

10 QuestBridge Finalists selected as Presidential Scholar Candidates

Palo Alto, California (February 3, 2016) – As one of six partner organizations selected to identify outstanding students, QuestBridge is excited to announce the ten students that were nominated by QuestBridge as candidates for the U.S Presidential Scholars Program, one of the nation’s highest honors for high school students.

Students were selected from a pool of 13,264 applicants for the 2015 QuestBridge National College Match, and were all identified as “Finalists”, an honor in and of itself. QuestBridge college partners consider Finalists for full four-year scholarships and early admission through the National College Match.

The ten QuestBridge nominees, who have been invited to complete an application for the 2016 Presidential Scholars Program, are: Christopher Alba (Santa Monica High School in Santa Monica, CA); Calen Firedancing (Glendale Preparatory Academy in Glendale, AZ); Sarah Jho (Van Nuys High School in Van Nuys, CA); Danielle Newton (Eaglecrest High School in Centennial, CO); Diego Restrepo (William P. Clements High School in Sugar Land, TX); Abraham Shim (Central Kitsap High School in Silverdale, WA); Hannah Sproch (Susquenita High School in Duncannon, PA); Kaitlin Tucci (Rancho High School in Las Vegas, NV); Liana Wang (Bellaire Senior High School in Bellaire, Texas); and David Zuluaga (Oviedo High School in Oviedo, FL). A full official list of the 2016 candidates can be found [here](#).

Some of these nominees matched to a QuestBridge college partner in December with a full four-year College Match Scholarship. The rest will be receiving their admissions decisions in the spring. Upon submission of the application, candidates will be notified of semi-finalist status in April and Presidential Scholars will notified in May.

About QuestBridge: QuestBridge, a national non-profit based in Palo Alto, California, connects the nation’s most exceptional, low-income youth with leading institutions of higher education and further life opportunities. By recruiting, developing, and motivating these students — beginning in high school through college to their first job — QuestBridge aims to increase the percentage of talented low-income students attending the nation’s best colleges and to support them to achieve success in their respective careers and communities. ###

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