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East H.S. Student Selected as Candidate For Presidential Scholars Program

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St. Charles East H.S. senior Alan Koval has been selected as a candidate for the United States Presidential Scholars program.

Alan scored a perfect mark of 36 on his ACT, 1510 out of 1600 on his SAT, and plans on attending college at either the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Rice University or the University of Minnesota. Earlier this year, Alan was also selected as a finalist for this year's National Merit Scholarship Competition. Winners of the National Merit Scholarship Competition will be notified in the coming weeks.

In addition to his class work, Alan is a member of the Scholastic Bowl and Math teams. He was also named a winner in the 2016 Congressional App Challenge for "Koval's 3D Grapher". (Click here for a YouTube video demonstrating the app.)

The Commission on Presidential Scholars and the United States Department of Education recognizes the achievements of graduating high school seniors throughout the U.S. with the Presidential Scholars Program. Application for the program is open only to candidates invited to apply for the program. After the initial application stage, 800 semifinalists are selected. Annually, up to 161 U.S. Presidential Scholars are selected from the eligible members of high school seniors across the country.

Students who are selected as Presidential Scholars are invited to Washington DC in June for a National Recognition Program and various events which culminate in the presentation of the Presidential Scholars Medallions during a White House-sponsored ceremony.

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