TOP YOUTH VOLUNTEERS IN EACH STATE SELECTED IN 17th ANNUAL NATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM

102 student volunteers earn $1,000 awards, silver medallions and trip to nation’s capital

WASHINGTON, D.C. – America’s 102 most outstanding youth volunteers – two from each state and the District of Columbia – were named State Honorees today by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for exemplary acts of volunteerism. The awards program, now in its 17th year, is conducted by Prudential Financial, Inc. in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

Each of the 102 State Honorees will receive $1,000, an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., May 5-8 for several days of national recognition events. Ten of them will be named America’s top youth volunteers for 2012 at that time.

In addition to the State Honorees, the program’s judges recognized 234 students nationwide as Distinguished Finalists for their impressive community service activities. Each will receive an engraved bronze medallion. More than 500 other applicants were awarded Certificates of Excellence for their volunteer work. (See attached list of State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists.)

A large number of State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists this year – 20 percent – conducted volunteer activities to address needs overseas, especially in Africa, Latin America and Japan. Honorees traveled to volunteer in orphanages, build homes, and teach impoverished children. In their own communities, they collected food, medical supplies, clothing, books, school supplies, eyeglasses, teddy bears and soccer cleats to send overseas. And they raised money to finance school tuitions, refugee relief, AIDS medications, clean-water projects and other critical needs in desperate communities around the world.

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There was a great deal of energy devoted to needs in the U.S., as well. Many honorees were recognized for assisting Americans who are sick or disabled, aiding the disadvantaged, tutoring or mentoring other young people and promoting health and safety. Others were cited for enhancing school or community resources, protecting the environment, taking care of animals and supporting U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Information on the volunteer activities of all of the honorees can be found at http://spirit.prudential.com.

“Through their selfless acts of service, these award recipients have greatly improved the lives of others,” said Prudential Chairman and CEO John Strangfeld. “We hope their stories and their dedication inspire other young people to do the same.”

"We are so pleased to celebrate these student volunteers,” said JoAnn Bartoletti, executive director of NASSP. “It’s important to highlight them as powerful examples of how young people can make a difference."

About The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards represents the United States’ largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteer service. All public and private middle level and high schools in the country, as well as all Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs and affiliates of HandsOn Network, were eligible to select a student or member for a local Prudential Spirit of Community Award. More than 5,000 Local Honorees were then reviewed by an independent judging panel, which selected State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists based on criteria including personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact and personal growth.

While in Washington, D.C., the 102 State Honorees – one middle level and one high school student from each state and the District of Columbia – will tour the capital’s landmarks, attend a gala awards ceremony at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History, and visit their congressional representatives on Capitol Hill. In addition, 10 of them – five middle level and five high school students – will be named National Honorees on May 7. These honorees will receive additional $5,000 awards, gold medallions, crystal trophies and $5,000 grants from The Prudential Foundation for nonprofit charitable organizations of their choice.

Since the program began in 1995, more than 100,000 young volunteers nationwide have been honored by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards at the local, state or national level. The program also is conducted by Prudential subsidiaries in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Ireland and India. In addition to granting its own awards, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program also distributes President’s Volunteer Service Awards to qualifying Local Honorees on behalf of President Barack Obama.

For information on all of this year’s Prudential Spirit of Community State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists, visit http://spirit.prudential.com or www.nassp.org/spirit.

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About NASSP

NASSP is the leading organization of and national voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals, and all school leaders from across the United States and more than 45 countries around the world. The association provides research-based professional development and resources, networking and advocacy to build the capacity of middle level and high school leaders to continually improve student performance. Reflecting its longstanding commitment to student leadership development as well, NASSP administers the National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, National Elementary Honor Society and National Association of Student Councils. For more information about NASSP, located in Reston, VA, visit www.nassp.org.

