

**2012 Recipients of the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program's
Teacher Recognition Award**

Dr. Michael Abramson, The Academy for Business and Finance, NJ, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Joshua Blecher-Cohen

Mrs. Maggie Acree, Sterlington High School, LA, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Andrew Tan

Ms. Maureen Amendola, Park City High School, UT, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Skylar Goldman

Mr. Norman Anderson, Great Falls High School, MT, AP United States History
Nominating Scholar: Jacob Strauss

Dr. Kenneth Balkus, University of Texas - Dallas, TX, Inorganic and Materials
Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Amy Chyao

Mrs. Pattie Bank, The Altamont School, AL, Geometry, Statistics
Nominating Scholar: Rakesh Goli

Mr. Blake Bare, E.L. Wright Middle School, SC, Social Studies
Nominating Scholar: Afia Khan

Mr. Paul Barrett, St. Alban's School, DC, English
Nominating Scholar: Vadim Medish

Mrs. Margo Batha, Los Alamos High School, NM, AP Language and Composition
Nominating Scholar: Andrew Zhao

Ms. Rhonda Bell, Sheridan High School, WY, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Keely Oltion

Mrs. Judith Bello, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology, VA,
English
Nominating Scholar: Priya Krishnan

Ms. Denise Bennett, Friedel Jewish Academy, NE, 4th-6th grades, all subjects
Nominating Scholar: Lilly Phillips

Mrs. Gina Benz, Roosevelt High School, SD, English
Nominating Scholar: Cecilia Douma

Mrs. Gina Benz, Roosevelt High School, SD, AP English Language and Composition
Nominating Scholar: Nathan Vinzant

Ms. Abby Bielski, American Overseas School Rome, European History

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Nominating Scholar: Tamar Ziff

Mr. John Binnert, Unknown High School, IB Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Sophie Tran

Mr. James Blaylock, Orange County High School of the Arts, CA, Creative Writing

Nominating Scholar: Emma Townley-Smith

Ms. Carol Blejwas, Hall High School, CT, English

Nominating Scholar: Regan Considine

Mrs. Rebecca Bowlen, Ketchikan High School, AK, English

Nominating Scholar: Alec Pankow

Mr. Bob Brands, Skyview High School, WA, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Fred Lu

Mrs. Alaina Brown, Novi High School, MI, European History

Nominating Scholar: Lucia Chen

Ms. Melissa Brown, Riverton High School, UT, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Andrew Johnson

Mrs. Ann Bruno, Wheeler School, RI, English

Nominating Scholar: Cybele Greenberg

Dr. Gordon Bryson, Hawaii Preparatory Academy, HI, English

Nominating Scholar: Kyle Matsuda

Mrs. Michele Buche, Blue Valley North High School, KS, Gifted Education

Nominating Scholar: Jiemin Wei

Ms. Julie Caccamise, Woodrow Wilson Senior High School, DC, Social Studies

Nominating Scholar: Julia Peck

Sr. Luis Castrillon, Bryan Station Senior High School, KY, Spanish

Nominating Scholar: Allison Wood

Mrs. Margarita Castroman, Baldwin School of Puerto Rico, PR, English

Nominating Scholar: Natalia Garcia

Mr. Floyd Celapino, Baylor School, TN, Latin

Nominating Scholar: Tyler Blackmon

Mrs. Cheryl Chaput, Park Hill South High School, MO, Mathematics

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Nominating Scholar: Joseph Richey

Mr. Michael Chen, Boston Trinity Academy, MA, Calculus
Nominating Scholar: Joanna Mawhinney

Ms. Kirsten Cigler, Topeka High School, KS, Language Arts
Nominating Scholar: Nicholas Henriquez

Mrs. Dana Clay, Downingtown High School-West Campus, PA, English
Nominating Scholar: Daniel Frantz

Mrs. Cindy Collier, Lake Forest High School, IL, Social Studies
Nominating Scholar: Matthew Wagener

Ms. Gay Craig, Champlain Valley Union High School, VT, Science
Nominating Scholar: Eleanor Laukaitis

