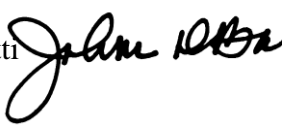




**TO:** State Executive Directors  
**FROM:** JoAnn D. Bartoletti   
**DATE:** February 9, 2016  
**RE:** Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

I am happy to inform you that the search for this year's top youth volunteers is now complete, and the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program will announce today each state's top high school and middle level honoree.

Sponsored by Prudential in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the program recognizes middle level and high school students for their outstanding community service. Over the past 20 years, more than 100,000 students have been honored at the local, state and national levels.

Enclosed is the National Press Release announcing the top middle level and high school volunteers. I encourage you to share it with your local media outlets.

At a time when more and more attention is being placed on community service, this program is an outstanding example of how we can honor our young volunteers and help develop role models for others. The program is supported by the following organizations: American Association of School Administrators; American Red Cross; America's Promise; Association for Middle Level Education; Council of the Great City Schools; Girl Scouts; HandsOn Network; National 4-H Council; National Association for Music Educators; National School Boards Association; National School Public Relations Association; PTA; and YMCA of the USA.

Thank you for your support in making the 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards successful. Please call Ann Postlewaite at 703-860-7238 or email at [PostlewaiteA@nassp.org](mailto:PostlewaiteA@nassp.org), if you have any questions.

Enclosure: National Press Release



## THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

*Honoring Outstanding Community Service by Young Americans*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 9, 2016

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### **TOP YOUTH VOLUNTEERS IN EACH STATE SELECTED IN 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM**

**102 student volunteers earn \$1,000 awards,  
silver medallions and trip to nation's capital**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Some helped the homeless. Others created programs and opportunities for people with disabilities. Many collected books to ensure that all kids can develop a love of reading.

Those are just some of the stories of the 102 youth volunteers – two from each state and the District of Columbia – who today were named State Honorees by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring students in grades 5-12 for outstanding volunteer service. The awards program, now in its 21st year, is conducted by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

Each of the 102 State Honorees will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip in early May to Washington, D.C. for four days of national recognition events. During the trip, 10 of them will be named America's top youth volunteers of 2016.

In addition to the State Honorees, the program's judges recognized 234 students nationwide as Distinguished Finalists for their impressive community service activities. Each will receive an engraved bronze medallion. More than 500 other applicants were awarded Certificates of Excellence for their volunteer work. *(See attached list of State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists.)*

Many of this year's State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists were recognized for comforting sick kids through measures that ranged from raising money to start a music therapy program for premature infants to providing gaming consoles to children's hospitals. Several led efforts to combat bullying, support students in crisis, and raise awareness about suicide. A number of these top youth volunteers worked to ensure that their food-insecure peers had enough to eat outside of school, and many more raised money for research into cancer, diabetes and other illnesses.

Learn about the volunteer activities of each State Honoree and Distinguished Finalist at <http://spirit.prudential.com>.

“Prudential commends each of these young volunteers for using their creativity and compassion to bring positive change to their communities,” said Prudential Chairman and CEO John Strangfeld. “We hope their stories inspire others to consider how they can make a difference, too.”

“We are pleased to honor these students not only for their exemplary acts of service, but for the powerful example they’ve set for their peers,” said JoAnn Bartoletti, executive director of NASSP. “Congratulations to each of the 2016 honorees.”

### **About The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards represents the United States’ largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteer service. All public and private middle level and high schools in the country, as well as all Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs and HandsOn Network affiliates, were eligible to select a student or member for a local Prudential Spirit of Community Award. These Local Honorees were then reviewed by an independent judging panel, which selected State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists based on criteria including personal initiative, effort, impact and personal growth.

While in Washington, D.C., the 102 State Honorees – one middle level and one high school student from each state and the District of Columbia – will tour the capital’s landmarks, meet top youth volunteers from other parts of the world, attend a gala awards ceremony at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History, and visit their congressional representatives on Capitol Hill. On May 2, 10 of the State Honorees – five middle level and five high school students – will be named America’s top youth volunteers of 2016. These National Honorees will receive additional \$5,000 awards, gold medallions, crystal trophies and \$5,000 grants from The Prudential Foundation for nonprofit charitable organizations of their choice.

