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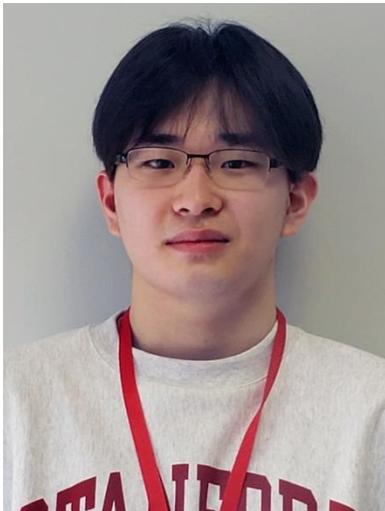
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### Tenaflly High School Student Named Semifinalist in 2021 U.S. Presidential Scholar Program

*Senior Edward Kim recognized as one of the nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors*

#### For Immediate Release

**Tenaflly, NJ** – May 5, 2021 – Tenaflly High School today announced that senior Edward Kim has been named a 2021 U.S. Presidential Scholar Semifinalist. From nearly 3.6 million graduating high school seniors, over 6,500 students were identified as candidates in the program, and 625 semifinalists have been selected from across the country.



"It's unreal to have this great scholarship opportunity," said Kim. "I want to thank the Tenaflly community and everyone who supported me along the way."

To be named a U.S. Presidential Scholar, students must be citizens or legal permanent U.S. residents, graduate during the current school year, and score in the top percentage of students for either the SAT of the College Board or the ACT of the American College Testing Program.

"Edward's dedication has paid dividends by being named among the nation's best and brightest high school seniors," said Tenaflly High School Principal Jim Morrison. "He has taken advantage of our strong academic and extracurricular programs and is a notable role model for students across the country."

Recently named a Governor's STEM Scholar 2021 for his research on the application of kinesthetic illusion to a force-sensitive device designed to aid hand grasp in microgravity, Kim also investigated the evolutionary origins of Mexican tetra. He received recognition as a Jersey Shore Junior Science Symposium Oral Finalist, received awards from the North Jersey Regional Science Fair and the international INSPO Research and Innovation Competition (IRIC), and was published in the NJCSS journal: *The Case for Interdisciplinary Education, Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 21, No. 1 Winter-Spring 2021*. Kim will attend Stanford University in the fall where he plans to study cognitive neuroscience, bioengineering, and/or public policy.

“I’m not exactly sure of my future goals or career path,” added Kim. “I just want to do something that will make a positive impact.”

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. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts. In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields.

Students chosen as finalists receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in June for National Recognition Weekend, which features various events and enrichment activities and culminates in the presentation of the Presidential Scholars Medallion during a White House-sponsored ceremony. During their visit, scholars have access to important national and international figures, including government officials, educators, authors, musicians, scientists, and other accomplished people.

For more information on Tenafly High School, visit [www.tenaflyschools.org](http://www.tenaflyschools.org).

For more information on the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, visit [www.ed.gov/psp](http://www.ed.gov/psp).

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