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East Providence Townie, Ty Messier named semifinalist in U.S. Presidential Scholarship Program

East Providence, RI – Ty Messier, a graduating senior at East Providence High School has been named one of 621 semifinalists in the 2025 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The semifinalists were selected from over 6,000 candidates expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2025.

Inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, now in its 61st year, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of their accomplishments in many areas- academic and artistic success, accomplishment in career and technical fields, leadership, strong character and involvement in school and the community.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by Executive Order of the President to recognize some of our nation's most distinguished graduating seniors for their accomplishments in academics, leadership, and service to school and community. It was expanded in 1979 to recognize students demonstrating exceptional scholarship and talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts. In 2015, the program was expanded once again to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical fields. Annually, up to 161 U.S. Presidential Scholars are chosen from among that year's senior class, representing excellence in education and the promise of greatness in America's youth. Each year, Scholars are presented with a Presidential Scholars Medallion.

A distinguished panel of educators have reviewed these submissions and selected 621 semifinalists. In the coming months, we will complete final selection of the high school seniors

who will be named as the 2025 U.S. Presidential Scholars, and the names of those students will be announced by U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon.

For more information about the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, parents and students can e-mail PSP@scholarshipamerica.org.

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NOTE TO NEWS EDITORS: A complete list of candidates and semifinalists is available on the Program's web page <https://www.ed.gov/grants-and-programs/recognition-programs/us-presidential-scholars-program>. For more information about the student(s), contact the student(s) directly.