Mr. Dennis Cullen, Durham Academy Upper School, NC, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Indira Puri

Mr. Steve Deangelis, Maranacook Community School, ME, Physics
Nominating Scholar: Taylor Watson

Dr. Ann Dell, Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, OK, Biology
Nominating Scholar: Anna Zhao

Ms. Sabrina Denney Bull, Millard North High School, NE, Forensics
Nominating Scholar: Jackson Gzehoviak

Mr. Ron Dennis, South Dade Middle School, FL, Music
Nominating Scholar: Kelley Kessell

Mr. Brad Dicus, Chaparral High School, AZ, English
Nominating Scholar: Aaron Goodman

Mrs. Cheryl Duncan, Minnetonka High School, MN, Social Studies
Nominating Scholar: Maria Filsinger

Mrs. Miranda Dungan, John T. Hoggard High School, NC, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Taufik Raharjo

Dr. Brenda Ericson, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, VA, Global Studies
Nominating Scholar: Sameer Sarkar

Mrs. Diane Flaherty, Cedar Falls High School, IA, English

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Nominating Scholar: Jesse Streicher

Dr. Sophia Gershman, Watchung Hills Regional High School, NJ, Science
Nominating Scholar: Priyanka Goyal

Mr. Richard Gifford, Conway Grammar School, MA, English
Nominating Scholar: Martin Jaffe

Mr. Scott Gould, South Carolina Governor's School for Arts & Humanities, SC,
Creative Nonfiction
Nominating Scholar: Kamry Goodwin

Mr. Scott Gould, South Carolina Governor's School for Arts & Humanities, SC,
Creative Writing
Nominating Scholar: DaShawn Mosley

Mrs. Edith Hall, Valley View High School, AR, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Christian Williams

Ms. Mary Halverson-Waldo, Unknown High School, Suzuki Recorder
Nominating Scholar: Bryan Duerfeldt

Mrs. Amy Hamilton, Clayton High School, MO, English
Nominating Scholar: Corrine Yap

Mr. Peter Harvan, Beachwood High School, OH, English
Nominating Scholar: Scott Remer

Ms. Beatrice Hecht, Chaparral High School, AZ, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Daniela Radvak

Ms. Carrie Heimer, West Valley High School, AK, English
Nominating Scholar: Brigit Noon

Mr. Carl Henriksen, Eastside High School, FL, AP Statistics
Nominating Scholar: Safa Kaleem

Ms. Nell Herrmann, State College Area High School, PA, Gifted Support
Nominating Scholar: Danielle Feffer

Mrs. Martha Hicks, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, VA, Biology
Nominating Scholar: Bethany Bruno

Mrs. Susan Holveck, Unknown High School, Science
Nominating Scholar: Nishant Karandikar

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Ms. Rachelle Horner, Eastlake High School, WA, Humanities
Nominating Scholar: Monisha Gulabani

Mr. Hadley Hury, Hutchison School, TN, English
Nominating Scholar: Caroline Orr

Mrs. Sue Iverson, Wayzata High School, MN, Gifted Education
Nominating Scholar: Duligur Ibeling

Ms. Elisa Joel, Phillips Academy, MA, Counseling and School Administration
Nominating Scholar: James Lim

Mr. David Johnson, Whitefish Bay High School, WI, History
Nominating Scholar: Emma Fallone

Mrs. Robin Joseph, Solon High School, OH, Psychology
Nominating Scholar: Lisa Guo

Dr. Drew Keller, Collegiate School, NY, Latin
Nominating Scholar: Kevin Su

Dr. J.D. Kennedy, McKinney Boyd High School, TX, Superintendent
Nominating Scholar: Dillon Stull

Mr. Michael Kiersznowski, Charter School of Wilmington, DE, Economics
Nominating Scholar: Alan Wang

Mrs. Elisa King, Fiorello H. Laguardia High School of Music, Art, and Performing Arts,
NY, Modern Dance
Nominating Scholar: Amanda Krische

Mr. Joseph King, James Madison Memorial High School, WI, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Suman Gunasekaran

