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1,127 Top High School Seniors Awarded  
Full Four-Year Scholarships and Admission to Top Colleges

Palo Alto, California (December 2, 2019) – QuestBridge is thrilled to announce the results of the 2019 QuestBridge National College Match, a national program that connects high-achieving, low-income high school seniors with full four-year scholarships to the nation’s top colleges. Out of 14,926 applicants, QuestBridge selected 5,842 Finalists who were considered for the QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship (Match Scholarship). Of these Finalists, 1,127 outstanding students were selected as this year’s Match Scholarship Recipients. This is the highest number of Match Scholarship Recipients to-date for QuestBridge.

Match Scholarship Recipients are admitted early to QuestBridge college partners with full four-year scholarships that are provided by the colleges and universities, ensuring for these students and their families that an education at a top college can be affordable. QuestBridge’s 40 college partners include top liberal arts colleges such as Amherst, Pomona, and Williams and exceptional research universities such as Columbia, Duke, Rice, Stanford, and Yale. The Match Scholarship is offered as part of a generous financial aid package provided by the college that covers the full cost of attendance, including tuition, room and board, books and supplies, and travel expenses.

"This year’s record number of Match Scholarship Recipients truly reflects the commitment of our college partners to support *all* students, regardless of their family’s financial background," said Ana McCullough, CEO and Co-Founder of QuestBridge. "As a result, highly deserving, low-income students can dream big and reach their full potential."

Hailing from 49 states, including the District of Columbia, as well as the territories of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, the 2019 Match Scholarship Recipients have an average



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unweighted GPA of 3.93. For standardized testing, the middle 50% received between 1350 - 1500 on the SAT and between 30 - 33 on the ACT. In addition, 93% are within the top 10% of their graduating class. Financially, 95% come from a household with an annual income under \$65,000, and 85% qualify for free or reduced-price lunch. The majority of these new QuestBridge Scholars — 77% — are among the first generation in their families to attend a four-year college in the United States.

Since 2003, the QuestBridge National College Match has successfully connected nearly 7,400 students with full scholarships at college partners. These 2019 Match Scholarship Recipients become the first QuestBridge Scholars for the Class of 2024. Based on previous years, it is estimated that over 2,500 Finalists will be admitted to QuestBridge college partners later in the year through Early and Regular Decision processes.

All Finalists who ultimately matriculate to QuestBridge college partners join the QuestBridge Scholars Network, which provides ongoing support and engagement opportunities. The QuestBridge Scholars Network and Alumni Association now include over 16,000 current college students and graduates worldwide.

### **About QuestBridge:**

QuestBridge, a national nonprofit 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 low-income students attend the nations' best colleges and to support them to achieve success in their respective careers and communities.

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