Since the program began in 1995, more than 115,000 young volunteers have been honored at the local, state and national level. The program also is conducted by Prudential subsidiaries in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Ireland, India, China and Brazil. In addition to granting its own awards, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program also distributes President’s Volunteer Service Awards to qualifying Local Honorees on behalf of President Barack Obama.

### **About NASSP**

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) is the leading organization of and voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals, and school leaders from across the United States and 35 countries around the world. The association connects and engages school leaders through advocacy, research, education, and student programs. NASSP advocates on behalf of all school leaders to ensure the success of each student and strengthens school leadership practices through the design and delivery of high quality professional learning experiences. Reflecting its long-standing commitment to student leadership development, NASSP administers the National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, National Elementary Honor Society, and National Association of Student Councils. For more information about NASSP, located in Reston, VA, visit [www.nassp.org](http://www.nassp.org).

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**Editors: For full-color pictures of the Spirit of Community Awards program logo and medallions, click here: <http://bit.ly/Xi4oFW>**

# The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

## 2016 State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists

### Alabama

#### State Honorees:

Madison Haney, 17, Florence High School, Florence  
Ciara Laird, 10, New Life Christian Academy, Troy

#### Distinguished Finalists:

Sydney Culverhouse, 14, Opp High School, Opp  
Amerie Gramelspacher, 18, Thomasville High School,  
Thomasville  
Israel Mason, 13, John Herbert Phillips Academy,  
Birmingham  
Caitlyn McTier, 16, Sylacauga High School, Sylacauga

### Alaska

#### State Honorees:

Jenevia Wika, 16, South Anchorage High School, Anchorage  
Isabella Weiss, 14, Colony Middle School, Palmer

#### Distinguished Finalists:

Samuel Allred, 16, Independent Homeschool, Wasilla  
Evangeline Cox, 18, Nikiski Middle/High School, Nikiski

### Arizona

#### State Honorees:

Dustyn Phillips, 17, Basha High School, Chandler  
Hope Weng, 13, Tempe Preparatory Academy, Tempe

#### Distinguished Finalists:

Phillip Glascock, 16, Phoenix Country Day School,  
Paradise Valley  
Kaitlyn Martinez, 12, SySTEM Phoenix, STEM Charter  
School, Phoenix  
Kiskey Pena, 17, Bisbee High School, Bisbee  
Lourdes Gomez, 17, Desert View High School, Tucson  
Ariana Schneider, 18, Northland Preparatory Academy,  
Flagstaff  
Allison Westra, 18, Xavier College Preparatory, Phoenix

### Arkansas

#### State Honorees:

Katelyn Bondhus, 18, Hot Springs High School, Hot Springs  
Shelby Dunphy-Day, 12, College Hill Middle School  
Academy of Design, Texarkana

#### Distinguished Finalists:

Jeffrey (Jake) Gearhart, 16, Shiloh Christian School,  
Springdale  
Molly Hedberg, 17, Bentonville High School, Bentonville  
Gable Sloan, 10, McNair Middle School, Fayetteville  
Maraye Tudor, 16, Stuttgart High School, Stuttgart

### California

#### State Honorees:

Emmi Eisner, 16, Sierra Canyon School, Chatsworth  
Alyssa Simmons, 13, Los Alisos Intermediate, Mission Viejo

#### Distinguished Finalists:

Corinne Hinds, 16, Horizons Alternative School,  
Pleasant Hills  
Jessica Carscadden, 13, Oak Valley Middle School, San Diego  
Elena Crespo, 17, Girl Scouts San Diego, San Diego  
Sydney Fredette, 16, Santa Margarita Catholic High School,  
Rancho Santa Margarita  
Nicholas Jaeger, 17, Woodside Priory School, Portola Valley  
Ji Yu (Judy) Kim, 17, Beverly Hills High School,  
Beverly Hills  
Anthony O'Leary, 14, Horizon Christian Academy, San Diego  
Alexander Rejto, 17, Canyon Crest Academy, San Diego  
Shalin Shah, 16, Tesoro High School, Las Flores  
Ryan Traynor, 16, St. Francis High School, Mountain View

