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161 STUDENTS NAMED 2019 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS – THREE OUTSTANDING ALABAMA STUDENTS EARN THIS PRESTIGIOUS ACCOLADE

Montgomery, Ala. – U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced the 55th class of U.S. Presidential Scholars, recognizing 161 exceptional high school seniors for their accomplishments in their academics, the arts, and career and technical education.

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects student scholars annually based on their academic success, community service, and leadership.

These Alabama students have been officially named 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholars:

- Alison Hu of Virgil I. Grissom High School (Huntsville)
- Kevan Dean McClaflin of the Alabama School of Fine Arts (Birmingham)
- Donghan Park of Auburn High School (Auburn)

Of the 3.6 million students expected to graduate from high school this year, more than 5,200 candidates qualified for the 2019 awards determined by their outstanding performance on the College Board SAT and ACT exams, or through nominations made by Chief State School Officers and other partner recognition organizations.

As directed by Presidential Executive Order, the 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholars are comprised of one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and U.S. families living abroad, as well as 15 chosen at-large, 20 Scholars in the Arts, and 20 Scholars in Career and Technical Education.

Created in 1964, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program has honored over 7,500 of the nation’s top-performing students with an annual ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The 2019 ceremony will be held June 23, when each honoree will receive a Presidential Scholar Medallion.

Learn more about this program and see the complete list of 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholars at http://www.ed.gov/psp.

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