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MEDIA RELEASE

Candidates for Presidential Scholars Program

(Columbus, GA)-Two high school seniors, Melissa Cousins (Northside High School) and Benjamin Faught (Columbus High School), are candidates for the United States Presidential Scholars Program. Now, as candidates, the students must apply for this year's Scholars competition.

Scholars are chosen based on accomplishments in academic achievements, artistic success, leadership, school/community involvement. The Scholars are invited to Washington D.C. in June to participate in National Recognition Weekend, which includes enrichment activities, events, and presentation of the students of the Presidential medallion during a ceremony sponsored by the White House.

In order to be selected as one of the 500 semifinalists, and ultimately a Scholar, the application materials, including essays, self-assessments, secondary school reports, and transcripts, must be submitted by February 23. Students selected as Semifinalists and Scholars will be listed on the www.ed.gov website. Semifinalists will be posted in April and scholars will be posted in May.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by Executive Order of the President to recognize and honor some of the nation's most distinguished graduating seniors. Up to 141 students are chosen to become U.S. Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

For more information, access <http://www.ed.gov/programs/psp/index.html>, or contact Columbus High School, (706) 748-2534 or Northside High School, (706) 748-2920.

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