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Six Idaho teens named semifinalists in Presidential Scholars program

(BOISE) – Six Idaho students have been selected as semifinalists for the U.S. Presidential Scholars program, which recognizes some of the nation’s most accomplished graduating high school seniors.

Established in 1964, the program selects students who have shown scholarship, leadership, artistic excellence and selfless service to others.

Idaho’s 2019 semifinalists are:

- Peyton Elizabeth Badger, Meridian - Mountain View High School
- John Chen, Boise - Centennial High School
- Megan Elizabeth Clements, Rigby - Rigby High School
- Crista Falk, Coeur D Alene - Lake City High School
- Aidan Michael McIntyre, Boise - Capital High School
- Michael Wuhao Min, Boise - Centennial High School

The finalists will be selected in May and invited to an all-expense-paid trip to the National Recognition Program in June in Washington, D.C. They will be awarded Presidential Scholars Medallions during a ceremony at the White House.

Each state normally has two academic finalists named, a boy and a girl, both of whom must be U.S. citizens. In addition, the Commission on Presidential Scholars may select finalists in the fields of the arts, and career-technical education. A total of up to 161 students may be named Presidential Scholars, which is a recognition program, not a scholarship program.

Semi-finalists were selected from an initial set of more than 5,200 nominees from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and U.S. territories and possessions.

For more information about the Presidential Scholars program, go to <http://www.ed.gov/psp>.

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