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Vermont Agency of Education Awards 25 Presidential Scholar Nominees

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BARRE, Vt. – The Vermont Agency of Education today recognized the state’s 2017 Presidential Scholar nominees in a ceremony at the Vermont Statehouse.

The Vermont Presidential Scholars Program recognizes graduating high school seniors who show outstanding scholarship, leadership and service to their communities. Twenty (10 male and 10 female) scholars are nominated in the general category, and five scholars are nominated in the Career and Technical Education category (CTE). All Vermont scholars will be invited to apply to the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, which will announce its winners in May 2017. Additional Vermont students may be chosen to apply by the U.S. Department of Education based on ACT and SAT scores. Each year, up to 161 students are named as national Presidential Scholars – one of the highest honors for high school students.

“All of these students are being recognized not just for exceptional academics and skill, but also for personal leadership and service. Many of them overcame extraordinary adversity on their way to this recognition. We are incredibly proud to have students like this represent Vermont as Presidential Scholars,” Secretary Holcombe said.

Career and Technical Education Presidential Scholars

1	Matt Mossey	Design & Creative Media Program	Center for Technology, Essex
2	Eliza Riemer Kissam	Health Sciences Program	Burlington Technical Center
3	Shelby Andrews	Health Sciences Program	Randolph Technical Career Center
4	Gabrielle Jolley	Health Sciences Program	River Bend Career & Technical Center
5	Maria Jacobs	Health Sciences Program	Cold Hollow Career Center

General Presidential Scholars

1	Courtney Amell	Northfield High School
2	Allison Barritt	South Burlington High School
3	Auguste Benjamin	St. Johnsbury Academy
4	Molly Engels	Rutland High School
5	Brigid Enright	Otter Valley Union High School
6	Ramsay Eyre	Burr and Burton Academy
7	Erin Gallagher	Burlington High School
8	Emily Green	St. Johnsbury Academy

9	Alexandre Hamel	Bellows Free Academy
10	Trevor Houchens	South Burlington High School
11	Jakub Kraus	Middlebury Union High School
12	Olivia Kuk	Burr and Burton Academy
13	Kenneth Martin	Richford Jr./Sr. High School
14	Angelo McCullough	Otter Valley Union High School
15	Anders Ode	Burlington High School
16	Sophia Prandini	Mt. Anthony Union High School
17	Aidan Remillard	Enosburg Falls High School
18	Caroline Tietz	Leland & Gray Union High School
19	Caleb Thibault	Leland & Gray Union High School
20	Olivia West	Enosburg Falls High School

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts. In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields.

[Learn more about the Presidential Scholars Program on the U.S. Department of Education website.](#)

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