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

Palo Alto, California (January 29, 2019) – 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 6,507 Finalists of the QuestBridge National College Match. QuestBridge initially received 16,248 applicants for the 2018 National College Match, a nationally recognized scholarship and admissions program that pairs high-achieving students from low-income backgrounds with full scholarships and early admissions at QuestBridge college partners. Several of these nominees are also QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship Recipients, receiving full scholarships to top colleges valued at over \$200,000.

Our 31 nominees* for the 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program are:

Hunter Akridge - Plano East Senior High School, Plano, TX

Jordan Barton - Andrews High School, Andrews, TX

Jacqueline Becerra - Warren County High School, McMinnville, TN

Trenton Bilyeu - Whitney High School, Roseville, CA

Anthony Bishara – McNair Academic High School, Jersey City, NJ

Arianna Bow – La Pietra-Hawaii School for Girls, Honolulu, HI

Audrey Bufton – Oak Ridge High School, Oak Ridge, TN

Samuel Eshun Danquah – Raleigh Charter High School, Raleigh, NC

Crista Falk – Lake City High School, Coeur d’Alene, ID

Mylz Hahn – Brunswick High School, Brunswick, MD

Shelley Heo – Woodson High School, Annandale, VA

Andy Jeon – Abington High School, Huntingdon Valley, PA

Grace Kim – Ames High School, Ames, IA



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- Tin Yau Lee – Boston Latin School, Boston, MA
- Arman Moazampour – Bayonne High School, Bayonne, NJ
- Brianna Moyers – Franklin-Simpson High School, Franklin, KY
- Mayela Norwood – Lusher Charter School, New Orleans, LA
- Richard Nuss - Jesuit High School, Tampa, FL
- Dev Patale – Clarkstown High School South, New City, NY
- Maximilian Peters – Lincoln High School, Sioux Falls, SD
- Joseph Rowell – Kettle Run High School, Broad Run, VA
- Emily Sanchez – Longmont High School, Longmont, CO
- Melissa Santoyo – Pine View School, Sarasota, FL
- Lexy Schusterbrown – Wylie E. Groves High School, Franklin, MI
- Benjamin Steffen – North High School, Fargo, ND
- Birukti Tsige – Malden High School, Malden, MA

Upon submission of the application, candidates will be notified of semi-finalist status in April. Presidential Scholars will be notified in May 2019.

**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 to help talented students from low-income backgrounds attend the nation's best colleges and to support them to achieve success in their respective careers and communities.

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