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Duluth High School student named a U.S. Presidential Scholar

Vani Senthil, a **Duluth High School** senior, has earned one of the top academic honors in our country... recognition as a **2019 U.S. Presidential Scholar**. Senthil is one of only 161 students nationwide to receive the honor and one of only three Georgia students selected. She will attend Augusta University in the fall where she plans to major in Cellular and Molecular Biology.

Since 1983, each Presidential Scholar has been offered the opportunity to name his or her most influential teacher. Senthil selected Jordan White, her AP Human Geography teacher at Duluth High School.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts. Each year, up to 161 students are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. 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 outstanding performance on the College Board SAT and ACT exams, and through nominations made by Chief State School Officers or the National YoungArts Foundation's nationwide YoungArts™ competition.



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 from U.S. families living abroad, as well as 15 chosen at-large, 20 U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts, and 20 U.S. Presidential Scholars in Career and Technical Education. The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program has honored nearly 7,500 of the nation's top-performing students with the prestigious award given to honorees during the annual ceremony held in our nation's capital.

Senthil and the other 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholars will be honored for their accomplishments in Washington, D.C., on June 23.

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