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FIRST PLACE
- Elisabeth Schlossel, New York, NY – The Spence School, New York, NY

SECOND PLACE
- Maggie Bishop, Westminster, CO – Standley Lake High School, Westminster, CO
- Madelyn Letendre, Monument, CO – Palmer Ridge High School, Monument, CO
- Cynthia Lu, Belmont, MA – Belmont High School, Belmont, MA
- Isabelle Oestman, Castle Rock, CO – Castle View High School, Castle Rock, CO
- Kimberley Tran, Clayton, MO – Clayton High School, Clayton, MO

THIRD PLACE
- Eleanor Adasiak, Fairbanks, AK – Watershed Charter School, Fairbanks, AK
- Jackie Black, Mount Sinai, NY – Mount Sinai High School, Mount Sinai, NY
- Alexis Briano, Walnut Park, CA – Bonita High School, La Verne, CA
- Addie Cluff, Gilbert, AZ – Heritage Academy-Gateway, Queen Creek, AZ
- Ankita Devasia, Nashua, NH – Nashua High School-South, Nashua, NH
- Rachel Kirby, South Elgin, IL – South Elgin High School, South Elgin, IL
- Ethan Krusky, Acton, Canada – Christ the King Catholic Secondary School, Georgetown, Canada
- Mallory Montgomery, Springfield, MO – Greenwood Lab School, Springfield, MO
- Griffin Sanders, Elmhurst, IL – York Community High School, Elmhurst, IL
- Olivia Walker, Cincinnati, OH – Mariemont High School, Cincinnati, OH

FINALISTS
- Sagnik Anupam, New Delhi, India – Delhi Public School, R. K. Puram, New Delhi, India
- June Barash, Rockville, MD – Poolesville High School, Poolesville, MD
- Joulhiette Bassett, Queen Creek, AZ – Heritage Academy-Gateway, Queen Creek, AZ
- Reagan Beckham, Crown Point, IN – Crown Point High School, Crown Point, IN
- Ethan Bradley, Galt, CA – Tokay High School, Lodi, CA
- Valeria Brown, Byram, MS – Clinton Christian Academy, Clinton, MS
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- Kenneth-Michael Caldeo, Jacksonville, FL – Stanton College Preparatory School, Jacksonville, FL
- Julianna Campo, Miller Place, NY – Miller Place High School, Miller Place, NY
- Morrgan Crist, Paragould, AR – Greene County Tech Junior High School, Paragould, AR
- Kristin Delaney, Bartlett, IL – South Elgin High School, South Elgin, IL
- Bianca Escobedo, Rimrock, AZ – Camp Verde High School, Camp Verde, AZ
- Alissa Garcia, Andrews, TX – Andrews High School, Andrews, TX
- Minji Kang, Seogwipo, Korea – Branksome Hall Asia, Seogwipo, Korea
- Palvasha Khan, Mississauga, Canada – John Fraser Secondary School, Mississauga, Canada
- Jin Won Kim, Douglaston, NY – Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy, Douglaston, NY
- Joanna Koziol, Algonquin, IL – Harry D. Jacobs High School, Algonquin, IL
- Madeline Lessard, Bow, NH – Bow High School, Bow, NH
- Joanna Li, Albany, CA – Albany High School, Albany, CA
- Raelen Lipat, Orlando, FL – Winter Park High School, Winter Park, FL
- Camryn Lopez, Brea, CA – Brea-Olinda High School, Brea, CA
- Anika McGetchin, Jupiter, FL – Suncoast High School, Riviera Beach, FL
- Maci McKinnies, Du Quoin, IL – DuQuoin High School, Du Quoin, IL
- Camille Mendoza, Terre Haute, IN – Terre Haute South Vigo High School, Terre Haute, IN
- Morgan Mullens, Bakersfield, CA – Independence High School, Bakersfield, CA
- Jiwon Na, Incheon, Korea – Chadwick International, Incheon, Korea
- Kate Overbey, Cincinnati, OH – Mariemont High School, Cincinnati, OH
- Rachel Partington, Minster, OH – Marion Local High School, Maria Stein, OH
- Kaitlyn Peterson, Crystal, MN – Robbinsdale Cooper High School, New Hope, MN
