

Dept. of Public Instruction: Three Wisconsin high school seniors receive high national honor

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MADISON — Three Wisconsin students have been named U.S. Presidential Scholars by the U.S. Department of Education, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. The students received the recognition for achievement in academics, arts, and career and technical education.

Ananya Bhatt (Brookfield Central High School – Elmbrook School District), Ethan Mark Zentner (Nicolet High School – Nicolet Union High School District) and Saskatoon Robert Fuzz Damm (Medford Area Senior High School – Medford Area Public School District) are among a group of 161 students from across the nation to receive the honor.

“It is an incredible honor to achieve this distinction, and I am proud to extend my congratulations to these Wisconsin students, along with their families and the amazing educators who have supported them,” State Superintendent Dr. Jill Underly said. “Wisconsin’s three U.S. Presidential Scholars exemplify the leadership we need in our state, and I look forward to what they do next.”

Each year, the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects student scholars based on their academic success, artistic and technical excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as evidence of community service, leadership, and demonstrated commitment to high ideals. This year, more than 5,000 candidates qualified for the awards through strong performance on exams or through nominations.

The Presidential Scholars Class of 2023 will be recognized for their achievement this

summer during an online recognition program. For more information on the program, [visit the U.S. Department of Education's website](#).