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FIRST PLACE
• Katrice Wasgatt, Newark, DE – Towle Institute, Hockessin, DE

SECOND PLACE
• Jason Feng, Terre Haute, IN – Terre Haute South Vigo High School, Terre Haute, IN
• Erin Hroncich, Grove City, PA – Homeschool, Grove City, PA
• Sean Hroncich, Grove City, PA – Homeschool, Grove City, PA
• Suhan Kacholia, Chandler, AZ – Basis Chandler, Chandler, AZ
• Sophie Kadan, Doylestown, PA – Lenape Middle School, Doylestown, PA

THIRD PLACE
• Emily Bradfield, Gilbert, AZ – Heritage Academy-Gateway, Queen Creek, AZ
• Chase Eastham, Somerset, KY – Southwestern High School, Somerset, KY
• Jessica Glenn, Edwardsville, IL – Edwardsville High School, Edwardsville, IL
• Yeo Kim, Lancaster, CA – Quartz Hill High School, Quartz Hill, CA
• Ranya Liu, Portage, MI – Central High School, Portage, MI
• Diya Patel, Germantown, WI – Germantown High School, Germantown, WI
• Jonah Pilnick, Portage, MI – Portage Northern High School, Portage, MI
• Dhruv Rao, Fremont, CA – Challenger School-Ardenwood, Newark, CA
• Anna Wuichet, Universal City, TX – Veterans Memorial High School, San Antonio, TX
• Josephine Yau, Sugar Land, TX – Clements High School, Sugar Land, TX

FINALISTS
• Lauren Arel, Bartlett, IL – South Elgin High School, South Elgin, IL
• Violet Bachorik, Goshen, NY – Goshen High School, Goshen, NY
• Jessica Burton, Portage, MI – Portage Northern High School, Portage, MI
• Albert Chen, Fremont, CA – Challenger School-Ardenwood, Newark, CA
• Mikayla Chin, Bartlett, IL – South Elgin High School, South Elgin, IL
• Alexandrina Danilina, Kursk, Russia – Secondary School No. 57, Kursk, Russia
• Rachel Day, Fargo, ND – Davies High School, Fargo, ND
• Isabell Deem, Angola, IN – Angola High School, Angola, IN

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- Sofia Downing, Miami, FL – Escuela Americana De El Salvador, Miami, FL
- James Durnbaugh, Savage, MN – Prior Lake High School, Savage, MN
- Halima Elmajdoubi, Hilliard, OH – Hilliard Bradley High School, Hilliard, OH
- Clark Fraser, PA – Knoch Senior High School, Saxonburg, PA
- Yvanna Gonzalez, McAllen, TX – South Texas Prep Academy, Edinburg, TX
- Kritika Gowda, Martinez, GA – Lakeside High School, Evans, GA
- Sara Hoggatt, Terre Haute, IN – Terre Haute South Vigo High School, Terre Haute, IN
- Gracelynn Holloway, Branson, MO – Branson High School, Branson, MO
- Hung Huynh, Portage, MI – Portage Northern High School, Portage, MI
- Génesis Iraheta, Miami, FL – Escuela Americana De El Salvador, Miami, FL
- Kendall Jernigan, Converse, TX – Veterans Memorial High School, San Antonio, TX
- Thavy Johnson, Windsor, CO – Windsor High School, Windsor, CO
- Yassna Khosravi, San Jose, CA – Challenger School-Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale, CA
- Lucas King, Boise, ID – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- Pranav Kommaraju, Irving, TX – Coppell High School, Coppell, TX
- Christian Lanigan, Algonquin, IL – Harry D. Jacobs High School, Algonquin, IL
- Alexander Liang, Shanghai, China – Indian Mountain School, Lakeville, CT
- Isabella Magill, Gibsonia, PA – Pine Richland High School, Gibsonia, PA
- Mason McAbee, ID – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- James McCarthy, Sound Beach, NY – Miller Place High School, Miller Place, NY
- Ella Mudge, Germantown, WI – Germantown High School, Germantown, WI
- Samuel Neeley, CA – Bonita High School, La Verne, CA
- Julia Place, Windsor, CO – Windsor High School, Windsor, CO
- Alexander Prakken, Chapel Hill, NC – Carrboro High School, Carrboro, NC
- Lissett Reyes, Greenacres, FL – John I Leonard High School, Greenacres, FL
- Hannah Schmitz, Versailles, OH – Marion Local High School, Maria Stein, OH
- Abbey Shearer, PA – Knoch Senior High School, Saxonburg, PA
- David Sieg, Winston Salem, NC – Mt. Tabor High School, Winston Salem, NC
- Elizabeth Snowman, Canaan, ME – Skowhegan High School, Skowhegan, ME
- Shaylee Suekel, Idaho Falls, ID – Skyline High School, Idaho Falls, ID
- Megan Swantner, PA – Knoch Senior High School, Saxonburg, PA
- Chase Szafranski, Portage, MI – Central High School, Portage, MI