- Blakely Richardson, Nancy, KY – Southwestern High School, Somerset, KY
- Anna Robinette, Fargo, ND – Carl Ben Eielson Middle School, Fargo, ND
- Claire Shao, Wexford, PA – Marshall Middle School, Wexford, PA
- Kristina Sosa, San Dimas, CA – Bonita High School, La Verne, CA
- Dylan Thorpe, Romance, AR – Beebe High School, Beebe, AR
- Selin Tiryakioğlu, Jacksonville, FL – Stanton College Preparatory School, Jacksonville, FL
- Joanna Valdez, Vista, CA – Rancho Buena Vista High School, Vista, CA
- Vivek Vanga, Atwater, CA – Buhach Colony High School, Atwater, CA
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- Brandon Wever, Erlanger, KY – Covington Catholic High School, Park Hills, KY
- Kelly White, South Elgin, IL – South Elgin High School, South Elgin, IL
- Rhiannon White, Lake Hughes, CA – Quartz Hill High School, Quartz Hill, CA
- Emma Willocks, Terre Haute, IN – Terre Haute South Vigo High School, Terre Haute, IN
- Logan Woodhouse – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- Mario Xerri, Mount Sinai, NY – Mount Sinai High School, Mount Sinai, NY
- Serena Yeh, Diamond Bar, CA – Diamond Bar High School, Diamond Bar, CA
- Richard Zimring, St. Cloud, MN – Technical High School, St. Cloud, MN

SEMIFINALISTS

- Jovan Aigbeakaen, Dracut, MA – Dracut High School, Dracut, MA
- Carly Allen, New Castle, IN – Shenandoah High School, Middletown, IN
- Michelle Aude – South Texas Preparatory Academy, Edinburg, TX
- Trisha Badjatia, Fremont, CA – Challenger School-Ardenwood, Newark, CA
- Lindsey Baeza, Cedar Lake, IN – Crown Point High School, Crown Point, IN
- Morgan Bair, Columbus, OH – Hilliard Darby High School, Hilliard, OH
- Soncera Ball, Pt. Pleasant, NJ – Memorial Middle School, Pt. Pleasant, NJ
- Elisabeth Baranovskaya – Vineland High School-South, Vineland, NJ
- Kiara Barbee, Kent, WA – Kentlake High School, Kent, WA
- Nathan Bawaan, Seattle, WA – Roosevelt High School, Seattle, WA
- Ruben Benitez, Dallas, TX – Skyline High School, Dallas, TX
- Rebecca Birgis – Calvary Christian School, Old Bridge, NJ
- William Boglino, Miller Place, NY – Miller Place High School, Miller Place, NY
- Lindsey Bonk, Edwardsville, IL – Edwardsville High School, Edwardsville, IL
- Toni Brayo, Everson, PA – Southmoreland High School, Alverton, PA
- Joshua Brito, La Verne, CA – Bonita High School, La Verne, CA
- Trystan Bullock, Somerset, KY – Southwestern High School, Somerset, KY
- Annie Busath, Monument, CO – Palmer Ridge High School, Monument, CO
- Taylor Bybee, Clinton, UT – Clearfield High School, Clearfield, UT
- Michelle Castaneda, Cicero, IL – J. Sterling Morton High School East, Cicero, IL
- Jacob Cauley, Cypress, TX – Cypress Woods High School, Cypress, TX
- Sophia Chaudhry, Virginia Beach, VA – Ocean Lakes High School, Virginia Beach, VA
- Shreya Chaudhuri, Hayward, CA – Challenger School-Ardenwood, Newark, CA
SEMIFINALIST (continued)

- Claudia Chavarria, Flushing, NY – Bayside High School, Bayside, NY
- Francisco Chavez, Joliet, IL – Joliet Central High School, Joliet, IL
- Skylar Cheatham, Shawnee, OK – Bethel High School, Shawnee, OK
- Carter Colosky, Portage, MI – Central High School, Portage, MI
- Lauren Conciardo, Webster, NY – Schroeder High School, Webster, NY
- Isaac Cone, Austin, TX – Murchison Middle School, Austin, TX
- Timothy Curtin, Miami, FL – Escuela Americana De El Salvador, Miami, FL
- Denver Dagostino, Mount Sinai, NY – Mount Sinai High School, Mount Sinai, NY
