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Four Utah Students Named as 2025 Presidential Scholars By Federal Department of Education

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah State Board of Education is proud to announce the four outstanding Utah high school seniors who have been named U.S. Presidential Scholars for 2025 by the U.S. Department of Education. These recipients are:

- **Blake Ryan Hullinger**, Draper - Corner Canyon High School
- **Jacob Glen Jenkins**, Tooele - Tooele High School
- **Meleani A. Tukuafu**, Lindon - Pleasant Grove High School
- **Denver Marie Whaley**, Lehi - Juan Diego Catholic High School

“The Utah State Board of Education extends its warmest congratulations to these outstanding students for their dedication and achievements. It is an honor to have these four represent the best of Utah’s schools and serve as an inspiration to their fellow students,” said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Molly Hart.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, which was established in 1964, has a long history of honoring the nation’s top-performing students. Students are recognized for their accomplishments in academics, arts, and career and technical education fields.

Of the 3.9 million students who graduated from high school this year nationwide, two students are selected from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. families living abroad. This year's honorees also include 20 scholars in the arts, 20 scholars in career and technical education, and 15

additional students. These students have demonstrated outstanding performance on the SAT or ACT exams or received nominations from chief state school officers and partner recognition organizations.

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