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The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards
2012 State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists

Alabama

State Honorees:
Daniel Morriss, 18, Vestavia Hills High School, Vestavia Hills
Abigail Knight, 14, Hewitt-Trussville Middle School, Trussville

Distinguished Finalists:
Sarah Bender, 17, The Altamont School, Birmingham
Olga Manouvakhova, 17, Hoover High School, Hoover
Rachel Robertson, 18, McGill-Toolen Catholic High School, Mobile
Savannah Slater, 18, Moody High School, Moody

Alaska

State Honorees:
Teressa Baldwin, 18, Mt. Edgecumbe High School, Sitka
Keefer Brown, 13, Teeland Middle School, Wasilla

Distinguished Finalists:
Regan Fitzgerald, 18, West Anchorage High School, Anchorage
Courtney Stroh, 15, Kenai Central High School, Kenai

Arizona

State Honorees:
Preslee Swern, 18, Paradise Honors High School, Surprise
Alyssa Moran, 14, Sundance Elementary School, Peoria

Distinguished Finalists:
Michaela Chinn, 17, St. Gregory College Preparatory School, Tucson
Vidur Gupta, 18, Desert Mountain High School, Scottsdale
Rebia Khan, 18, Xavier College Preparatory, Phoenix
Mac Kenzie Lyons, 16, Cactus Shadows High School, Cave Creek
Caroline Rodi, 16, Cactus Shadows High School, Cave Creek
Taylor Wetnight, 17, Sunrise Mountain High School, Peoria

Arkansas

State Honorees:
Joseph McCollum, 15, Desha County 4-H, McGehee
Alexandria Hunter, 14, Clark County 4-H, Arkadelphia

Distinguished Finalists:
Shawnee Clark, 17, Midland School District, Pleasant Plains
Joshua Shaw, 18, Hillcrest High School, Strawberry
Raygan Sylvester, 15, North Little Rock High School East Campus, North Little Rock
Mattie Thacker, 16, North Little Rock High School, North Little Rock

California

State Honorees:
Catherine Mitchell, 16, Guajome Park Academy, Vista
Cecilia Cassini, 12, Sierra Canyon School, Chatsworth

Distinguished Finalists:
Athman Adiseshan, 14, Ramana Academy, San Jose
Allyson Ahlstrom, 16, Cardinal Newman High School, Santa Rosa
Holly Borg, 17, Santa Cruz High School, Santa Cruz
Zach Greer, 18, Bellarmine College Preparatory, San Jose
Vighnesh Iyer, 16, Whitney High School, Cerritos
Joseph Machado, 15, Los Osos High School, Rancho Cucamonga
Raghav Sehtia, 16, Harker School, San Jose
Xiaoyi Shao, 17, Maria Carrillo High School, Santa Rosa
Sean Traynor, 16, Carlmont High School, Castro Valley
Jacky Yao, 17, Damien High School, La Verne

Colorado

State Honorees:
Suzanne Luff, 18, Colorado Springs Christian High School, Colorado Springs
Christina Bear, 14, Metro Volunteers, Denver

Distinguished Finalists:
Eric Bear, 12, Metro Volunteers, Denver
Matthew Davis, 18, Castle View High School, Castle Rock
Angela Natrasevschi, 17, Girl Scouts Of Colorado, Denver
Jonathan Schwan, 15, Cheyenne Mountain High School, Colorado Springs

Connecticut

State Honorees:
Sanam Rastegar, 17, Hopkins School, New Haven
Patrick Briscoe, 13, St. Rose Of Lima School, Newtown

Distinguished Finalists:
Alison Centorino, 18, Cheshire High School, Cheshire
Emily Dzialo, 17, Mercy High School, Middletown
Rebecca Lazarus, 17, Windsor High School, Windsor
Katrina McGlynn, 14, Horace W. Porter School, Columbia

Delaware

State Honorees:
Emma Rider, 14, Sussex County 4-H, Georgetown
Christine McNeill, 14, H.B. du Pont Middle School, Hockessin

Distinguished Finalists:
Emily Bollinger, 18, The Charter School of Wilmington, Wilmington
Jennifer Hoffstadt, 17, Caesar Rodney High School, Camden
**District of Columbia**

**State Honorees:**
Tai Schroeder, 17, School Without Walls Senior High School, Washington
Gelatia Araia, 13, St. Augustine Catholic School, Washington

**Distinguished Finalists:**
Donae Owens, 17, Benjamin Banneker Academic High School, Washington
Dionna Stanton, 17, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, Washington

**Florida**

**State Honorees:**
Samantha Kerker, 16, Atlantic Community High School, Delray Beach
David Barge, 13, Key Biscayne K-8 Center, Key Biscayne