### Colorado

#### State Honorees:

Nicole Steiner, 17, Legend High School, Parker  
Madelene Kleinhans, 13, Colorado Digital Academy,  
Lakewood

#### Distinguished Finalists:

Christina Bear, 18, Girl Scouts of Colorado, Denver  
Edwin Bodoni, 15, Cherry Creek High School,  
Greenwood Village  
Riley Holcomb, 12, Altona Middle School, Longmont  
Zachary Olkin, 15, Niwot High School, Niwot

### Connecticut

#### State Honorees:

Alexandra Minutillo, 15, Daniel Hand High School, Madison  
Emily Christensen, 13, Illing Middle School, Manchester

#### Distinguished Finalists:

Meghana Kandarpa, 14, CREC Academy of Aerospace and  
Engineering Middle & High School, Windsor  
Wesley Neves, 17, Danbury High School, Danbury  
Danielle Ott, 16, Guilford High School, Guilford  
Daniel Ruskin, 17, Academy of Information Technology and  
Engineering, Stamford

### Delaware

#### State Honorees:

Micah Freer, 18, Mount Sophia Academy, Newark  
Will Kenney, 13, Millsboro Middle School, Millsboro

#### Distinguished Finalists:

Jayna Lennon, 18, The Charter School of Wilmington,  
Wilmington  
Jane Lyons, 15, Ursuline Academy, Wilmington

## District of Columbia

### State Honorees:

Gavrielle Kamen, 16, Georgetown Day School,  
Washington, D.C.  
Amelia Myre, 13, Alice Deal Middle School,  
Washington, D.C.

### Distinguished Finalists:

Kali Thompson, 16, McKinley Technology High School,  
Washington, D.C.  
Zachary Ware, 12, Washington Latin Public Charter School,  
Washington, D.C.

## Florida

### State Honorees:

Sydney Hamilton, 17, Key West High School, Key West  
Kayla Abramowitz, 13, Watson B. Duncan Middle School,  
Palm Beach Gardens

### Distinguished Finalists:

Daniela Bond, 17, School for Advanced Studies, Homestead  
Aurora Cosio, 15, Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart,  
Miami  
Jacob Crabtree, 17, Ocoee High School, Ocoee  
Ruben Martinez, 16, John A. Ferguson Senior High School,  
Miami  
Benjamin Morales, 16, West Broward High School,  
Pembroke Pines  
Baxter Murrell, 17, Winter Park High School, Winter Park  
Elias Rosenfeld, 18, Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High  
School, Miami  
Amanda Weinstein, 17, North Broward Preparatory School,  
Coconut Creek

## Georgia

### State Honorees:

Devneet Singh, 17, Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science,  
and Technology, Lawrenceville  
Damacia Howard, 13, Georgia Cyber Academy, College Park

### Distinguished Finalists:

Annie Dempsey, 18, Blessed Trinity Catholic High School,  
Roswell  
Elizabeth Harvey, 17, Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta,  
Mableton  
Matthew McDaniel, 16, Archer High School, Lawrenceville  
Olivia Ries, 13, Konos Academy, Fayetteville  
Hannah Testa, 13, Forsyth County 4-H, Cumming  
Erin Grace Walden, 17, Heritage High School, Ringgold

## Hawaii

### State Honorees:

Anna Kimata, 15, Punahou School, Honolulu  
Orren Smith, 11, Hanalani Schools, Mililani

### Distinguished Finalists:

Britnee Akau, 16, Kamehameha Schools Kapalama, Honolulu  
Phillip Palmore, 17, Kea'au High School, Keaau

## Idaho

### State Honorees:

Harlie Sorrell, 18, Parma High School, Parma  
Tracen Mangum, 13, Snake River Junior High School,  
Blackfoot

### Distinguished Finalists:

Harlee Nelson, 17, Salmon High School, Salmon  
Jenna Novy, 17, Century High School, Pocatello

## Illinois

### State Honorees:

Jungin Angie Lee, 17, Metea Valley High School, Aurora  
Nicolas Ramkumar, 14, Franklin Middle School, Champaign