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- David Vance, Somerset, KY – Southwestern High School, Somerset, KY
- Amy Wagner, Galloway, OH – Hilliard Bradley High School, Hilliard, OH
- Carter Wells, Portage, MI – Portage Northern High School, Portage, MI
- Sadie Wynn, Idaho Falls, ID – Skyline High School, Idaho Falls, ID
- Megan Young, Covington, WA – Kentlake High School, Kent, WA

SEMIFINALISTS

- Per Alexander, Minneapolis, MN – Washburn High School, Minneapolis, MN
- Alejandra Alfaro, Miami, FL – Escuela Americana De El Salvador, Miami, FL
- Bella Alva, La Verne, CA – Bonita High School, La Verne, CA
- Paris Astronomo, Bakersfield, CA – Independence High School, Bakersfield, CA
- Mihika Balaji, Fremont, CA – Challenger School-Ardenwood, Newark, CA
- Jocie Bank, Wauconda, IL – Mundelein Cons High School, Mundelein, IL
- Shikha Barla, Peoria, IL – Dunlap High School, Dunlap, IL
- Chinkhuslen Batbayar, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia – Hobby School, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- Jordan Berendt, Germantown, WI – Germantown High School, Germantown, WI
- Ashley Bergman, Yorkshire, OH – Marion Local High School, Maria Stein, OH
- Bethany Beru, Rochester, NY – Rush Henrietta Senior High School, Henrietta, NY
- Rachel Bina, Sewickley, PA – North Allegheny Intermediate School, Pittsburgh, PA
- Anna Bowers, Dunlap, IL – Dunlap High School, Dunlap, IL
- Riley Bowers, La Verne, CA – Bonita High School, La Verne, CA
- Paige Brauer, Mount Sinai, NY – Mt. Sinai High School, Mount Sinai, NY
- Grace Brenner, Carmel, IN – University High School-Indiana, Carmel, IN
- Jillian Brink, Terre Haute, IN – Terre Haute South Vigo High School, Terre Haute, IN
- Maizie Brown, Portage, MI – Central High School, Portage, MI
- Annika Browne, Centerport, NY – Harborfields High School, Greenlawn, NY
- Hattie Broyles, New Castle, IN – New Castle High School, New Castle, IN
- Aimee Cameron, Centerport, NY – Harborfields High School, Greenlawn, NY
- Emma Campbell, Minneapolis, MN – Washburn High School, Minneapolis, MN
- Aaron Cantrell, Alexandria, LA – Alexandria Country Day School, Alexandria, LA
- Will Carney, Mooresville, NC – Mt. Mourne IB Candidate School, Mooresville, NC
- Jennifer Chao, Fargo, ND – Davies High School, Fargo, ND

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SEMIFINALIST (continued)

