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Superintendent nominates two Idaho students as Presidential Scholars

(BOISE) – Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra has nominated two Idaho high school seniors to be Presidential Scholars.

“I am happy to nominate two remarkably accomplished, well-rounded young women for this prestigious program,” Superintendent Ybarra said. “Matteya Proctor of Deary and Katie Tidwell of Boise have demonstrated excellent scholarship, character and leadership in high school, as well as limitless potential for post-graduation college and career.”

Tidwell’s tenure at Centennial High School is remarkably well-rounded, including National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America, varsity golf, website design national Microsoft Office competition, piano performance and acting. A teen member of the local Girl Scouts Board of Directors, she has a long list of volunteer activities.

Proctor has been a leader throughout her time at Deary School, drawing top grades while serving on the Student Council and Idaho Drug Free Youth Chapter, playing four varsity sports and being named Academic Athlete and Female Athlete of the year. In recommending her for the nomination, school leaders stressed her work ethic and compassion in addition to her many achievements.

State superintendents across the nation make nominations for the Presidential Scholars program. Other candidates for each state are selected by a national committee based on their SAT and ACT scores as well as leadership and community involvement.

A full list of Idaho’s Presidential Scholar candidates will be announced early next year, with semifinalists named in the spring. Ultimately, two top students – one male and one female – from each state travel to Washington, D.C. as Presidential Scholars. Find more information on the [State Department of Education website](http://www.sde.idaho.gov).

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