**Distinguished Finalists:**
Alexander Fields-Lefkovic, 18, Pine Crest School, Fort Lauderdale
Jonathan Ludmir, 18, Dr. Michael M. Krop High School, Miami
Haley Moss, 17, Pine Crest School, Fort Lauderdale
Stevie Peacock, 18, Pine View School, Osprey
Miles Saffran, 15, Trinity Preparatory School, Winter Park
Danielle Steinberg, 18, Martin County High School, Stuart
Elizabeth Tran, 17, Cypress Creek High School, Orlando
Melanie Wolff, 17, Ronald Reagan/Doral Senior High School, Doral

**Georgia**

**State Honorees:**
Kenneth Smalls-Muldrow, 17, Savannah Early College, Garden City
Rashad Holmes, 13, Rockdale County 4-H, Conyers

**Distinguished Finalists:**
Manasa Bhatta, 17, Chattahoochee High School, Johns Creek
Morgan Bowen, 18, Sumter County 4-H, Americus
Kathryn Engelmaier, 17, Savannah Arts Academy, Savannah
Sa Rang Lee, 18, North Gwinnett High School, Suwanee
Charlotte McCauley, 16, North Atlanta High School, Atlanta
Charles Orgbon, 16, Mill Creek High School, Hoschton

**Hawaii**

**State Honorees:**
Candonino Agusen, 16, Kealakehe High School, Kailua-Kona
Jackson Button, 13, Hawaii Technology Academy, Waipahu

**Distinguished Finalists:**
Scott Fetz, 16, Hawai‘i Preparatory Academy, Kaanapali
Jessica Sonson, 17, Lanakila Baptist High School, Ewa

**Idaho**

**State Honorees:**
Ariane Drake, 18, Century High School, Pocatello
Emily Kladar, 12, Canfield Middle School, Coeur d’Alene

**Distinguished Finalists:**
Kyle Ashby, 16, Bishop Kelly High School, Boise
Emily Carroll, 16, Post Falls High School, Post Falls

**Illinois**

**State Honorees:**
Jonny Cohen, 16, Highland Park High School, Highland Park
Daniella Cohen, 13, Elm Place Middle School, Highland Park

**Distinguished Finalists:**
Abigail Hedlin, 18, Lincoln-Way West High School, New Lenox
Grace Hill, 18, DuQuoin High School, DuQuoin
John Makowiec, 15, New Trier High School, Winnetka
Madelyn McGlynn, 17, Althoff Catholic High School, Belleville
Cassidy Muir, 17, John Hersey High School, Arlington Heights
Meaghan Ranz, 18, Wescrin High School, Trenton
Sarah Salameh, 17, Illinois Mathematics And Science Academy, Aurora
Kaley Shannon, 16, Lyons Township High School, La Grange

**Indiana**

**State Honorees:**
Krystal Shirrell, 18, Brownsburg High School, Brownsburg
Faith Killian-Fassnacht, 14, Wea Ridge Middle School, Lafayette

**Distinguished Finalists:**
Madison Doyle, 16, Frontier Jr./Sr. High School, Chalmers
Deirdre Elfers, 18, East Central High School, St. Leon
Alyssa Jackson, 18, Wapahani High School, Selma
Evan Meade, 18, Franklin Community High School, Franklin
Nathaniel Stone, 18, Warsaw Community High School, Warsaw
Colton Strawser, 17, LakeLand High School, Lagrange

**Iowa**

**State Honorees:**
Kayla De Weerd, 14, Sioux County 4-H, Orange City
Hannah Jorgensen, 13, Adair County 4-H, Greenfield

**Distinguished Finalists:**
Rachael Bair, 17, Hudson High School, Hudson
Julianne Delessio, 17, Pleasant Valley High School, Bettendorf
Gabriel Eide, 18, Decorah High School, Decorah
Pavane Gorrepati, 18, Rivermont Collegiate, Bettendorf
Kansas

State Honorees:
Saajan Bhakta, 17, Northwest High School, Wichita
Grace Schram, 13, Leawood Middle School, Leawood

Distinguished Finalists:
Zach Haney, 16, Shawnee Heights High School, Tecumseh
Kenneth Kays, 18, St. Mary's-Colgan Junior/Senior High School, Pittsburg
Danielle Newton, 18, Prairie View High School, La Cygne
Molly Rockefeller, 18, Washburn Rural High School, Topeka

Kentucky

State Honorees:
Julia Higginbotham, 17, Mercer County Senior High School, Harrodsburg
Megison Hancock, 13, Paducah Middle School, Paducah

