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## **Benjamin Franklin High School Presidential Scholars Nominees**

Benjamin Franklin High School is proud to announce the following seven (7) seniors have been nominated as United States Presidential Scholars:

Tracey L. Bullington  
Jonathan S. Chawla  
Amelie M. Daigle  
Avery W. Eames  
Dan A. Johnson  
Luke A. Robison  
Shuehun Wang

According to the United States Department of Education, "the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors for their accomplishments in many areas: academic success, leadership, and service to school and community. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts. Each year, up to 141 students are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. The Scholars represent excellence in education and the promise of greatness in young people." If a student is chosen as a Presidential Scholar he/she will be invited to Washington D.C. in June for National Recognition Week.

For more information regarding this award contact Ms. Janet DeGrazio, College and Academic Counselor, at 504-286-2603 or visit our web site at [www.benfranklinhighschool.org](http://www.benfranklinhighschool.org).

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Benjamin Franklin High School, located on the campus of The University of New Orleans, has always been recognized as a "benchmark" of academic excellence throughout the State of Louisiana. Founded in 1957, Franklin has carefully followed its

stated mission, which says, in part, “to promote excellence among New Orleans high school students.” The school has been consistently ranked as a “top public high school in the nation” by U.S. News and World Report (2009); Newsweek (2008, 2007); Business Week (2009), to name a few, and has received the highest School Performance Score in Louisiana, making it the #1 academically ranked school in the state again this year.