Ms. Susan King, Harker School, CA, Computer Science
Nominating Scholar: Kathryn Siegel

Ms. Lee Kladky, The Bryn Mawr School, MD, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Amna Hashmi

Mrs. Jane Larke, Morgantown High School, WV, AP Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Swetha Doppalapudi

Dr. Marjorie Lee, Unknown High School, Classical Piano

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Nominating Scholar: Kimberly Hou

Mrs. Joanne Lilliendahl, Upper Dublin High School, PA, Biology

Nominating Scholar: Kevin Li

Mrs. Tina Link, George Walton High School, GA, Biology

Nominating Scholar: Lisa Wang

Mr. Steve Loh, Unknown High School, Chemistry (Retired)

Nominating Scholar: Mengran Liu

Ms. Patricia Lyons, Appomattox Governors School for Arts & Technology, VA,
Photography

Nominating Scholar: Brannon Dorsey

Mr. Melville MacKay, John Bapst Memorial High School, ME, English

Nominating Scholar: Mary Carmack

Mr. Kerry Marsh, Unknown High School, Jazz Voice

Nominating Scholar: Laila Smith

Mr. Michael Mazenko, Cherry Creek High School, CO, Language Arts

Nominating Scholar: Tong Yin

Mrs. Amy McGuire, Choudrant High School, LA, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Katie Hogan

Mr. Daniel Meyers, Presentation High School, CA, Forensics

Nominating Scholar: Seth Merkin-Morokoff

Mr. Dave Michaelson, Dickinson High School, ND, Economics

Nominating Scholar: Michael Porter

Mr. James Miller, Bishop Brady High School, NH, Chemistry

Nominating Scholar: Anupa Murali

Mrs. Janice Mitchener, Carmel High School, IN, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Shea Jendrusina

Mr. Carlos Montero, Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School, FL, Chemistry

Nominating Scholar: Alejandro Krauskopf

Mr. Ross Novick, Fairfield High School, CT, English

Nominating Scholar: Alex Beyer

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Mr. Greg O'Bryan, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, VA, American Literature
Nominating Scholar: Judy Hou

Mr. Mark Oglesby, Howell High School, MI, AP Government
Nominating Scholar: Changyow Kwan

Mrs. Heather Ott, Baylor School, TN, English
Nominating Scholar: Megan Huntsinger

Mrs. Donna Parker, Baton Rouge Magnet High School, LA, English
Nominating Scholar: David Zhang

Ms. Mika Perrine, Interlochen Arts Academy, MI, Creative Writing
Nominating Scholar: Nicole Acton

Dr. Helen Petach, Fairview High School, CO, Physics
Nominating Scholar: Cissy Chen

Mrs. Megan Phillips, International Academy, MI, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Siddhartha Jena

Mrs. Marsha Platnick, Unknown High School, General Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Nicholas Stinson

Mr. Don Pogreba, Helena High School, MT, AP Language
Nominating Scholar: Mary Decker

Mr. Matthew Polazzo, Stuyvesant High School, NY, AP US/Comparative Government
Nominating Scholar: Emma Tipton

Mrs. Rebecca Potter, Texas High School, TX, Journalism
Nominating Scholar: Emily Hoover

Dr. William Proser, Coeur D'Alene Charter Academy, ID, Literature
Nominating Scholar: Katherine Waltar

Ms. Judith Ranaletta, Unknown High School, Vocal Music & Drama
Nominating Scholar: Michael Leadbetter

Mr. Phillip Rayher, School of the Arts, CA, Theatre
Nominating Scholar: Michelle Ang

Mrs. Emma Richardson, Mississippi School for Mathematics & Science, MS, English
and Creative Writing
Nominating Scholar: Charlotte Wang

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Mr. Ryan Ritz, Park Tudor School, IN, Computer Science
Nominating Scholar: Rebecca Chen

Mr. Erik Rivera Marchand, Commonwealth-Parkville School, PR, History
Nominating Scholar: Cemil Revan Purington

Mrs. Lois Roberts, Unknown High School, Voice
Nominating Scholar: Kelsey Lauritano