- Ivy Chen, Northridge, CA – Granada Hills Charter High School, Granada Hills, CA
- Michael Chen, Green Cove Springs, FL – Ridgeview High School, Orange Park, FL
- James Cineus, Pembroke Pines, FL – Avant Garde Academy K-8, Hollywood, FL
- Rachel Compton, ID – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- Hailey Croushore, Mt. Pleasant, PA – Southmoreland Sr High School, Alverton, PA
- Jacob Cunningham, La Verne, CA – Bonita High School, La Verne, CA
- Bianca Cura, Bartlett, IL – South Elgin High School, South Elgin, IL
- Ginger Davis, La Verne, CA – Bonita High School, La Verne, CA
- Rafael Davis, Peoria, IL – Dunlap High School, Dunlap, IL
- Jaden Dishman, Somerset, KY – Southwestern High School, Somerset, KY
- Kathy Do, Pasco, WA – Delta High School, Pasco, WA
- Noah Do, Virginia Beach, VA – Ocean Lakes High School, Virginia Beach, VA
- Nicole Donald, Boise, ID – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- Sirena D'Orazio, Wake Forest, NC – Wake Forest Middle School, Wake Forest, NC
- Michelle Duenas, Bartlett, IL – South Elgin High School, South Elgin, IL
- Emma Edwards, Seneca, SC – Seneca High School, Seneca, SC
- Thomas Entgelmeier, Severance, CO – Windsor High School, Windsor, CO
- Tasidee Fagg, Terre Haute, IN – Terre Haute South Vigo High School, Terre Haute, IN
- Grace Fan, Portage, MI – Portage Northern High School, Portage, MI
- Jiawen Fan, Portage, MI – Central High School, Portage, MI
- Daphne Fernandez, El Paso, TX – Montwood High School, El Paso, TX
- Maxwell Fritsch, Liberty Township, OH – St. Xavier High School, Cincinnati, OH
- Jason Godi, Alton, IL – Alton High School, Alton, IL
- Kaitlynn Gover, Somerset, KY – Southwestern High School, Somerset, KY
- Jenna Grant, Columbia, KY – Adair Co High School, Columbia, KY
- Kameron Grassi, PA – Knoch Senior High School, Saxonburg, PA
- Moses Hamm, Terre Haute, IN – Terre Haute South Vigo High School, Terre Haute, IN
- Aidan Hammond, Galesburg, MI – Portage Northern High School, Portage, MI
- Ryoma Harris, Virginia Beach, VA – Ocean Lakes High School, Virginia Beach, VA
- Megan Hasbrooke, San Diego, CA – Patrick Henry High School, San Diego, CA
- Gracyne Hash, Campbellsville, KY – Campbellsville High School, Campbellsville, KY
- Kaisa Hatfield, Ames, IA – Gilbert High School, Gilbert, IA

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SEMFINALIST (continued)

- Ethan Hebert, Lake Charles, LA – St. Louis Catholic High School, Lake Charles, LA
- Lindsey Hessler, Germantown, WI – Germantown High School, Germantown, WI
- Sara Higgins, Goshen, NY – Goshen High School, Goshen, NY
- Allison Hinaman, Cypress, TX – Cypress Woods High School, Cypress, TX
- Casey Holmes, Dracut, MA – Dracut Senior High School, Dracut, MA
- Ivana Hsyung, Bellaire, TX – DeBakey High School for Health Professions, Houston, TX
- Elizabeth Hylton, Summerville, SC – Pinewood Preparatory School, Summerville, SC
- Rayyan Imam, South Elgin, IL – South Elgin High School, South Elgin, IL
- Julia Inclan, Miami, FL – Terra Environ Research Institute, Miami, FL
- Joe Inga, Germantown, WI – Germantown High School, Germantown, WI
- Tara Jessen, Signal Mountain, TN – Signal Mountain Mid-High School, Signal Mountain, TN
- Katherine Jester, Lake Charles, LA – St. Louis Catholic High School, Lake Charles, LA
- Quinn Jordan, Gulfport, MS – Bayou View Middle School, Gulfport, MS
- Seyeon Jung, Sammamish, WA – Eastlake High School, Sammamish, WA
- Nolan Kamer, Florence, KY – Covington Catholic High School, Park Hills, KY
- Merrit Kanga, Palmdale, CA – Quartz Hill High School, Quartz Hill, CA
- Simon Kafen, NY – Harborfields High School, Greenlawn, NY
- Maren Kelley, Virginia Beach, VA – Ocean Lakes High School, Virginia Beach, VA
- Josie Kelly, Mountain Home, AR – Mountain Home Jr High School, Mountain Home, AR
- Janie Kennedy, Signal Mountain, TN – Signal Mountain Mid-High School, Signal Mountain, TN
- Maia King, Minneapolis, MN – Washburn High School, Minneapolis, MN
- Jacob Knape, Minster, OH – Marion Local High School, Maria Stein, OH
- Laney Krogh, Cypress, TX – Cypress Woods High School, Cypress, TX
- Sophia Landi, Hollywood, FL – Avant Garde Academy K-8, Hollywood, FL
- Nancy Le, West Henrietta, NY – Rush Henrietta Senior High School, Henrietta, NY
- Donghoo Lee, Bullard, TX – Brook Hill School, Bullard, TX
- Kisang Lee, Seoul, Korea – Fayston Preparatory, Yongin-Si, Korea
- Jessica Li, Eastvale, CA – Centennial High School, Corona, CA
- Garrett Loyed, Terre Haute, IN – Terre Haute South Vigo High School, Terre Haute, IN
- Isabel Mangahas, Carpentersville, IL – Harry D. Jacobs High School, Algonquin, IL

