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Blue Valley Northwest senior named semifinalist in Presidential Scholar program

Blue Valley Northwest senior Geoff Wehmeyer was named a semifinalist in the 2009 Presidential Scholar program. Wehmeyer is one of six semifinalists from Kansas. A distinguished panel of educators will review the list of semifinalists and the final selection will be made in May. One young man and one young woman will be chosen from each state.

Wehmeyer was one of four Blue Valley seniors who were originally chosen as candidates in the 2009 Presidential Scholars Program. The students chosen as candidates for the program were:

Blue Valley North: Crystal Lu.

Blue Valley Northwest: Nathan Hoffmann and Geoff Wehmeyer.

Blue Valley West: Scott Tan.

Inclusion in the program is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities. The candidates were selected for their exceptional performance on either the College Board SAT or the ACT assessments. Further consideration is based on students' essays, self-assessments, activity descriptions, recommendations and transcripts.

A complete list of candidates and semifinalists are available on the program's Web page, <http://www.ed.gov/programs/psp/index.html>.

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