Distinguished Finalists:
Scott Callahan, 16, Boyd County High School, Ashland
Jamie Doctrow, 17, duPont Manual High School, Louisville
Mollie Kregor, 17, Martha Layne Collins High School, Shelbyville
Derek Willett, 17, St. Mary High School, Paducah

Louisiana

State Honorees:
Mary-Brent Brown, 16, St. Scholastica Academy, Covington
Anne Hope Noel, 12, Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic School, Mandeville

Distinguished Finalists:
Justin Magrath, 17, Fontainebleau High School, Mandeville
John Murphy, 17, St. Paul's School, Covington
Camille Tharpe, 14, Caddo Middle Magnet School, Shreveport
Cameron Windham, 17, Jena High School, Jena

Maine

State Honorees:
Andrew Hayford, 17, York High School, York
Carly Osgood, 13, Girl Scouts Of Maine, South Portland

Distinguished Finalists:
Alexandra Hood, 17, Lewiston High School, Lewiston
Emily Sevey, 17, Dexter Regional High School, Dexter

Maryland

State Honorees:
Saanya Ali, 15, Holton-Arms School, Bethesda
Loranika Sharma, 11, Mattawoman Middle School, Waldorf

Distinguished Finalists:
Felicia Clements, 13, Middletown Middle School, Middletown
Sarah Fetcho, 17, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Towson
Josephine Grant, 17, Francis Scott Key High School, Union Bridge
Anuj Khandelwal, 16, Gilman School, Baltimore
Nina Lu, 17, Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring
Leah Muskin-Pierré, 17, Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital, Washington

Massachusetts

State Honorees:
Rebecca Ackerman, 16, Westborough High School, Westborough
Grace Kirrane, 12, Memorial Middle School, Fitchburg

Distinguished Finalists:
Elizabeth Belanger, 18, Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, Upton
Daniel Dietz, 18, Northampton High School, Northampton
Michael Firn, 17, Dover-Sherborn High School, Dover
Eric Lacroix, 18, Methuen High School, Methuen
Moira Landry, 15, Swampscott High School, Swampscott
Jessica Leong, 11, John A. Crisafulli Elementary School, Westford

Michigan

State Honorees:
Braeleigh Apley, 17, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor
Shayna Wierenga, 13, White Pines Middle School, Grand Haven

Distinguished Finalists:
Sarah Ellis, 18, Western High School, Parma
Jarrett Gorman, 17, Lake Orion High School, Lake Orion
Katelyn Hill, 18, Plymouth High School, Canton
Sara Ma, 16, Troy High School, Troy
Emily Maslovich, 13, Gratiot County 4-H, Ithaca
Rachael Stein, 16, Wylie E. Groves High School, Beverly Hills
Andrea Trubiano, 17, Goodrich High School, Goodrich
Hilary Viegelahn, 18, Rogers City High School, Rogers City

Minnesota

State Honorees:
David Schommer, 18, Woodbury High School, Woodbury
Michael Heim, 14, Sartell Middle School, Sartell

Distinguished Finalists:
Jessica Autey, 18, Girl Scouts of Minnesota & Wisconsin River Valleys, Brooklyn Center
Alexandra Grafe, 17, Mayo High School, Rochester
Kaitlyn Hennessy, 17, Lewiston-Altura High School, Lewiston
Kelsey Krueger, 18, St. Cloud Apollo High School, St. Cloud
Acacia Ramberg, 18, Stillwater Area High School, Stillwater
Kaylah Smeby, 13, New Prague Middle School, New Prague

Mississippi

State Honorees:
Torie Makel Hutchins, 17, Saltillo High School, Saltillo
Kailey Ready, 14, Stringer Attendance Center, Stringer

Distinguished Finalists:
Ashton Biggs, 17, Central Hinds Academy, Raymond
Christina Marie Lawrence, 17, St. Joseph Catholic School, Madison
Kelly Liles, 18, Oak Grove High School, Hattiesburg
Thomas Patten, 16, Poplarville High School, Poplarville
Missouri

**State Honorees:**
- Kelby Czerwonka, 17, West Plains High School, West Plains
- Taylor Black, 13, Warrensburg Middle School, Warrensburg

