

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
May 12, 2022  
[www.sde.idaho.gov](http://www.sde.idaho.gov)

**Media Contact:**  
Maggie Reynolds  
Public Information Specialist  
208-332-6976  
[mreynolds@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:mreynolds@sde.idaho.gov)

## **Two Idaho high school seniors recognized as 2022 U.S. Presidential Scholars**

(BOISE) – Two Idaho high school seniors have been named 2022 U.S. Presidential Scholars, Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra announced Thursday.

“Two outstanding Idaho students — Katharine Elizabeth Turcke of Boise High School and Logan N. Frey of Thunder Ridge High School in Idaho Falls — were selected from among 161 high school seniors nationwide,” Superintendent Ybarra said. “They exemplify why Idaho now ranks 17th in the nation in student achievement, up from 31st just five years ago.”

“The national Presidential Scholars program honors graduating seniors who have demonstrated scholarship, leadership and service to their schools and communities. I know they will represent Idaho well,” the superintendent said. “I congratulate these two students, their families, their schools and their communities on this accomplishment.”

Each year, the [White House Commission on Presidential Scholars](#) selects scholars based on their academic success, artistic and technical excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as a demonstrated commitment to community service and leadership. Created in 1964, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program has honored over 7,900 of the nation’s top-performing students.

“Our 2022 Presidential Scholars represent the best of America, and remind us that when empowered by education, there are no limits to what our young people can achieve,” U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona said. “Today, I join President Biden to celebrate a class of scholars whose pursuit of knowledge, generosity of spirit and exceptional talents bring our nation tremendous pride. Throughout one of the most trying periods in our nation’s history and amid our recovery from the pandemic, our

students have once again demonstrated their strength and that they have so much to contribute to our country. Thanks to them, I know America's future is bright.”

Of the 3.7 million students expected to graduate from high school this year, more than 4,000 candidates qualified for the 2022 awards.

As directed by Presidential Executive Order, each year one young man and one young woman are chosen as scholars from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and U.S. families living abroad. There are also 15 candidates chosen at-large as well as 20 scholars in the arts and 20 scholars in career and technical education.

The Presidential Scholars Class of 2022 will be recognized for their commitment to all-around achievement this summer with an online recognition program. A complete list of 2022 U.S. Presidential Scholars can be found at <http://www.ed.gov/psp>.

###