



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

THE COMMISSION ON PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

May 2016

Honorable Nikki Haley
Governor of South Carolina
1205 Pendleton St.
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

We are pleased to announce that after careful deliberation, the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars has selected the 2016 U.S. Presidential Scholars from among a pool of extremely qualified candidates. A letter from Secretary of Education John King recently notified each of these Scholars of their selection.

Enclosed you will find the names of Scholars from your State. These Scholars have been invited to the National Recognition Program (NRP) in Washington, D.C., in June. A high point of NRP will be the individual presentations of the U.S. Presidential Scholars medallion which will commemorate their having been chosen for this prestigious award.

One young man and one young woman has been chosen from each State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and from families of U.S. citizens living abroad. Fifteen students have been selected at large, 20 students have been chosen for demonstrating exceptional talent in the visual and performing arts, and 20 students have been chosen for demonstrating ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields. The Scholars have all demonstrated leadership, scholarship, contribution to school and community, and outstanding accomplishments in the arts, sciences, humanities, and other fields of interest. A complete list of the 2016 Scholars may be found by visiting our website at <http://www.ed.gov/psp>.

Recognition of your State's Scholars will emphasize the importance of achievement in secondary education. On behalf of the Commission and the U.S. Department of Education, we thank you for broadening awareness of the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, which seeks to highlight education achievement in your State, and to celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding students.

We appreciate your commitment to cultivating leadership, scholarship and excellence in all of your State's young people.

Sincerely,

Marina C. McCarthy, Ed.D.
Chair
Commission on Presidential Scholars

Simone M. Olson
Executive Director
U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

Enclosures

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SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOLARS

2016 Presidential Scholars Program

Marlow, Jessica L
156 Hawk Creek Dr
Spartanburg, SC 29301-1214

Paul M. Dorman High School
1050 Cavalier Way
Roebuck, SC 29376

Michala, Jonathan J
22 Chateau Dr
Greenville, SC 29615-3306

Eastside High School
1300 Brushy Creek Rd.
Taylors, SC 29687

Zhao, Karen R
511 Scarborough Dr
Greer, SC 29650-3669

Riverside High School
1300 South Suber Road
Greer, SC 29650

* U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts

** U.S. Presidential Scholar in Career and Technical Education

*** Dual Winner, U.S. Presidential Scholar and U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts

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