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### **QuestBridge Finalists Nominated for Prestigious U.S. Presidential Scholars Program**

Palo Alto, California (January 26, 2018) – QuestBridge is excited to announce the high school seniors nominated by QuestBridge as candidates for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, one of the nation’s highest honors for high school students. In 2015, QuestBridge became one of only a few partner organizations nationally selected to identify outstanding students for this honor.

The nominees were selected from a competitive pool of 5,759 Finalists of the QuestBridge National College Match. QuestBridge initially received 15,606 applicants for the 2017 National College Match, a nationally recognized scholarship and admissions program that pairs high-achieving, low-income students with full scholarships and early admissions at QuestBridge college partners. Several of these nominees are also National College Match Recipients, receiving full scholarships to top colleges valued at over \$200,000.

Our 35 nominees\* for the 2018 Presidential Scholars Program are:

- Nafisa Ahmed - Cypress Ranch High School, Cypress, TX
- Joseph Bowering - Klein Collins High School, Spring, TX
- Micheal Brown - Mirabeau B. Lamar Sr. High School, Houston, TX
- Suzanne Brown - Pine View School, Sarasota, FL
- David Bruno - William R Boone High School, Orlando, FL
- Dylan Campbell - McGill-Toolen Catholic HS, Mobile, AL
- Renzo Caverio - School For Advanced Studies, Miami, FL
- Beck Dengler - Borah High School, Boise, ID
- Braden Fisher - Camden Hills Regional High School, Rockport, ME
- Laney Flanagan - Maui High School, Kihei, HI
- Timothy Gutterman - Coronado High School, Henderson, NV
- Corin Katzke - West Anchorage High School, Anchorage, AK



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Ibraheem Khan - Northside College Prep High School, Chicago, IL

Jake Kim - Westlake High School, Newbury, CA

Sarah Kwon - Lyme-Old Lyme High School, Norwich, CT

Gabrielle Landry - Montrose School, N. Attleboro, MA

Sieun Lee - Centennial High School, Ellicott City, MD

Karen Li - Brooklyn Technical High School, Brooklyn, NY

Shulammite Lim - Olathe North High School, Olathe, KS

Luz Martinez - University High School, Tucson, AZ

Jasmine May - Benjamin E. Mays High School, Atlanta, GA

Stephanie Mueller - Henry D. Sheldon High School, Eugene, OR

Haadiya Numani - Basis Phoenix, Cave Creek, AZ

Ismail Ouddi - Bearden High School, Knoxville, TN

Eugenia Parish - Kerr Vance Academy, Henderson, NC

Eliza Peterson - Bordentown Regional High School, Bordentown, NJ

Fouzia Raza - Miami Springs Senior High School, Miami Springs, FL

Alexandra Rocha-Alvarez - Watsonville High School, Watsonville, CA

Ryo Shibata - South High School, Torrance, CA

Sedona Thomas - Moapa Valley High School, Logandale, NV

Matthew Willis - Caddo Parish Magnet High School, Shreveport, LA

Samuel Woo - Appleton North High School, Appleton, WI

Audrey Yeung - Cherry Hill High School East, Cherry Hill, NJ

Wen Ting Zheng - Holy Cross High School, Wolcott, CT



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Upon submission of the application, candidates will be notified of semi-finalist status in April. Presidential Scholars will notified in May 2018.

*\*Some students, who opted out of making their candidacy public, are not included on this list.*

**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 early career — QuestBridge aims help talented low-income students attend the nation's best colleges and to support them to achieve success in their respective careers and communities.

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