

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. Kosteki

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
Nominating Scholar: Owen Matthew Borden

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

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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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Ms. Kristina Lestik, Round Rock High School, Texas, AP Chemistry

Nominating Scholar: Amisha Sao

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

Nominating Scholar: Anica Tipkemper-Wolfe

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

Nominating Scholar: Benjamin Daniil Cohen

Mr. Matthew Lohman, Newark Charter School, Delaware, English

Nominating Scholar: Runyi Liu

Ms. Jennifer Lyford, Laramie High School, Wyoming, Music

Nominating Scholar: Grace H. Zhou

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

Nominating Scholar: Hannah Noelle Cunningham

Ms. Rebecca Snyder Mathews, Wicomico High School, Maryland, Science (Biology/Chemistry)

Nominating Scholar: Minaal A. Khwaja

Ms. Laura Matter, Albuquerque Academy, New Mexico, English

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Nominating Scholar: Natasha Kulviwat

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Nominating Scholar: Manav Aggarwal

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Nominating Scholar: Kyle Tianshi

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Nominating Scholar: Camryn Jean Lounsbery

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Nominating Scholar: Erin Park

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Nominating Scholar: Kylie Jade Thibodeau

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Mr. Joseph Kyle Ostgarden, Red River High School, North Dakota, AP Chemistry; also coaches VEX
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Nominating Scholar: Ananya Uddanti

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Dr. Lara Shamieh, Jesuit High School, Oregon, Biology
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Ms. Kathryn Sheil, Garden City Senior High School, New York, Engineering
Nominating Scholar: Elaine Wang

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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
Nominating Scholar: Anna E. Roth

Ms. Kelly Smale, Regis Jesuit High School-Girls Division, Colorado, Social Studies
Nominating Scholar: Rachel E. Cooper

Ms. Heather Spetz, Sevastopol High School, Wisconsin, English Language Arts
Nominating Scholar: Ezra M. Linnan

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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

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Nominating Scholar: Brian Bowen Guan

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

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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

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Nominating Scholar: Raaga Kodali

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

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

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

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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