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## Press Release

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### **Two BRMHS Students Up for Presidential Scholars Awards**

**Baton Rouge, La. – Out of seven East Baton Rouge Parish School System candidates for this year’s Presidential Scholars Program, two students are now semifinalists** for this prestigious national award. **Both are from Baton Rouge Magnet High School.** Initially, there were 2.8 million student candidate applications. There are 500 semifinalists in all.

Baton Rouge High students Darren A. Jindal and Neal C. Wu are Presidential Scholars Program Semifinalists and were selected for their exceptional performance on either the College Board SAT or the ACT Assessment exams. Further consideration is based on students’ essays, self-assessments, description of activities, school recommendations and school transcripts.

Inclusion in the Presidential Scholars Program is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in the community and school activities. The Commission on Presidential Scholars will make the final decision on who eventually will be named a Presidential Scholar – one male and one female student from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and areas abroad where students reside; 15 students at-large; and up to 20 students from the creative and performing arts.

**The U.S. Department of Education will announce the final list of Scholars in May.** They will be invited to **Washington, D.C., in mid-June** to receive the Presidential Scholars medallion at a recognition ceremony. **For more information about the program, call (319) 341-2777 or log on to [Presidential.Scholars@ed.gov](mailto:Presidential.Scholars@ed.gov).**

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