**Distinguished Finalists:**
- Jessie Fowler, 17, Missouri 4-H, Bowling Green
- Olivia Gammill, 11, Summit Intermediate School, Nixa
- Madison Howard, 18, Fort Zumwalt North High, O'Fallon
- Shelbie Kirkendoll, 18, Kearney High School, Kearney
- Kayla Schrimshaw, 17, William Chrisman High School, Independence
- Edward Tooley, 17, St. Louis Priory School, St. Louis

Montana

**State Honorees:**
- Iko'Tsimiskimaki Beck, 16, Hellgate High School, Missoula
- Emily Jones, 13, Ravalli County 4-H, Hamilton

**Distinguished Finalists:**
- Alekses Clifton, 18, Great Falls High School, Great Falls
- Josephine Lange, 13, Corvallis Middle School, Corvallis

Nebraska

**State Honorees:**
- Hope Edwards, 18, Lincoln Southeast High School, Lincoln
- Madison Cunningham, 13, St. Bernadette School, Bellevue

**Distinguished Finalists:**
- Mohit Jain, 17, Millard North High School, Omaha
- Bob Leddy, 16, Creighton Preparatory School, Omaha

Nevada

**State Honorees:**
- Angela Foremaster, 18, Legacy High School, North Las Vegas
- Ashlee Smith, 13, American Red Cross, Northern Nevada Chapter, Reno

**Distinguished Finalists:**
- Dominique Glasper, 14, Carroll M. Johnston Middle School, North Las Vegas
- Sabina Manzini, 15, Girl Scouts of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas
- Nathaniel Rosario, 16, JRJ School, Gardnerville
- Nicolas Vaughn, 17, Clark High School, Las Vegas

New Hampshire

**State Honorees:**
- Jennifer Wright, 18, Nashua High School North, Nashua
- Sarah-Jean Sargent, 14, Iber Holmes Gove Middle School, Raymond

**Distinguished Finalists:**
- Sabrina Freese, 17, Kearsarge Regional High School, North Sutton
- Anna Ravenelle, 16, Goffstown High School, Goffstown

New Jersey

**State Honorees:**
- Stephanie Jennis, 16, Montville Township High School, Montville
- Giovanna Boyle, 13, Glenfield Middle School, Montclair

**Distinguished Finalists:**
- Andrew Bauer, 18, Neptune High School, Neptune
- Katelyn Eystad, 15, Pitman High School, Pitman
- Anne Kuster, 17, North Hunterdon High School, Annandale
- Carly Levin, 17, Randolph High School, Randolph
- Joseph Mandes, 17, United Way Of Atlantic County, Galloway
- Victoria Pan, 17, Ridgewood High School, Ridgewood

New Mexico

**State Honorees:**
- Jerry Hou, 17, Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque
- Priscilla Duenas, 12, Lincoln Middle School, Rio Rancho

**Distinguished Finalists:**
- Serina Pack, 17, Grant County 4-H, Silver City
- Hallie Wright, 18, East Mountain High School, Sandia Park

New York

**State Honorees:**
- Christopher Yao, 15, Jericho High School, Jericho
- Raymond Mohler, 14, Lynbrook South Middle School, Lynbrook

**Distinguished Finalists:**
- Kayla Babbush, 17, John F. Kennedy High School, Bellmore
- Shane Carman, 16, Genesee Junior/Senior High School, Genesee
- David Cruikshank, 17, Mamaroneck High School, Larchmont
- Jillian Dolce, 13, Minisink Valley Middle School, Slate Hill
- Lynn-Indora Edmond, 17, Commack High School, Commack
- John Farese, 18, Sayville High School, West Sayville
- Annalise Mozer, 13, J. Taylor Finley Middle School, Huntington
- Emory Nager, 16, Westchester County 4-H, Valhalla

North Carolina

**State Honorees:**
- Kristen Powers, 18, Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA, Chapel Hill
- Nathaniel Stafford, 14, Princeton High School, Princeton

**Distinguished Finalists:**
- Emma Astrike-Davis, 15, Cary Academy, Cary
- Luke Hill, 17, Bladen County 4-H, Elizabethtown
- Miriam Morgan, 14, Currituck County Middle School, Barco
- Taylor Ramsey, 17, West Caldwell High School, Lenoir
- Parker Tilley, 14, North Davidson Middle School, Lexington
- Rebecca Venezia, 17, Broughton High School, Raleigh

North Carolina
North Dakota

State Honorees:
Hope Reis, 18, Century High School, Bismarck
Taytum Jones, 13, Erik Ramstad Middle School, Minot

