  
Nominating Scholar: Devan Tissington Lakshmanan Tatlow

**Ms. Mallory King**, Bob Jones High School, Alabama, English  
Nominating Scholar: Samantha Si-Wai Chan

**Ms. Terri King**, Odessa High School, Washington, Business  
Nominating Scholar: Jacob J. Scrupps

**Mr. Andrew Kinslow**, Columbia-Rock Bridge Senior High School, , Biology  
Nominating Scholar: Shubha Gautam

**Ms. Sandra Koehler**, Lincoln Park High School, Illinois, History  
Nominating Scholar: Intisar A. Alkhatib

**Ms. Amanda Hughes Kraemer**, Freedom High School, Florida, Mathematics  
Nominating Scholar: Sharanya Chatterjee

**Ms. Andrea Kremzar**, Trumbull High School, Connecticut, Humanities  
Nominating Scholar: Cy J. Pavlov

**Ms. Omana Kurian**, Kurian Learning Center, Georgia, Math  
Nominating Scholar: Joshua C. Martoma

**Ms. Brie Lord Latner**, Alabama School of Fine Arts, Alabama, Biology/Human Anatomy  
Nominating Scholar: Nalin J. Reed

**Mr. Richard Lau**, Kalaheo High School, Hawaii, Leadership Class/Student Council  
Nominating Scholar: Ahryanna P. McGuirk

**Mr. Michael Leary**, The Derryfield School, New Hampshire, Latin  
Nominating Scholar: Prayag J. Patel

**Dr. Felicia Ledogar**, North Hunterdon High School, New Jersey, Science, Science Bowl Coach, Science Fair Coach

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Nominating Scholar: Amisha Sao

**Ms. Bobbette Leu-Timmermann**, Cedarburg Senior High School, , German

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**Ms. Anna Liu**, Burlingame High School, California, CTE: Architectural Design I, Architectural Design II, and Engineering Technology

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**Dr. Laura Locklear, PhD**, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology, Virginia, Neurobiology

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Nominating Scholar: Runyi Liu

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Nominating Scholar: Grace H. Zhou

**Mr. T.J. Matarazzo**, Rice Memorial High School, Vermont, English

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Nominating Scholar: Natasha Kulviwat

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Nominating Scholar: Manav Aggarwal

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**Mr. John Neff**, North Allegheny Senior High, Pennsylvania, AP Physics 1&2  
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Nominating Scholar: Faith Genzlinger

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and BC  
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Nominating Scholar: Ananya Uddanti



**Mr. Enzo Paterno**, Middlesex County Academy for Science Math & Engineering, New Jersey, Electrical & Computer Engineering Technologies

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**Ms. Laurie Roberts**, Timberline High School, Idaho, English

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**Ms. Rachel Rogers**, The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics at Morehead State University, Kentucky, STEM Research  
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**Ms. Jannette Salisbury**, Southridge High School, Washington, Calculus  
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**Ms. Rhonda Sanchez**, Oak Grove K-8, California, English and Math  
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**Ms. Cathy Dancz Schager**, Staples High School, Connecticut, Social Studies  
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**Mr. Raymond Schenk**, Johns Creek High School, Georgia, Computer Science  
Nominating Scholar: Han Shaun Lee

**Mr. Brian Schneider**, Napoleon High School, North Dakota, Agriculture Education Teacher and FFA Advisor  
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**Mr. Cameron Shim**, Orange County High School of the Arts, California, Hip Hop Dance  
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**Ms. Kendra Shinn**, Booker T. Washington High School, Oklahoma, Art  
Nominating Scholar: Jack David Carson

**Ms. Vicky Shore**, Bearden High School, Tennessee, Biology  
Nominating Scholar: Avigail Laing

**Ms. Nicole Sinnott**, Stuttgart High School, AE, English Language Arts  
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**Ms. Kelly Smale**, Regis Jesuit High School-Girls Division, Colorado, Social Studies  
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**Mr. Jason Stackhouse**, Academic Magnet High School, South Carolina, Psychology  
Nominating Scholar: Michael Yi Lee

**Ms. Janet Standeven**, Lambert High School, Georgia, Biotechnology  
Nominating Scholar: Vineeth Sendilraj

**Ms. Sarah Staples-Farmer**, Lincoln East High School, Nebraska, English  
Nominating Scholar: Christina Xu

**Ms. Lauren Stelluti**, Darien High School, Connecticut, Visual Arts  
Nominating Scholar: Annika Fleur Emilia Mengwall

**Ms. Carter Stimson**, Emerald High School, California, History  
Nominating Scholar: Brian Bowen Guan

**Mr. Nicolas Strobe**, Kealakehe High School, Hawaii, Mathematics  
Nominating Scholar: Maile-Lei Ji

**Ms. Erin Sullivan**, Cab Calloway School of the Arts High School, Delaware, Social Studies  
Nominating Scholar: Michelle Wang Mao

**Ms. Megan Sullivan**, Grand Forks Central High School, North Dakota, Business Education  
Nominating Scholar: Hanson W. Du

**Ms. Katie Sutcliffe**, Episcopal High School, Louisiana, English; she is also the Academic Resource Center  
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Nominating Scholar: Sruti Peddi

**Mr. Brian Theroux**, Delbarton School, New Jersey, Biology  
Nominating Scholar: Nicholas Yoo

**Ms. Judith Thomas**, Minnetonka High School, Minnesota, English  
Nominating Scholar: Ming Wei Yeoh

**Mr. Robert Thomas**, Richard Montgomery High School, Maryland, History; Philosophy  
Nominating Scholar: Maximilian P Belyantsev

**Mr. Greg Thorson**, BASIS Mesa, Arizona, Economics

Nominating Scholar: Matteo N. Huish

**Ms. Melinda Tidrick**, University of Illinois Laboratory High School, Illinois, Chemistry

Nominating Scholar: Ryan Y.P. He

**Mr. Henry Tsay**, Decatur High School, Georgia, IB HL Physics Year 1

Nominating Scholar: Gordon E. Lichtstein

**Ms. Heather VanDyke**, Briar Woods High School, Virginia, Marketing

Nominating Scholar: Raaga Kodali

**Mr. Chris Vanlandingham**, Cascia Hall Preparatory School, Oklahoma, United States History and Government

Nominating Scholar: Ella Grace Newhouse

**Mr. Gary Vaspol**, Portsmouth High School, Rhode Island, Digital Video

Nominating Scholar: Margaret Catherine Lauder

**Ms. Katie Vitale**, Troy High School, Michigan, Math

Nominating Scholar: Aanya Shah

**Mr. Philip Watje**, Albuquerque Institute of Math and Science, New Mexico, Physics

Nominating Scholar: Kayan A. Rivera-Graham

**Ms. Jerusha Westbury**, St. Mark's School of Texas, Texas, History

Nominating Scholar: Alex Pan

**Mr. Randall Wilson**, Lakes High School, Washington, Business and Marketing (DECA)

Nominating Scholar: Siddhartha Dylan Pant

**Mr. Gregory Witt**, West High School, Iowa, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Andrew Dong

**Mr. Chuck McCutcheon Yarborough**, Mississippi School for Mathematics & Science, Mississippi, U.S. History

Nominating Scholar: Iris Jiani Xue

**Ms. Lauren Glas Zarandona**, Mississippi School for Mathematics & Science, Mississippi, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Noah Curtis Lee

**Mr. Timothy Zeiss**, Murray High School, Kentucky, Music Education-Band  
Nominating Scholar: Sarah Elise Cauley

**Ms. Cordelia Zukerman**, The Brearley School, New York, English  
Nominating Scholar: Harmony Zhu