### Distinguished Finalists:

William Bauman, 16, Grayslake North High School,  
Grayslake  
Annika Huprikar, 13, Alan B. Shepard Middle School,  
Deerfield  
Callie Oxford, 15, Saline County 4-H, Harrisburg  
Trisha Prabhu, 15, Neuqua Valley High School, Naperville  
Bianca Spalla, 16, North High School, Downers Grove  
Elizabeth Spurlock, 17, Wheaton North High School,  
Wheaton  
Jessica Trinh, 18, Auburn High School, Rockford  
Medha Verma, 17, Barrington High School, Barrington

## Indiana

### State Honorees:

Kamna Gupta, 18, Girl Scouts of Central Indiana, Indianapolis  
Esha Mishra, 14, Forest Ridge Academy, Schererville

### Distinguished Finalists:

Landon Eisenhut, 16, Castle High School, Newburgh  
April Gettelfinger, 17, Perry Meridian High School,  
Indianapolis  
Victoria Martine, 16, Zionsville Community High School,  
Zionsville  
Adarius Reese, 13, Chapel Hill 7th and 8th Grade Center,  
Indianapolis  
Braden Smith, 16, Montgomery County 4-H, Crawfordsville  
Jared Stemper, 18, Kankakee Valley High School, Wheatfield

## Iowa

### State Honorees:

Allison Ockenfels, 18, Ockenfels Homeschool, Wellman  
Clare Szalkowski, 10, Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and  
Western Illinois, Bettendorf

### Distinguished Finalists:

Blake Anderson, 12, Riverdale Heights Elementary,  
Bettendorf  
Jill Berkland, 17, Sibley-Ocheyedan High School, Sibley  
Macy Gudenkauf, 18, Hazel Green Hawks 4-H, Ryan  
Emily Montelius, 17, Thomas Jefferson High School,  
Cedar Rapids

## Kansas

### State Honorees:

Lauren Browning, 18, Blue Valley Southwest High,  
Overland Park  
Cooper Lohman, 13, Susan B. Anthony Middle School,  
Manhattan

### Distinguished Finalists:

Lauren Bernard, 17, The Barstow School, Kansas City, MO  
Ethan McPherson, 13, Riley County 4-H, Manhattan  
Teresa Shockley, 16, Shawnee Mission East High School,  
Prairie Village  
Garrett Tatro, 17, Fort Scott High School, Fort Scott

## Kentucky

### State Honorees:

Christian Cole, 18, Lexington Catholic High School,  
Lexington  
Grace Davis, 10, Greathouse Shryock Traditional Elementary  
School, Louisville

### Distinguished Finalists:

Olivia Allen, 10, Coleridge-Taylor Montessori Elementary  
School, Louisville  
Jakob Beckley, 18, Henry County High School, New Castle  
Maiah Cisco, 14, Drakes Creek Middle School,  
Bowling Green  
Kaitlin Jenkins, 17, Harlan High School, Harlan

## Louisiana

### State Honorees:

Stanley Celestine, 16, Louisiana School for the Agricultural  
Sciences, Bunkie  
Ashini Modi, 12, Caddo Parish 4-H, Shreveport

### Distinguished Finalists:

Beverly Brown, 17, St. Scholastica Academy, Covington  
Luke Corona, 14, Catholic High, New Iberia  
Anna Bell Hines, 17, Benjamin Franklin High School,  
New Orleans  
Sean Noel, 14, St. Paul's School, Covington

## Maine

### State Honorees:

Connor Archer, 17, Old Town High School, Old Town  
Benjamin Levesque, 14, Massabesic Middle School,  
East Waterboro

### Distinguished Finalists:

Alyssa Burbank, 15, Winslow High School, Winslow  
Harper Gordon, 17, Camden Hills Regional High School,  
Rockport

## Maryland

### State Honorees:

Luke Pitsenbarger, 17, Parkside High, Salisbury  
Alyssa Gerhart, 12, Benjamin Stoddert Middle School,  
Waldorf

### Distinguished Finalists:

Alexia Antonio, 12, Lakelands Park Middle School,  
Gaithersburg  
Jessica Bayuk, 17, Frederick High School, Frederick  
Rejia Camphor, 17, Baltimore City College, Baltimore  
Lily Densmore, 12, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland,  
Baltimore  
Caroline Hickam, 17, C. Milton Wright High School, Bel Air  
Carolyn Hoover, 17, Walt Whitman High School, Bethesda