Mr. Michael Roh, University High School, WV, Physics
Nominating Scholar: Hannah Moore

Ms. Amy Salot, Choate Rosemary Hall, CT, American Studies
Nominating Scholar: Russell Bogue

Mrs. Celia Schnacky, East Greenwich High School, RI, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Daniel Ling

Mr. Matthew Schnippert, Maclay School, FL, Science
Nominating Scholar: Jasper Brey

Mrs. Colleen Schroeder, Idaho Falls High School, ID, Physics
Nominating Scholar: Casey Davis

Mr. Harry Shifman, Fiorello H. Laguardia High School of Music, Art, and Performing
Arts, NY, Drama
Nominating Scholar: Nadia Cook-Loshilov

Ms. Alanna Simmons, Davidson Academy of Nevada, NV, English
Nominating Scholar: Claire Evans

Mr. David Smith, Aiken High School, SC, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Steven Kekacs

Mrs. Lindsey Smith, Farragut High School, TN, AP Literature & Composition
Nominating Scholar: Amelia Dmowska

Ms. Diane Sorrel, University School of Nashville, TN, Latin
Nominating Scholar: Mark Arildsen

Mrs. Sarah Sparks, Hancock County High School, KY, Visual Art
Nominating Scholar: Lathan Vargason

Mr. Robert Stafford, Westview High School, OR, Social Studies

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Nominating Scholar: Pratyusa Mukherjee

Ms. Elizabeth Stone, Dover High School, NH, Social Studies

Nominating Scholar: Joshua Bean

Mr. Eric Stone, South Burlington High School, VT, Mathematics & Science

Nominating Scholar: Kevin Wang

Mr. David Stover, Charter School of Wilmington, DE, Physics

Nominating Scholar: Gina Wong

Mrs. Noreen Stutheit, Park Elementary School, WY, Gifted and Talented Program

Nominating Scholar: Timothy Nganga

Ms. Kris Tatro, duPont Manual Magnet High School, KY, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Rasan Walker

Dr. Ira Taxin, The Juilliard School, NY, Composition

Nominating Scholar: Thomas Reeves

Ms. Adair Taylor, Boulder High School, CO, English

Nominating Scholar: Sophie Harrington

Mr. Bryan Taylor, Saint Anselm's Abbey School, DC, Science

Nominating Scholar: Jacob Wasserman

Mrs. Linda Telleen-Martens, Ames High School, IA, Talented and Gifted, English

Nominating Scholar: Ezgi Ustundag

Mr. William Teter, University Laboratory School, HI, English

Nominating Scholar: Kimiko Matsuda-Lawrence

Mrs. Irene Torrieri, Valhalla High School, NY, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Julian Guy

Mr. Jon Valasek, St. Mark's School of Texas, TX, Chemistry

Nominating Scholar: Galen Gao

Mrs. Jill Verenkoff, Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, CA, English

Nominating Scholar: David Wang

Mr. David Volk, North High School, ND, Latin

Nominating Scholar: Farah Attia

Mr. Ron Walker, Shawnee Mission West High School, KS, Social Studies

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Nominating Scholar: Megan Smith

Dr. Mark Ward, Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts, LA, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Joshua Kubiak

Mr. Steven Ward, The Roxbury Latin School, MA, History
Nominating Scholar: Akshat Shekhar

Mrs. Lily Weiss, Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing & Visual Arts,
TX, Dance Instructor/Cluster Coordinator
Nominating Scholar: Taylor Rodman

Mrs. Stefanie Weldon, Montgomery Blair High School, MD, Justice, Law and Society
Nominating Scholar: Ziyao Wang

Mrs. Joan Westmoreland, Oxford High School, MS, English
Nominating Scholar: Andrew Mullen

Mrs. Laurie Wildey, Victor High School, MT, Business
Nominating Scholar: Douglas Ashley

Mrs. Pamela Woodson, Woodson Home School, OK, Physical Science
Nominating Scholar: Joseph Woodson

Mr. Thomas Wyroba, New World School of the Arts, FL, Visual Art
Nominating Scholar: Jessica Suhr