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## Area students recognized as candidates for U.S. Presidential Scholars

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Two area students were among 10 Gatton Academy seniors who recently learned they are candidates for the 2021 United States Presidential Scholars Program.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by Executive Order of the President to recognize and honor some of the nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors.

The area 2021 candidates for the U.S. Presidential Scholar from The Gatton Academy are:

Joseph L. Lyvers, Bardstown High School, son of Charlotte and Roger Lyvers, of Loretto.

Jazmine Moore, Elizabethtown High School, daughter of Corrado and Monika Moore of Elizabethtown.

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars' review committee selects honored scholars annually based on their academic achievement, personal characteristics, leadership and service activities, in addition to the quality and content of their essays.

Each year, more than 5,000 candidates are identified for the component of the program that focuses on academic achievement and based on having scored exceptionally well on the SAT or the ACT. Eligible students are U.S. citizens and legal permanent U.S. residents, who will graduate or receive their high school diploma between January and August of the current program year and have taken the ACT or SAT assessment on or before October of the previous year.

From here, approximately 700 candidates will be named semifinalists and up to 161 students will be recognized in May as Presidential Scholars. The majority of the scholars will be selected on the basis of broad academic achievement. Approximately 20 students are selected on the basis of their academic and artistic scholarship in the visual arts, the performing arts or creative writing. Additionally, approximately 20 additional students will be selected on the basis of their ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields.

If a student is selected as a U.S. Presidential Scholar, they are traditionally honored in Washington, D.C., in June. During the traditional trip, U.S. Presidential Scholars are guests of the U.S. Department of Education and the Commission and enjoy an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to meet with government officials, educators and other accomplished people. To commemorate their achievement, the Scholars are awarded the U.S. Presidential Scholars medallion at a ceremony sponsored by the White House.

For information, go to [U.S. Presidential Scholars Program](https://www.uspresidentialscholars.gov).