## Massachusetts

### State Honorees:

Katie Curran, 18, Sturgis Charter Public School, Hyannis  
Lauren Eppinger, 14, Worcester Academy, Worcester

### Distinguished Finalists:

Mackenzie Anderson, 18, Foxborough High School,  
Foxborough  
Kira Andreucci, 15, Montachusett Regional Vocational  
Technical School, Fitchburg  
Nelson Barrios, 17, Lynn Vocational Technical Institute, Lynn  
Amanda Judah, 17, Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts,  
Boston  
Megan Mahan, 16, Austin Preparatory School, Reading  
Grace Soutanian, 14, Francis W. Parker Charter Essential  
School, Devens

## Michigan

### State Honorees:

Dale (Trip) Apley, 16, Skyline High School, Ann Arbor  
Aubrey Cohoon, 12, Spring Lake Intermediate School,  
Spring Lake

### Distinguished Finalists:

Cameron Doan, 18, Ludington High School, Ludington  
Nicholas Ignatosk, 18, Rockford High School, Rockford  
Anaya Johnson, 17, Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan,  
Detroit  
Claire Laurenz, 17, Breckenridge High School, Breckenridge  
Anisha Nagpal, 17, Grand Blanc High School, Grand Blanc  
Grant Prater, 17, Monroe High School, Monroe  
Jasmine Sutton, 13, Lakeshore Middle School, Grand Haven  
Caroline Wallis, 17, Berean Homeschool Academy,  
Rochester Hills

## Minnesota

### State Honorees:

Maria Keller, 15, Orono High School, Long Lake  
Jasmine Kennebeck, 12, Red Wing Family YMCA, Red Wing

### Distinguished Finalists:

Emily Albert-Stauning, 15, Eagan High School, Eagan  
Zakria Ghani, 17, Al-Amal School, Fridley  
Jane Hulse, 18, Trinity School at River Ridge, St. Paul  
Madisyn Kephart, 17, White Bear Lake Area High School,  
White Bear Lake  
Heather Weller, 17, New York Mills High School,  
New York Mills  
Stuart Wilkins, 18, Mahtomedi Senior High School,  
Mahtomedi

## Mississippi

### State Honorees:

Lindsey Meyer, 17, Pass Christian High School,  
Pass Christian  
Jamehia Attaway, 12, Carver Elementary School, Indianola

### Distinguished Finalists:

Cara Barker, 17, Petal High School, Petal  
Katherine Clay, 17, Madison Central High School, Madison  
Pranav Jaligam, 14, Rosa Scott School, Madison  
Liz Sprabery, 16, Southeast Lauderdale High School,  
Meridian

## Missouri

### State Honorees:

Brooke Hale, 18, Forsyth High School, Forsyth  
Kera Mingus, 12, Forsyth Middle School, Forsyth

### Distinguished Finalists:

Crystal Diebold, 18, Eldon High School, Eldon  
Taylor Lauer, 18, Montgomery County High School,  
Montgomery City  
Kelly Nguyen, 17, East High School, Kansas City  
Chance Riddle, 16, Warrensburg High School, Warrensburg  
Yumino Sasaki, 18, Brentwood High School, Brentwood  
Tyler Swearingin, 17, Skyline High School, Urbana

## Montana

### State Honorees:

Nathanael Jourdonnais, 18, Big Sky High School, Missoula  
Berkley Stroh, 14, Fergus County 4-H, Lewistown

### Distinguished Finalists:

Logan Gunderson, 17, Glasgow High School, Glasgow  
Ashley Voegele, 18, Billings West High School, Billings

## Nebraska

### State Honorees:

My'Kah Knowlin, 14, Lincoln High School, Lincoln  
Golden Kelly, 13, Russell Middle School, Omaha

### Distinguished Finalists:

Grace Kelly, 18, Millard West High School, Omaha  
Tabitha Staehr, 18, Lincoln Southwest High School, Lincoln

