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## QuestBridge partners with the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

Palo Alto, California (July 30, 2015) – QuestBridge is excited to announce that it has officially partnered with the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program to help identify outstanding high school seniors for this prestigious opportunity. QuestBridge is one of six national organizations invited to participate in this partnership.

According to its website, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts. In 2015, the program was extended again to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields. Each year, up to 161 students are named as U.S. Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

Application to the Presidential Scholars Program is by invitation only. As a part of this partnership, QuestBridge will identify and nominate ten outstanding high school seniors from its 2015 National College Match applicant pool. These nominees will be invited to apply to become a Presidential Scholar by the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program in January 2016. Final selection of the 161 U.S. Presidential Scholars each year is completed by the members of the Commission on Presidential Scholars. The Commission on Presidential Scholars is a group of eminent private citizens appointed by the President to select and honor the Presidential Scholars. Commissioners are selected from across the country, representing the fields of education, medicine, law, social services, business, and other professions.

The application for the National College Match is due on September 28, 2015.

“We are honored and excited to partner with the U.S. Presidential Scholars,” said QuestBridge Co-Founder and CEO Ana McCullough. “This partnership will allow us to give extra recognition to our top applicants — some of nation’s most outstanding students from low-income backgrounds.”

The other organizations invited to participate in this nomination process are the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, the National Association for Urban Debate Leagues, the Intel Science Talent Search, the Posse Foundation, and the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology.

### **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 nations’ best colleges and to support them to achieve success in the respective careers and communities.

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