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According to the U.S. Department of Education, the awards highlight “excellence in education and the promise of greatness in America's youth.” Students are selected based on their academic achievement, including scores on the SAT or ACT exams, talent in the visual, creative and performing arts, and skills in the career and technical education fields.

These students were selected from nearly 3.6 million high school graduates across the country, and will be in the running for receiving Presidential Scholars Medallions, the final prize for the competition, this June. Each year, up to 161 students are selected to receive the final award, and are selected from a national pool of over 5,000.

The list of U.S. Presidential Scholar Program candidates from the Bay Area are below. The cities listed are those of their residence.

**Alameda**
Claire M. Wong, The College Preparatory School

**Albany**
Sebastian H. Weinberger, The College Preparatory School

**Belvedere**
Sa'Ar L. Lipshitz, Redwood High School

**Berkeley**
Gavin Trotmore, Berkeley High School

**Burlingame**
Tegbir Panesar, The College Preparatory School
Cupertino
Allison Z. Jiang, Monta Vista High School
Anya Goyal, Monta Vista High School
Celina K. Yang, Cupertino High School
Derrick Z. Liu, BASIS Independent Silicon Valley
Jeremy Ko, Harker School
Jessica W. Zhang, Monta Vista High School
Kenneth Shui, Monta Vista High School

Danville
Sabrina Brandeis, Monte Vista High School
Vishaan Joshi, Monte Vista High School

Dublin
Katherine Cheng, Dublin High School
Siddharth Ajay, Dublin High School

Foster City
Fiona H. Lu, Hillsdale High School
Maya G. Rao, San Mateo High School

Fremont
Akhilesh Basetty, Mission San Jose High School
Ambareesh Shyam Sundar, Irvington High School
Andrew Wen, Phillips Academy
Arushi G. Agarwal, Mission San Jose High School
Aryan Singh, American High School
Chris J. Ge, Mission San Jose High School
Jerry Yuan, Mission San Jose High School
Maggie Zhang, Mission San Jose High School
Michael Zhou, Mission San Jose High School
Nandana J. Nambiar, Mission San Jose High School
Olivia Wu, Mission San Jose High School
Samvar M. Yedur, American High School
Selena T. Tang, Mission San Jose High School
Shelley Fernando, Mission San Jose High School
Shelley Li, Mission San Jose High School
Sophia Zhu, Irvington High School
Hung Lin, American High School
Jonathan S. Tao, Mission San Jose High School
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**Hillsborough**
Angelina J. Parker, Aragon High School
Caroline Vichot, Crystal Springs Uplands School
Michelle J. Zhang, The Nueva School

**Los Altos**
Jack Hsieh, Harker School
Nikita Raman, Presentation High School
Vincent Y. Zhang, Harker School

**Menlo Park**
Alexander Parikh-Briggs, Menlo Atherton High School
Adrian M. Deutscher-Bisho, Menlo Atherton High School
Lucy Knox, Sacred Heart Preparatory

**Milpitas**
Phoebe H. Ong, Ocean Grove Charter School

**Mountain View**
Ella Gal On, Stanford Univ EPGY Online High School
Katherine Y. Wang, Los Altos High School
Yuting Wang, Mountain View High School

**Oakland**
Ashley Quach, Unknown High School
Jasper D. Zietlow, Piedmont High School

**Orinda**
Michelle J. Giovinazzo, Miramonte High School
**Palo Alto**
Alan D. Lee, Henry M. Gunn High School
Alexis Jae-Yeon Kim, Palo Alto Senior High School
Amelia M. Yu, Henry M. Gunn High School
Anna Kim, Castilleja School
Cayden Gu, Palo Alto Senior High School
Dhananjay Deshpande, Palo Alto Senior High School
Jack Fallow, Henry M. Gunn High School
Jonathan E. Mao, Henry M. Gunn High School
Karrie Z. Huang, Palo Alto Senior High School
Kaylee Wong, Henry M. Gunn High School
Maanasa Viswanath, Henry M. Gunn High School
Maya M. Mukherjee, Palo Alto Senior High School
Mingyuan Wang, Palo Alto Senior High School
Nina H. Franz, Harker School
Patrick Xue, Palo Alto Senior High School
Ryan Lee, Palo Alto Senior High School
Sonia E. Cherian, Castilleja School
Vivian Wu, Palo Alto Senior High School
Yu-Ting Chang, Henry M. Gunn High School