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- Ana Martinez, Germantown, WI – Germantown High School, Germantown, WI
- Joshua Martinez, Laguna Hills, CA – Laguna Hills High School, Laguna Hills, CA
- Sophie McKay, Boise, ID – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- Claire McNab, San Jose, CA – Challenger School, Almaden, San Jose, CA
- Ellen Min, Boise, ID – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- Kylie Mistretta, Sound Beach, NY – Miller Place High School, Miller Place, NY
- Ailey Mitchell, CA – Shelbyville High School, Shelbyville, IL
- Alyssa Miulli, West Chicago, IL – South Elgin High School, South Elgin, IL
- Aayana Molla, Galloway, OH – Hilliard Bradley High School, Hilliard, OH
- Muntrinee Mon, Signal Mountain, TN – Signal Mountain Middle-High School, Signal Mountain, TN
- Grace Monette, West Henrietta, NY – Rush Henrietta Senior High School, Henrietta, NY
- Heather Montague, Lehi, UT – Challenger School, Sandy, UT
- Ereny Morcos, Rochester, NY – Rush Henrietta Senior High School, Henrietta, NY
- Aubrey Morgan, IL – Edwardsville High School, Edwardsville, IL
- Victoria Mort, Boise, ID – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- Isabel Motil, Virginia Beach, VA – Ocean Lakes High School, Virginia Beach, VA
- Julianna Munoz, Tampa, FL – Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School, Spring Hill, FL
- Brianna Neuhauser, Portage, MI – Portage Northern High School, Portage, MI
- Cole Osbourne, Hilliard, OH – Hilliard Bradley High School, Hilliard, OH
- Anoushka Panganamamula, Hilliard, OH – Hilliard Bradley High School, Hilliard, OH
- Keren Park, Rochester, NY – Rush Henrietta Senior High School, Henrietta, NY
- Riya Patel, Lake in The Hills, IL – Harry D. Jacobs High School, Algonquin, IL
- Holly Phipps, Wayne, IL – South Elgin High School, South Elgin, IL
- Kathryn Pierson, ID – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- Jaden Pirog, La Verne, CA – Bonita High School, La Verne, CA
- Andrew Plombon, Saint Augusta, MN – Technical High School, Saint Cloud, MN
- Jonah Prindle, Henrietta, NY – Rush Henrietta Senior High School, Henrietta, NY
- Matush Prokop, Skowhegan, ME – Skowhegan High School, Skowhegan, ME
- Kayla Purdome, Oldfield, MO – Chadwick School, Chadwick, MO
- Kylie Purdome, Oldfield, MO – Chadwick School, Chadwick, MO
- Daniyal Rana, Algonquin, IL – Harry D. Jacobs High School, Algonquin, IL

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- Margaret Rastorfer, Branson, MO – Branson High School, Branson, MO
- Mahi Ravi, Saratoga, CA – Challenger School-Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale, CA
- Tatheer Razvi, Bartlett, IL – South Elgin High School, South Elgin, IL
- Mikenzie Rea, Dundee, IL – Harry D. Jacobs High School, Algonquin, IL
- Noah Ricks, ID – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- Carly Rios, Austin, TX – Murchison Middle School, Austin, TX
- Amanda Roberts, Terre Haute, IN – Terre Haute South Vigo High School, Terre Haute, IN
- Veronica Rodriguez, Pomona, CA – Bonita High School, La Verne, CA
- Lewsi Roek, ID – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- Stephanie Romero, Webster, NY – Schroeder High School, Webster, NY
- Olivia Rossi, Galloway, OH – Hilliard Bradley High School, Hilliard, OH
- Victoria Sabus, Boise, ID – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- Ruhi Saripalli, Cupertino, CA – Challenger School-Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale, CA
- Puja Satish, Cypress, TX – Cypress Woods High School, Cypress, TX
- Shihab Sbeta, San Dimas, CA – Bonita High School, La Verne, CA
- Matthew Schieber, Portage, MI – Portage Northern High School, Portage, MI
- Caroline Schlosset, New York, NY – Spence School, New York, NY
- Allison Schuricht, Shelbyville, CA – Shelbyville High School, Shelbyville, IL
- Cheyenne Schwendiman, Othello, WA – Connell High School, Connell, WA
- Emmett Seto, Las Vegas, NV – Challenger School, Las Vegas, NV
- Patrick Shartzer, Streamwood, IL – South Elgin High School, South Elgin, IL
- Lawrence Shen, Toronto, Canada – Riverdale Collegiate Institute, Toronto, Canada
- Kiley Shumpert, Signal Mountain, TN – Signal Mountain Mid-High School, Signal Mountain, TN
- Diptanshu Sikdar, Milpitas, CA – Challenger School, Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale, CA
- Mason Slaughter, Boise, ID – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- Ashley Smith, Mesa, AZ – Heritage Academy-Gateway, Queen Creek, AZ
- Casey Smith, Portage, MI – Central High School, Portage, MI
- Helena Soemarsono, Corona, CA – Centennial High School, Corona, CA
- Donald Stevens, Henrietta, NY – Rush Henrietta Senior High School, Henrietta, NY
- Sophie Stine, Lake Charles, LA – St. Louis Catholic High School, Lake Charles, LA

