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WHS SENIOR NAMED PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR CANDIDATE

A Westlake High School senior was named U.S. Presidential Scholar candidate.

Justin T. Krantz is among 156 students from Ohio to be recognized for this prestigious award.

Each year, up to 161 students nationwide are named Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

Application for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program is by invitation only. Students must score exceptionally well on either the SAT or ACT and submit candidacy materials, including essays, self-assessments, secondary school reports and transcripts. Candidates are evaluated on their academic achievement, personal characteristics, leadership and service activities, and an analysis of their essay.

Justin has not selected a college yet, but he is planning to study chemical engineering. Among his accomplishments are a perfect 36 on the ACT and being named a National Merit Commended Scholar. He is a member of the Academic Challenge and Science Olympiad teams. He enjoys playing basketball and soccer with his friends, reading science fiction and listening to rock music.

About 800 candidates are named semifinalists and will be forwarded to a commission for further review. In April, the Commission on Presidential Scholars selects up to 161 U. S. Presidential Scholars. One young man and one young woman are chosen from each state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and from families of U.S. citizens living abroad. In addition, up to 15 students are chosen at large.

Students chosen at U.S. Presidential Scholars receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in June and the U.S. Presidential Scholars medallion at a

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ceremony sponsored by the White House. The federal program has honored more than 7,000 U. S. Presidential Scholars.

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