- Victoria Den Bleyker, Loch Arbour, NJ – Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School, Rumson, NJ
- Michelle Dickson, Clearfield, UT – Clearfield High School, Clearfield, UT
- Shirley Dong, Bayside, NY – Bayside High School, Bayside, NY
- Jennifer Donohue, Vicksburg, MI – Central High School, Portage, MI
- Zachary Duthie, Fort Washington, PA – Upper Dublin High School, Fort Washington, PA
- Evelyn Eaton, Austin, TX – Murchison Middle School, Austin, TX
- Andreas Ellinas, Edwardsville, IL – Edwardsville High School, Edwardsville, IL
- Anthony Evans, Edwardsville, IL – Edwardsville High School, Edwardsville, IL
- Emily Evans, Bossier City, LA – Airline High School, Bossier City, LA
- Kelly Fan, Ann Arbor, MI – Huron High School, Ann Arbor, MI
- Brittany Farmer, Lawsonville, NC – North Stokes High School, Danbury, NC
- Shannon Farrell, Kalamazoo, MI – Central High School, Portage, MI
- Kirstin Felsmann, Fair Haven, NJ – Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School, Rumson, NJ
- Courtney Forberg – Harborfields High School, Greenlawn, NY
- Kelsey Fowle – Harborfields High School, Greenlawn, NY
- Mandy Frazer, Lakeside, CA – El Capitan High School, Lakeside, CA
- Kyndall Freedman, Castle Rock, CO – Castle View High School, Castle Rock, CO
- Joel Freitas, Ludlow, MA – Ludlow High School, Ludlow, MA
- Allyn French, Dracut, MA – Dracut High School, Dracut, MA
- Aarushi Ganguly, Canton, MI – Greenhills School, Ann Arbor, MI
- Jennifer Garofolo, Sterling, VA – Potomac Falls High School, Potomac Falls, VA
- Matthew Gemmill, Montpelier, VA – Patrick Henry High School, Ashland, VA
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- Isabelle Giannetti, Avon, OH – Avon High School, Avon, OH
- Carlos Godoy – Harborfields High School, Greenlawn, NY
- Alex Godsey, Columbia, KY – Adair County High School, Columbia, KY
- Alexis Gonzalez, Oak Hills, CA – Cedar Middle School, Hesperia, CA
- Evelyn Gonzalez, Hialeah, FL – Hialeah Senior High School, Hialeah, FL
- Jaya Goodson, Wichita, KS – Heights High School, Wichita, KS
- Om Goswami, San Jose, CA – Challenger School, Sunnyvale, CA
- Johnathan Graf, Taylor Mill, KY – Covington Catholic High School, Park Hills, KY
- Carli Hoffman, Nashville, IL – Nashville High School, Nashville, IL
- Catie House, Vista, CA – Rancho Buena Vista High School, Vista, CA
- Isabella Insingo, Palm Desert, CA – Palm Desert High School, Palm Desert, CA
- Liam Jankelovics, Chicago, IL – Northside College Preparatory High School, Chicago, IL
- Ashton Jeske, Franklin, TX – Franklin High School, Franklin, TX
- Katherine Kane, Martinez, GA – Lakeside High School, Evans, GA
- Junghyun Kim, Bellevue, WA – Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart, Bellevue, WA
- Ryan Kim, New York, NY – Avenues: The World School, New York, NY
- Julia Knolton, Upland, CA – Bonita High School, La Verne, CA
- Hannah Knox, La Verne, CA – Bonita High School, La Verne, CA
- Rishi Kotian, Woodstock, GA – River Ridge High School, Woodstock, GA
- Erich Kronschnabel, Raleigh, NC – Cardinal Gibbons High School, Raleigh, NC
- Layne Kropfelder, Belmont, NC – Stuart Cramer High School, Belmont, NC
- Makenna Kuecks, Boise, ID – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- Mujin Kwun, Dallas, TX – St. Mark’s School of Texas, Dallas, TX
- Zach Lahti, Powder Springs, GA – Hillgrove High School, Powder Springs, GA
- Miranda Lamb, Boise, ID – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- Cesar Lara – Mount Carmel Academy, Houston, TX