**Piedmont**
Victor Z. Laczay, Wasatch Academy

**Pleasanton**
Aryan Jain, Amador Valley High School
Caleb M. Joo, Foothill High School
Claire Xu, Foothill High School
Ishani Shah, Foothill High School
Nihaal A. Konda, Bellarmine College Preparatory
Tanish Kumar, Stanford Univ EPGY Online High School
Ziyue Cao, Amador Valley High School

**Portola Valley**
Maren C. Deem, Woodside Priory School
San Francisco
Alison Soong, Crystal Springs Uplands School
Ella Barrett, San Francisco University High School
Chelsea E. Woolf, San Francisco University High School
Jack C. Quach, St. Ignatius College Preparatory
Jeffrey Xu, Lowell High School
Micah Brown, The Nueva School
William C. Mao, St. Paul's School

San Jose
Ayush Agarwal, BASIS Independent Silicon Valley
Annmaria K. Antony, Harker School
Andrew T. Chang, Evergreen Valley High School
Kylie Chang, Lynbrook High School
Eleanor Y. Chen, Lynbrook High School
Alison Ding, BASIS Independent Silicon Valley
Anna Figge, University Preparatory Academy
Ilinca Flacau, Leland High School
Jia S. Gill, Presentation High School
Ritali Jain, Evergreen Valley High School
Tarini Amsav Jayakumar, Prospect High School
Alyson Jiang, BASIS Independent Silicon Valley
Neil Kakhandiki, Lynbrook High School
Elizabeth Lau, University Preparatory Academy
David Lee, Lynbrook High School
Lavinia Lei, Monta Vista High School
Qingyuan Li, Archbishop Mitty High School
Maggie Liu, Leland High School
Miranda Lu, Leland High School
Anirudh R. Mani, Bellarmine College Preparatory
Mike Nguyen, The Kings Academy
Michelle Qiao, Leland High School
Angela Sheu, Los Gatos High School
Benjamin T. Sosnowski, Leland High School
Akshara Taraniganty, Lynbrook High School
Fiona F. Tsang, Ohio Connections Academy
Dipti S. Venkatesh, Evergreen Valley High School
San Mateo
Leil Cheng, Hillsdale High School

San Ramon
Alexander J. Moyer, California High School
Harshitha Palacharla, California High School
Navya Kancharla, Dougherty Valley High School
Srushti Talluri, Dougherty Valley High School
Timothy Schoonover, The Quarry Lane School
Vivian Y. Chang, The College Preparatory School

Santa Clara
Edward Du, Cupertino High School
Parker V. Stagnoli, Technology High School
Shreyan Mitra, Adrian C Wilcox High School

Santa Rosa
Parker V. Stagnoli, Technology High School

Saratoga
Allison Zhu, Unknown High School
Arshi Chawla, Saratoga High School
Jason M. Cheng, Saratoga High School
Joel Kim, Saratoga High School
Nicholas P. Wei, Harker School
Sabrina Zhu, Saratoga High School
Sally H. Zhu, Unknown High School
Vivian Wang, Saratoga High School

Scotts Valley
James Y. Chen, Georgiana Bruce Kirby Preparatory School

Stanford
Rupert Chen, Harker School
Peter H. Covert, Palo Alto Senior High School
Sunnyvale
Anika Wahi, Adrian C Wilcox High School
Daniel I. Shih, Fremont High School
Emma V. Lenchenkova, Living Wisdom High School
Emma Yu, Homestead High School
Jonathan R. Thong, The Kings Academy
Nikita Senthil, Saint Francis High School
Sezen Musa, Adrian C Wilcox High School

Tiburon
Madeleine de Belloy, Lycee Francais de San Francisco

Walnut Creek
Elane Kim, Stanford Univ EPGY Online High School
Erin C. Suh, The College Preparatory School

Woodside
Linus Upson, Crystal Springs Uplands School

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