Distinguished Finalists:
Andrew Hershey, 17, Rugby High School, Rugby
Nicole Rixen, 17, Jamestown High School, Jamestown

Ohio

State Honorees:
Robert Hendricks, 17, Rocky River High School, Rocky River
Mack Pairan, 14, Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy, Cincinnati

Distinguished Finalists:
Justin Bachman, 15, Solon High School, Solon
Elise Bruening, 19, Madison High School, Madison
Suneil Kamath, 19, Lincoln High School, Gahanna
Aunjanna’ Million, 19, Middletown High School, Middletown
Allen Osgood, 18, Loveland High School, Loveland
Phillip Reinhart, 19, Finneytown High School, Cincinnati
Timothy Rosenberger, 18, Lutheran High School West, Rocky River
Cara Shaver, 17, St. Francis DeSales High School, Columbus

Oklahoma

State Honorees:
Jonathan Crider, 18, Central High School, Marlow
Matthew Benjamin, 14, Regent Preparatory School, Tulsa

Distinguished Finalists:
Clytee Burchett, 17, Life Christian Academy, Oklahoma City
Taylor Daniel, 17, Western Heights High School, Oklahoma City
Lucy Mahaffey, 17, Norman North High School, Norman
Gabrielle Woods, 18, Tupelo High School, Tupelo

Oregon

State Honorees:
Alexander Stork, 18, Klamath Union High School, Klamath Falls
Chloe Staten, 14, Talent Middle School, Talent

Distinguished Finalists:
Noelani Gonzales, 16, Glencoe High School, Hillsboro
Meghana Kalavar, 17, Girl Scouts of Oregon & Southwest Washington, Portland
Savannah Loberger, 15, Hillsboro High School, Hillsboro
Zachary Odegard, 15, Polk County 4-H, Dallas

Pennsylvania

State Honorees:
Neha Gupta, 15, Pennsbury High School, Fairless Hills
Calista Pierce, 12, Maplewood Elementary School, Townville

Distinguished Finalists:
Shradha- Sonia Chhabria, 17, Moravian Academy, Bethlehem
Conner Hagens, 15, Bishop McCort Catholic High School, Johnstown
Brian McWilliams, 17, Pine-Richland High School, Gibsonia
Emily Morgan, 16, North Pocono High School, Covington Township
Lauren O’Grady, 18, Manheim Township High School, Lancaster
Kendall Ohrwashel, 18, Nazareth Area High School, Nazareth
Monica Oxenreiter, 17, Mt. Lebanon High School, Pittsburgh
Katye Trexler, 17, Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg

Rhode Island

State Honorees:
Sandanie Ambalangodage, 18, Lincoln School, Providence
Nicholas Lowinger, 15, Serve Rhode Island, Providence

Distinguished Finalists:
Cody Clarkin, 14, Chariho Middle School, Wood River Junction
Kerrin Maione, 18, Girl Scouts of Rhode Island, Providence

South Carolina

State Honorees:
Helen Clay, 16, Heathwood Hall Episcopal School, Columbia
Anthony Frederick, 13, Dent Middle School, Columbia

Distinguished Finalists:
Criosanna Allred, 18, Spartanburg Day School, Spartanburg
Raegan McCullough, 18, Crescent High School, Iva
Alessandra Tuel, 15, Dreher High School, Columbia
Carina Tuel, 12, Hand Middle School, Columbia

South Dakota

State Honorees:
Maren Johnson, 17, Watertown High School, Watertown
Kadon Leddy, 12, Milbank Middle School, Milbank

Distinguished Finalists:
Amy Shan, 16, Madison High School, Madison
Katherine Van Gerpen, 17, T.F. Riggs High School, Pierre
Tennessee

**State Honorees:**
- Hannah Wright, 18, Middle Tennessee Christian School, Murfreesboro
- Hannah Huth, 14, Harpeth Hall School, Nashville

**Distinguished Finalists:**
- Laura Bean, 18, Siegel High School, Murfreesboro
- Stavoula Christopoulos, 17, Hardin Valley Academy, Knoxville
- Callie Deanda, 15, Sevier County High School, Sevierville
- Caroline Hawkins, 17, Harpeth Hall School, Nashville
- Lauren Kelley, 12, Christ the King School, Nashville
- Miana Mahaffey, 16, Richard Hardy Memorial School, South Pittsburg