## Nevada

### State Honorees:

James Lea, 17, Faith Lutheran Middle School and High  
School, Las Vegas  
Marquis Jamison, 13, Faith Lutheran Middle School and  
High School, Las Vegas

### Distinguished Finalists:

Megan Damele, 17, Eureka County High School, Eureka  
Alexandra Jensen, 17, Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada, Reno  
Molly Marias, 18, West Career and Technical Academy,  
Las Vegas  
Baylee Mee, 13, Edward L. Pine Middle School, Reno

## New Hampshire

### State Honorees:

Emma Williams, 17, Bishop Guertin High School, Nashua  
Caitlin Shapleigh, 12, Londonderry Middle School,  
Londonderry

### Distinguished Finalists:

Laura Perrault, 17, Salem High School, Salem  
Danielle St. Peter, 14, Girl Scouts of the Green and White  
Mountains, Bedford

## New Jersey

### State Honorees:

Benjamin Zangoglia, 17, North Valley Regional High School,  
Old Tappan  
Zachary Rice, 13, Long Valley Middle School, Long Valley

### Distinguished Finalists:

Siobhan Hunziker, 16, Union Catholic Regional High School,  
Scotch Plains  
Alexandra Jackman, 16, Westfield Senior High School,  
Westfield  
Shefali Kumar, 16, Morris Hills High School, Rockaway  
James Saccone, 18, Randolph High School, Randolph  
Amalia Tobias, 17, Summit High School, Summit  
Matthew Weiss, 17, Tenafly High School, Tenafly

## New Mexico

### State Honorees:

Cameron Estrada, 17, Roswell High School, Roswell  
Cody Osborn, 13, Holy Ghost Catholic School, Albuquerque

### Distinguished Finalists:

Joseph Davis, 18, Belen High School, Belen  
Joanna O'Neill, 18, Los Alamos County 4-H, Los Alamos



## New York

### State Honorees:

Dimple Belani, 17, Girl Scouts of Greater New York,  
New York  
Cole Faller, 12, Roslyn Middle School, Roslyn Heights

### Distinguished Finalists:

Nikhil Anand, 18, Half Hollow Hills High School West,  
Dix Hills  
Ariel Creamer, 17, Edward R. Murrow High School, Brooklyn  
Kwentin Foster, 10, Woodrow Wilson Elementary School,  
Sloan  
John Iacona, 16, Sewanhaka High School, Floral Park  
Sharon Lin, 17, Stuyvesant High School, New York  
Anthony Morano, 17, Nassau BOCES Long Island High  
School for the Arts, Syosset  
Dylan Perles, 18, Northport High School, Northport  
Hailey Silver, 17, Lynbrook High School, Lynbrook

## North Carolina

### State Honorees:

Karigan McCurry, 18, Hunter Huss High School, Gastonia  
Abbigail Adler, 14, Girl Scouts North Carolina Coastal Pines,  
Raleigh

### Distinguished Finalists:

Breanna Barbosa, 18, Johnston County Early College  
Academy, Smithfield  
Omar Benallal, 17, High Point Central High School,  
High Point  
Allyson Costner, 17, Bessemer City High School,  
Bessemer City  
Maria Ysabelle, Cruzat, 17, Early College of Forsyth,  
Winston-Salem  
Nolan Davis, 17, Wayne Country Day School, Goldsboro  
Bethany Forehand, 16, Currituck County High, Barco

## North Dakota

### State Honorees:

Lauryn Hinckley, 16, Century High School, Bismarck  
Evan Knoll, 11, YMCA of Cass and Clay Counties, Fargo

### Distinguished Finalists:

Neelay Patel, 17, Davies High School, Fargo  
Nathaniel Thoreson, 17, Davies High School, Fargo

## Ohio

### State Honorees:

Parker Inks, 17, St. Joseph Central Catholic High School,  
Fremont  
Meagan Warren, 12, Bexley Middle School, Bexley

### Distinguished Finalists:

Michaela Bruno, 18, Nordonia High School, Macedonia  
Ryan Dozer, 17, Olentangy Liberty High School, Powell  
Phillip Fischio, 18, Dover High School, Dover  
Rohith Koneru, 17, Dublin Scioto High School, Dublin  
Anthony Massa, 18, Hoover High School, North Canton  
Vishnu Nistala, 16, Mentor High School, Mentor  
Richard Pasco, 18, Hubbard High School, Hubbard  
Jade Scott, 11, Montpelier Middle School,  
Montpelier

