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**15 BV seniors named Presidential Scholar candidates**

Fifteen Blue Valley seniors have been named candidates in the 2010 Presidential Scholars Program. They are:

*Blue Valley High:* Emily Li.

*Blue Valley North:* Katy Accurso, Furheen Baig, Andrea Hinton, Jason Hoffman, Laura McClung, Nikolai Mushegian, Marissa Wizig, Michael Agre, Melissa Kornspan and Eva Petakovic.

*Blue Valley Northwest:* Bethany Hileman, Chris Ouyang and Rose Trotta.

*Blue Valley West:* Gilbert Baltzer.

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. Of the 42 students who were named candidates in Kansas, Blue Valley had 15.

The candidates were selected for their exceptional performance on either the College Board SAT or the ACT assessments. Further consideration is based on student essays, self-assessments, activity descriptions, recommendations and transcripts.

A distinguished panel of educators will review these submissions and select 500 semifinalists in early April. The final selection will be made in May. One young man and one young woman will be chosen from each state.

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

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