- Erin Lawson, Germantown, WI – Germantown High School, Germantown, WI
- Abi Leasure, Galloway, OH – Hilliard Bradley High School, Hilliard, OH
- Eileene Lee, Cypress, TX – Cypress Woods High School, Cypress, TX
- Matthew Lehoty, Avon, OH – Avon High School, Avon, OH
- Jamie Lewis, La Verne, CA – Bonita High School, La Verne, CA
- Alexander Liang, Shanghai, China – Shanghai American School-Pudong, Shanghai, China
SEMIFINALIST (continued)

- Elysia Lin, Hardy, VA – Franklin County High School, Rocky Mount, VA
- Brae Lindberg, Woodstock, GA – River Ridge High School, Woodstock, GA
- Lauren Loding, Mundelein, IL – Mundelein High School, Mundelein, IL
- Robyn Logan, Salina, KS – Salina High School South, Salina, KS
- Cristian Lopez – South Texas Preparatory Academy, Edinburg, TX
- Angel Love – Cedar Hill High School Ninth Grade Center, Cedar Hill, TX
- Moira Lucardie, La Verne, CA – Bonita High School, La Verne, CA
- Kristine Luo, Phoenixville, PA – Spring-Ford Senior High School, Royersford, PA
- Michelle Lynch, Oceanside, CA – Rancho Buena Vista High School, Vista, CA
- Ahmed Malik, Crown Point, IN – Crown Point High School, Crown Point, IN
- Tvisha Malik, Cypress, TX – Cypress Woods High School, Cypress, TX
- Cristian Marin, Miami, FL – TERRA Environmental Research Institute, Miami, FL
- Brianna Martilla, Canyon Lake, CA – Temescal Canyon High School, Lake Elsinore, CA
- Emmie McConnell, Crown Point, IN – Crown Point High School, Crown Point, IN
- Evelyne McCoy, Beebe, AR – Beebe High School, Beebe, AR
- Abigail McGowan, Madison, ME – Skowhegan High School, Skowhegan, ME
- Jaren Meikle, Clearfield, UT – Clearfield High School, Clearfield, UT
- Julianna Minus, Fairfax, VA – Robinson Secondary School, Fairfax, VA
- Madeleine Moody, Cameron, TX – Rockdale High School, Rockdale, TX
- Audrey Moorehead, Tullahoma, TN – Moore County High School, Lynchburg, TN
- Derek Morgan, Hilliard, OH – Hilliard Bradley High School, Hilliard, OH
- Kaitlyn Mowen, Mercersburg, PA – James Buchanan High School, Mercersburg, PA
- Anna Mytko, Redondo Beach, CA – Riviera Hall Lutheran School, Redondo Beach, CA
- Katia Nagarajan, San Jose, CA – Challenger School, Berryessa, San Jose, CA
- Priyanka Teja Nandyala, Troy, MI – International Academy East, Troy, MI
- Melodie Ngo, Lancaster, CA – Quartz Hill High School, Quartz Hill, CA
- Linda Nguyen – Mount Carmel Academy, Houston, TX
- Sara Niederhauser, Clinton, UT – Clearfield High School, Clearfield, UT
- Keenan Norbert – Cedar Hill High School Ninth Grade Center, Cedar Hill, TX
- Lindsey Oliver, Webster, NY – Webster Thomas High School, Webster, NY
- Nadine Ordaz, La Verne, CA – Bonita High School, La Verne, CA
- Andre Ostaudelafont, Nashua, NH – Nashua High School-North, Nashua, NH
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- Chunjin Park, Valdosta, GA – Valdosta High School, Valdosta, GA
- Sophia Partida, Bellflower, CA – Bellflower High School, Bellflower, CA
- Dev Patel, Virginia Beach, VA – Ocean Lakes High School, Virginia Beach, VA
- Jarod Patton, Bartlett, IL – South Elgin High School, South Elgin, IL
- Keosha Payne – Cedar Hill High School Ninth Grade Center, Cedar Hill, TX
- Emily Petit, Baton Rouge, LA – Central High School, Baton Rouge, LA
- Paulina Pimentel, San Dimas, CA – Bonita High School, La Verne, CA
- Kristen Plat, La Verne, CA – Bonita High School, La Verne, CA
- Nicholas Rainone, Ravenna, OH – Ravenna High School, Ravenna, OH