## Oklahoma

### State Honorees:

Sarah Kellogg, 19, Mustang High School, Mustang  
Olivia Kuester, 14, Coweta Junior High School, Coweta

### Distinguished Finalists:

Avery Crawford, 13, Curtis Inge Middle School, Noble  
Jonathan Jossell, 18, Destiny Christian School, Del City  
Emily Messimore, 17, Verdigris High School, Claremore  
Camryn Sanders, 18, Sanders Academy, McAlester

## Oregon

### State Honorees:

Alisha Zhao, 17, Lincoln High School, Portland  
Michael Murray, 13, Lake Oswego Junior High School,  
Lake Oswego

### Distinguished Finalists:

Kate Fayloga, 16, Girl Scouts of Oregon & Southwest  
Washington, Portland  
Hannah Joseph, 14, Handy Middle School, Gold Hill  
Dominic Meads, 18, Ashland High School, Ashland  
Delanie Strauss, 16, Central Catholic High School, Portland

## Pennsylvania

### State Honorees:

Colin Harding, 17, Baldwin High School, Pittsburgh  
Grace Preston, 11, Brockway Area Elementary School,  
Brockway

### Distinguished Finalists:

Aaron Albuck, 17, Pennsbury High School, Fairless Hills  
Elaina Clark, 16, Christian School of York, York  
Angela Farinella, 13, Nazareth Academy Grade School,  
Philadelphia  
Kathleen Gergel, 17, Henderson High School, West Chester  
Erin Kim, 18, Central Bucks High School South, Warrington  
Kendra Murray, 18, Meyersdale Area High School,  
Meyersdale  
Sadie Presto, 16, Trinity High School, Washington  
Kathryn Talerico, 13, Ingomar Middle School, Pittsburgh

## Rhode Island

### State Honorees:

Zachary Librizzi, 17, Saint Raphael Academy, Pawtucket  
Sarah Coutu, 12, St. Cecilia School, Pawtucket

### Distinguished Finalists:

Zach Ribas, 17, South Kingstown High School, Wakefield  
Robbie Thorp, 18, Cumberland High School, Cumberland

## South Carolina

### State Honorees:

Devin Srivastava, 17, Spartanburg Day School, Spartanburg  
Jackson Silverman, 10, Advanced Studies-Haut Gap Middle School, Johns Island

### Distinguished Finalists:

Caitlyn Banks, 11, Patrick Henry Academy, Estill  
Meredith Butenhoff, 18, Eastside High School, Taylors  
Olivia McConnell, 10, The Carolina Academy, Lake City  
Michael Templeton, 17, Dutch Fork High School, Irmo

## South Dakota

### State Honorees:

Shelby Specht, 15, Harrisburg High School, Harrisburg  
Danika Gordon, 13, Sturgis Williams Middle School, Sturgis

### Distinguished Finalists:

Austin Lentsch, 18, T.F. Riggs High School, Pierre  
Victoria O'Connell, 17, Girl Scouts - Dakota Horizons, Sioux Falls

## Tennessee

### State Honorees:

Madison Childers, 18, Blackman High School, Murfreesboro  
Graci Semptimphelter, 11, Battle Ground Academy, Franklin

### Distinguished Finalists:

Katlyn Bryant, 18, Fayette Ware Comprehensive High School, Somerville  
Kathryn Capizzi, 18, Harpeth Hall School, Nashville  
Thomas Colburn, 17, Oak Ridge High School, Oak Ridge  
Joe Julian, 18, Baylor School, Chattanooga  
Chelstin Wildun, 16, Overton High School, Nashville  
Olivia Wright, 17, Aaron Academy, Hendersonville

## Texas

### State Honorees:

Ariana Luterman, 16, Greenhill School, Addison  
Courtney Janecka, 12, Midway River Valley Intermediate, McGregor