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- Emily Stuart, Idaho Falls, ID – Skyline High School, Idaho Falls, ID
- Nimai Talur, San Jose, CA – Challenger School-Berryessa, San Jose, CA
- Pujita Tangirala, Los Gatos, CA – Challenger Elementary School, San Jose, CA
- Mary Tarpley, Valdosta, GA – Valdosta High School, Valdosta, GA
- Claire Thilenius, Virginia Beach, VA – Ocean Lakes High School, Virginia Beach, VA
- Madison Thomas, Boise, ID – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- Rachel Thomas, Charleston, IL – Charleston High School, Charleston, IL
- Zachary Thomas, Martinez, GA – Lakeside High School, Evans, GA
- Elysse Thompson, South Elgin, IL – South Elgin High School, South Elgin, IL
- Frankie Tracy, White Lake, MI – Clifford H Smart Middle School, Commerce Township, MI
- Justin Tristani, PA – Knoch Senior High School, Saxonburg, PA
- Livia Truong, Lafayette Hill, PA – Plymouth Whitemarsh High School, Plymouth Meeting, PA
- Lillie Turpin, Somerset, KY – Southwestern High School, Somerset, KY
- Kimberly Valdovinos, Pasco, WA – Delta High School, Pasco, WA
- Waverly Vangundy, Virginia Beach, VA – Ocean Lakes High School, Virginia Beach, VA
- Natalie Vanhoudt, Marysville, WA – Getchell High School-Communications, Marysville, WA
- Mike Velazquez, Cicero, IL – J. Sterling Morton East High School, Cicero, IL
- Gabrielle Walczak, Ludlow, MA – Ludlow Senior High School, Ludlow, MA
- Benjamin Walworth, Branson, MO – Branson High School, Branson, MO
- Sage Warner, Boise, ID – Timberline High School, Boise, ID
- Madeline White, Phoenixville, PA – Phoenixville Area Sr High School, Phoenixville, PA
- Mariam Williams, Cypress, TX – Cypress Woods High School, Cypress, TX
- Heather Wittmer, PA – Knoch Senior High School, Saxonburg, PA
- Rae Woods, Reeds Spring, MO – Branson High School, Branson, MO
- Anjali Yedavalli, Dunlap, IL – Dunlap High School, Dunlap, IL
- Mehtap Yercel, Virginia Beach, VA – Ocean Lakes High School, Virginia Beach, VA
- Faith Yoder, Grove City, OH – Grove City High School, Grove City, OH

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WINNER, CHICAGOLAND SPECIAL REGIONAL CONTEST
- Jason Feng, Terre Haute, IN – Terre Haute South Vigo High School, Terre Haute, IN

FINALISTS, CHICAGOLAND SPECIAL REGIONAL CONTEST
- Lauren Arel, Bartlett, IL – South Elgin High School, South Elgin, IL
- Jessica Glenn, Edwardsville, IL – Edwardsville High School, Edwardsville, IL
- Diya Patel, Germantown, WI – Germantown High School, Germantown, WI

WINNER, WYOMING SPECIAL REGIONAL CONTEST
- Brooke May, Wheatland, WY – Wheatland High School, Wheatland, WY

FINALIST, WYOMING SPECIAL REGIONAL CONTEST
- Teresa Jones, Otto, WY – Burlington High School, Burlington, WY