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

Palo Alto, California (January 31, 2020) – 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 5,842 Finalists of the QuestBridge National College Match. QuestBridge initially received 14,926 applicants for the 2019 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 29 nominees* for the 2020 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program are:

Raza Abbas – Egg Harbor Township High School, Egg Harbor Township, NJ

Alawab Aldulimy – Green Hope High School, Cary, NC

Christopher Badillo – School for Advanced Studies South, Miami, FL

Piper Barnard – Grain Valley High School, Grain Valley, MO

Kennedy Burdine – Pulaski County High School, Eubank, KY

Brady Carlos – Alliance Susan & Eric Smidt Technology High School, Los Angeles, CA

Sze Yuen Chang – Fort Mill High School, Fort Mill, SC

Jabez Choi – Curtis Senior High School, Tacoma, WA

Michael Guempel – Gateway Science Academy, Saint Louis, MO

Theo Haaks – Appleton West High School, Neenah, WI

Harry Heiberger – Brandon Valley High School, Brandon, SD

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Rakin Hussain – Edmond Santa Fe High School, Edmond, OK



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Claire Kang – Issaquah High School, Issaquah, WA

Rabia Kang – The Early College at Guilford, Greensboro, NC

Haeri Kim – ‘Iolani School, Honolulu, HI

Rebecca Kim – Cerritos High School, Cerritos, CA

Matthew Mauriello – Hamden High School, Hamden, CT

Ella Michael – Huntsville High School, Huntsville, AL

Elizabeth Radway – Indian Hill High School, Cincinnati, OH

Maria Reyes Pacheco – Urbana High School, Frederick, MD

Anthony Salgado – Morrow High School, Rex, GA

Cynthia Salinas-Cappellano – Thomas Jefferson High School, Council Bluffs, IA

David Sandoval – J. Sterling Morton High School West, Berwyn, IL

Carolyn Sutliff – Edmond North High School, Edmond, OK

Upon submission of the application, candidates will be notified of semi-finalist status in April. Presidential Scholars will be notified in May 2020.

**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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