- Melissa Ramkaran, Bronx, NY – Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics, New York, NY
- Earl Rausch, Cape Coral, FL – North Fort Myers High School, North Fort Myers, FL
- Alex Recupero, Kittanning, PA – Armstrong Jr-Sr High School, Kittanning, PA
- Brianna Richards – Richard R. Green High School of Teaching, New York, NY
- Grace Riddle, Cape Coral, FL – North Fort Myers High School, North Fort Myers, FL
- Camryn Ross, Mesa, AZ – Heritage Academy-Gateway, Queen Creek, AZ
- Madeline Ryan – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- Madalynn Sarthou, Black Diamond, WA – Kentlake High School, Kent, WA
- Hailey Schibler, Gilbert, AZ – Heritage Academy-Gateway, Queen Creek, AZ
- Lauren Schieber, Brea, CA – Brea-Olinda High School, Brea, CA
- Aaron Shi, San Jose, CA – Challenger Elementary School, San Jose, CA
- Elijah Shriner, Signal Mountain, TN – Signal Mountain Middle/High School, Signal Mountain, TN
- Briana Simpson, Norridgewock, ME – Skowhegan High School, Skowhegan, ME
- Daniel Skrzypchak, Elgin, IL – South Elgin High School, South Elgin, IL
- Candace Smallwood, Fishers, IN – Fishers High School, Fishers, IN
- Jordan Smith, Tulsa, OK – Thoreau Demonstration Academy, Tulsa, OK
- Karissa Smith, Rockwall, TX – Rockwall-Heath High School, Heath, TX
- Peyton Stafford, Bossier City, LA – Airline High School, Bossier City, LA
- Kevin Stephenson, Palmdale, CA – Quartz Hill High School, Quartz Hill, CA
- Shyla Summers, La Crescenta, CA – Crescenta Valley High School, La Crescenta, CA
- Ashwini Suriyaprakash, Sunnyvale, CA – Challenger School, Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale, CA
- Patrick Sweeney, Schoharie, NY – Schoharie High School, Schoharie, NY
- Elias Talamantes, Houston, TX – Mount Carmel Academy, Houston, TX
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- Samantha Talbot, Dracut, MA – Dracut High School, Dracut, MA
- Paris Thompson – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- Caitlyn Todd, Fishers, IN – Fishers High School, Fishers, IN
- Rebecca Toney, Oceanside, CA – Rancho Buena Vista High School, Vista, CA
- Nicole Weiru Tong, Lisle, IL – Naperville North High School, Naperville, IL
- Whitney Tooker, Andrews, TX – Andrews High School, Andrews, TX
- Lan Truong, Greensboro, NC – Early College at Guilford, Greensboro, NC
- Natalie Unger, Colorado Springs, CO – Palmer Ridge High School, Monument, CO
- Yashodhara Varma, Henrico, VA – Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School, Richmond, VA
- Daniel Vega, Terre Haute, IN – Terre Haute South Vigo High School, Terre Haute, IN
- Billy Waring – Harborfields High School, Greenlawn, NY
- Seth Whiteaker, Laguna Hills, CA – Laguna Hills High School, Laguna Hills, CA
- David Wilcox, Monument, CO – Palmer Ridge High School, Monument, CO
- Skai Williams, Portage, MI – Central High School, Portage, MI
- Cordell Wilson, Indianapolis, IN – University High School, Carmel, IN
- Emma Wood, Brea, CA – Brea-Olinda High School, Brea, CA
- Shelby Wood, Monument, CO – Palmer Ridge High School, Monument, CO
- Heaven Woodrow, Springfield, MO – Willard High School, Willard, MO
- Kenneth Wu, Boise, ID – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- Alexander Yi, Austin, TX – Canyon Vista Middle School, Austin, TX
- Tammy Zhang, Superior, CO – Fairview High School, Boulder, CO
- Serrina X. Zou, Sunnyvale, CA – Challenger School, Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale, CA