Texas

**State Honorees:**
- Nicholas Cobb, 15, Allen High School, Allen
- Leah Prager, 13, Frankford Middle School, Dallas

**Distinguished Finalists:**
- Zoe Albert, 17, Allen High School, Allen
- Amy Chyao, 17, Plano East Senior High School, Plano
- Carolina Destarac, 18, Bishop T.K. Gorman Regional Catholic School, Tyler
- Ashley Easterly, 16, Friendswood High School, Friendswood
- Hayleigh Hutrya, 12, Gene Pike Middle School, Justin
- Andrew Li, 18, Plano West Senior High School, Plano
- Emily Lites, 13, John M. Tidwell Middle School, Roanoke
- Cole Pitts, 17, Alvin High School, Alvin
- Haley Whatley, 17, Birdville High School, North Richland Hills
- Fengwei Xu, 17, Health Careers High School, San Antonio

Utah

**State Honorees:**
- Eric Babb, 16, Utah County 4-H, Provo
- Morgan Barron, 13, Girl Scouts of Utah, Salt Lake City

**Distinguished Finalists:**
- M'Lisa Dixon, 17, Spanish Fork High School, Spanish Fork
- Preston Judy, 17, Gunnison Valley High School, Gunnison
- Marshall Lindsay, 15, Stansbury High School, Stansbury Park
- Irfan Mahmud, 17, Snow Canyon High School, St. George

Vermont

**State Honorees:**
- Emery Tillman, 17, Middlebury Union High School, Middlebury
- Todd Boisjoli, 13, Shelburne Community School, Shelburne

**Distinguished Finalists:**
- Alison Cook, 17, Essex High School, Essex Junction
- Lacey Gagner, 17, Black River High School, Ludlow

Virginia

**State Honorees:**
- Abby Miller, 14, Potomac Falls High School, Sterling
- Logan Ratzlaff, 10, Paul H. Cale Elementary School, Charlottesville

**Distinguished Finalists:**
- E. Gates Bierhuizen, 17, Culpeper County 4-H, Reva
- Elisabeth Clymer, 17, Lake Braddock Secondary School, Burke
- Ann Levy, 15, Roanoke Catholic School, Roanoke
- Madison May, 17, Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg
- Madeline Pelgrim, 15, Oakton High School, Oakton
- Emily-Anne Rigal, 18, Walsingham Academy, Williamsburg

Washington

**State Honorees:**
- Jesse Sheldon, 17, Central Valley High School, Spokane Valley
- Skyler Lee, 12, Kelso-Longview Adventist School, Kelso

**Distinguished Finalists:**
- Diana Backman, 18, Northwest Christian High School, Lacey
- Susan Bengtson, 17, Richland High School, Richland
- Joel Bervell, 16, Kamiak High School, Mukilteo
- Alexander Pizzirani, 17, Interlake High School, Bellevue
- Jillian Roels, 18, Redmond High School, Redmond
- Amanda Washburn, 18, Holy Names Academy, Seattle

West Virginia

**State Honorees:**
- Emily Brown, 15, Herbert Hoover High School, Clendenin
- Katherine Deem, 13, Mason County 4-H, Point Pleasant

**Distinguished Finalists:**
- Wesley Davis, 17, Point Pleasant Junior/Senior High School, Point Pleasant
- Catherine Wells, 17, St. Marys High School, St. Marys

Wisconsin

**State Honorees:**
- Jordyn Schara, 17, Reedsburg Area High School, Reedsburg
- Zach Harmon, 12, New Berlin West Middle/High School, New Berlin

**Distinguished Finalists:**
- Paige Bani, 17, West De Pere High School, De Pere
- Hunter Evenson, 17, Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School, Galesville
- Adam Hastings, 17, St. Gabriel Catholic School, Hubertus
- Makenzie Muehler, 17, Hamilton High School, Sussex
- Matthias Olson, 18, Door County 4-H, Sturgeon Bay
- Brian Swiggum, 18, Cashton High School, Cashton
Wyoming

State Honorees:
Rebel Rauterkus, 17, Lincoln County 4-H, Afton
Megan Kenney, 12, Newcastle Middle School, Newcastle

Distinguished Finalists:
Caleb Brackett, 18, Big Piney High School, Big Piney
Christina Silvey, 17, Pinedale High School, Pinedale