### Distinguished Finalists:

Taliah Block, 10, Maplebrook Elementary School, Humble  
David De La Fuente, 17, Somerset High School, Somerset  
Kianna Hawkins, 17, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council, Houston  
Grace Knight, 18, Bishop Thomas K. Gorman Catholic School, Tyler  
Diana Martell, 17, Eastwood High School, El Paso  
Genesis Smothers, 17, Cypress Ranch High School, Cypress  
Kalpana Vaidya, 18, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council, Houston  
Mathew Walther, 17, Cypress Ranch High School, Cypress  
Kayce Welch, 18, Texas High School, Texarkana  
Jake Wood, 17, Hyde Park High School, Austin

## Utah

### State Honorees:

Barry Donakey, 18, Timpanogos High School, Orem  
Sophia Goodwin, 13, Girl Scouts of Utah, Salt Lake City

### Distinguished Finalists:

Allison Baxter, 17, Skyline High School, Salt Lake City  
Wayson Foy, 18, Wasatch High School, Heber  
Kelsey Hull, 18, Orem High School, Orem  
Haeli Rich, 17, Weber High School, Pleasant View

## Vermont

### State Honorees:

Kiran Waqar, 15, South Burlington High School, South Burlington  
Miranda Walbridge, 12, Barre City Elementary and Middle School, Barre

### Distinguished Finalists:

Katherine Dempsey, 16, Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains, Bedford, N.H.  
Ivan Jermyn, 18, Montpelier High School, Montpelier

## Virginia

### State Honorees:

Reshini Premaratne, 17, Partnership for Nonprofit Excellence/HandsOn Greater Richmond, Richmond  
Chase Anthony, 13, Princess Anne Middle School, Virginia Beach

### Distinguished Finalists:

Justice Baird, 17, Landstown High School, Virginia Beach  
Anna Gleason, 16, Riverbend High School, Fredericksburg  
Austin Haycox, 18, Norfolk Academy, Norfolk  
Jahnavi Murthy, 12, J. Michael Lunsford Middle School, Chantilly  
Ally Smith, 17, Midlothian High School, Midlothian  
Samantha Underwood, 13, Mark Twain Middle School, Alexandria

## Washington

### State Honorees:

Tristan Ryan, 18, Seton Catholic College Preparatory, Vancouver  
Emma Murphy, 13, Enumclaw Middle School, Enumclaw

### Distinguished Finalists:

Tina Bao, 17, Southwest Washington American Red Cross Youth Council and Mt. View Red Cross Club, Portland, OR  
Leslie Cho, 18, Lynnwood High School, Bothell  
Kai Pacifico Eng, 16, Bellevue Big Picture School, Bellevue  
Mariana Rentería Hernández, 17, Eisenhower High School, Yakima  
Tabitha Reynolds, 17, Bonney Lake High School, Bonney Lake  
Jackie Yeh, 17, Charles Wright Academy, University Place

## **West Virginia**

### **State Honorees:**

Sofia Salon, 16, Woodrow Wilson High School, Beckley  
Arin Dorsey, 13, Girl Scouts of Black Diamond, Charleston

### **Distinguished Finalists:**

Olivia Haddad, 18, University High School, Morgantown  
Roark Sizemore, 18, Morgantown High School, Morgantown

## **Wisconsin**

### **State Honorees:**

Ananya Murali, 17, Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast,  
Milwaukee  
Luke Smith, 13, Wilson Junior High School, Manitowoc

### **Distinguished Finalists:**

Kirsten Cutler, 12, Asa Clark Middle School, Pewaukee  
Katrina Mazier, 17, Xavier High School, Appleton  
Carter Olles, 16, Notre Dame Baie Academy, Green Bay  
Payton Petsche, 17, Prairie du Chien High School,  
Prairie Du Chien  
Paolo Valle, 16, St. Thomas More High School, Milwaukee  
Madison Zepnick, 17, Oconomowoc High School,  
Oconomowoc

## **Wyoming**

### **State Honorees:**

Grace Anderson, 15, Crook County 4-H, Sundance  
Selah Jordan, 14, Sage Valley Junior High, Gillette

### **Distinguished Finalists:**

Anna Harris, 16, Green River High School, Green River  
Joshua Rohrbacher, 17, Lander Valley High School

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