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## Three Idaho seniors honored as 2020 Presidential Scholars

(BOISE) – High school seniors from Hailey, Moscow and Boise have been named U.S. Presidential Scholars for 2020, Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra announced Thursday.

“I’m proud to have these outstanding young Idahoans representing their communities and our state on the national stage,” Superintendent Ybarra said. “Generally we have two Presidential Scholars from Idaho named each year, but it’s wonderful that a third has been selected for excellence in the arts. Congratulations to Zoe Simon, Blaine Dillingham and Jieyan Wang!”

“This prestigious honor recognizes their scholarship, leadership, accomplishments, and contributions to their schools and communities.”

Dillingham is a Timberline High School senior, and Simon attends Wood River High School. Wang, a student at Moscow High School, was named a Presidential Scholar in the Arts, selected by the YoungArts™ program.

One opportunity this year’s Presidential Scholars will miss is the traditional visit to Washington, D.C., for the National Recognition Program. Although the pandemic has waylaid that celebration, the Commission on Presidential Scholars and U.S. Presidential Scholars Program are developing a plan for online recognition, according to a news release.

A complete list of the 2020 Scholars across the nation is available at <http://www.ed.gov/psp>.

“These exemplary young people have excelled inside the classroom and out. And, while they are facing unprecedented challenges as they graduate from high school into a world that looks much different than it did just a few months ago, their determination, resilience, and commitment to excellence will serve them well as they pursue their next steps,” U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos said in a news release.

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