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The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute announces the recipients of the 2023 Reagan Leadership Medal.

(Simi Valley Calif.) Today, The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is proud to announce the recipients of the 2023 Reagan Leadership Medal. The program was started as a way to recognize the accomplishments of graduating high school seniors who exemplify the traits of drive, humility and service before self.

“The Reagan Leadership Medal provides a unique way to recognize outstanding talent among graduating seniors across the country,” said Chief Learning Officer Janet Tran. “The locally controlled nomination process allows high school counselors and administrators the autonomy to select their most deserving student. In this way we are putting the power back in the classroom where it belongs.”

While each of the 324 recipients are all leaders in their own right following are just three examples of the outstanding students who were awarded the 2023 Reagan Leadership Medal:

Monache High School Counselor Flor Sozinho wrote about her school’s student nominee: “Janessa Alba is an incredibly disciplined individual. She has worked tirelessly to reach her goals while maintaining a great attitude putting her family first. Janessa makes time for her family, friends, church, and academics without skipping a beat and that is a truly admirable quality. Whatever she ends up doing as a career, she will cause waves and be a force to reckon with. I am beyond proud of her!”

Crescenta Valley High School Counselor Karen Carlson added about her school’s student nominee: "Like Reagan himself, Vienna Panossian is a mesmerizing and exceptionally compelling orator with a remarkable ability to connect with anyone."

Newbury Park High School Assistant Principal Carly Adams summed up her student nomination as follows: “Deepa was chosen for her well-roundedness. She volunteers and does community service, she is a leader for multiple groups and clubs, she is an athlete, and a scholar. She has a

true passion for leadership and uses it to make change, inspire growth, and to be a positive role model. She is someone who does and will continue to make a positive difference in this world.”

Congratulations to the 324 Reagan Leadership Medal winners for 2023 listed in alphabetical order.

Brandon	Abad	All Hallows High School	New York	NY
William	Ahluwalia	Bountiful High School	Bountiful	UT
Janessa	Alba	Monache High School	Porterville	CA
Grantland	Allen	Alma High School	Alma	AR
Sara Camila	Almeida	Cooper City High School	Cooper City	FL
Ryan	Almstadt	Admiral Farragut Academy	St Petersburg	FL
Madison	Anderson	Irondequoit High School	Rochester	NY
Emy	Arbogast	Sound Christian Academy	Tacoma	WA
Paul	Arquilla	Marian Catholic High School	Chicago Heights	IL
Ruby Cullars	Arthur	Augusta Christian Schools	Martinez	GA
Bayli	Atherley	Copper Hills High School	West Jordan	UT
Natalie	Babinski	Montverde Academy	Montverde	FL
Symphony	Baldelomar	Renuevo Leadership Academy	Huntington Park	CA
Diya	Bardwell	Basis DC	Washington DC	DC
Hafsah	Ba-Yunus	Putnam Valley High School	Putnam Valley	NY
Shelby	Beck	Adolfo Camarillo High School	Camarillo	CA
Josie	Behrens	Peninsula High School	Gig Harbor	WA
Riley	Benedict Smith	Scituate High School	North Scituate	RI
Genevieve	Benton	W. T. Woodson High School	Fairfax	VA
Neva	Bettinger	Belleville Henderson Central School	Adams	NY

Nehemiah	Beverly	Monsignor Kelly Catholic High School	Beaumont	TX
Anusha	Bhattacharya	Riverwood International Charter School	Sandy Springs	GA
Daijah	Bias	Rocky River High School	Mint Hill	NC
Tyler	Blanchard	Greece Athena High School	Rochester	NY
Avery	Bliss	Seneca Valley High School	Germantown	MD
Austin	Blumenthal	Johnsburg High School	Johnsburg	IL
Nathan	Boettner	Jeannette Jr/Sr High School	Jeannette	PA
Karoline	Bolen	Barnwell High School	Barnwell	SC
Megan	Bonne	Mater Performing Arts Academy	Hialeah Gardens	FL
Lauren	Bottiglieri	Incarnate Word High School	San Antonio	TX
Samuel	Bouchard	Westview High School	Portland	OR
Grace	Bowersox	Fairfax High School	Fairfax	VA
Jason	Braswell	North East Carolina Prep School	Tarboro	NC
Matthew	Bravo	Creekside High School	St. Johns	FL
Lexee	Brewer	Sidney High School	Sidney	OH
Catherine	Briery	C. E. Byrd High School	Shreveport	LA
Lillian	Bryant	Manasquan High School	Manasquan	NJ
Micah	Bull	Sonora Union High School	Sonora	CA
Hope	Burki	Dove and Sparrow Academy (Homeschool)	Ladysmith	WI
John	Burns	Millis High School	Millis	MA
Luca	Buscaglia	Williamsville East High School	East Amherst	NY
William	Caldwell	Forest Lake Area High School	Forest Lake	MN
Felix	Candelaria	Valencia High School	Los Lunas	NM
Kalyx	Cantu	Liberty-Eylau High School	Texarkana	TX

William	Carlson	Pacifica Christian High School Orange County	Newport Beach	CA
Catherine	Carter	Marian High School	Bloomfield Hills	MI
Lewis	Carter	Houston Academy	Dothan	AL
Caroline	Carter	Hayfield Secondary School	Alexandria	VA
Rachel	Cassella	Rossview High School	Clarksville	TN
Ryan	Castillo	Los Lunas High School	Los Lunas	NM
Matthew	Catchings	Savoy High School	Savoy	TX
Leslie	Cervantes	Oxnard Middle College High School	Oxnard	CA
McKenzie	Chastain	Fannin County High School	Blue Ridge	GA
Mihika	Chechi	Burbank High School	Burbank	CA
Luke	Chen	Blue Valley North	Overland Park	KS
Victor	Chen	Vintage High School	Napa	CA
Peter	Cho	North County Christian School	Bonsall	CA
Chet	Colvin	Ogden High School	Ogden	UT
Ishaira	Crespo-Torres	Crispus Attucks Charter School	York	PA
Donald	Cruse	Jackson High School	Jackson	OH
Matthew	Daub	Concord Community High School	Elkhart	IN
Liana	Davila	George C. Marshall High School	Falls Church	VA
Oluwadimimu	Deju	Grace Homeschool Academy	Buford	GA
Maryanna	Del Amedia	Waterbury Career Academy	Waterbury	CT
Siddharth R.	Dhadi	Chantilly High School	Chantilly	VA
Levi	Drueke	Neligh-Oakdale Public School	Neligh	NE
Isaac	Eilmes	Cheyenne Mountain High School	Colorado Springs	CO
Ella	Embry	Mars Hill Bible School	Florence	AL
Queenie	Escalera	Susan E Wagner High School	Staten Island	NY

Diego	Estrada	Black Diamond High School	Pittsburg	CA
Catherine	Estrada	West Covina High School	West Covina	CA
Alexis	Fernandes	Peekskill High School	Peekskill	NY
George	Ferree	Trinity High School	Louisville	KY
Bayleigh	Fife	Mount Carmel Academy	New Orleans	LA
Owen	Fink	Powell High School	Powell	WY
Christian	Flournoy	The Westminster Schools	Atlanta	GA
Grace	Forbes	Lansdale Catholic High School	Lansdale	PA
Riley	Frey	McComb High School	McComb	OH
Briyant	Frimpong	Leaders in our Neighborhood Charter School	Bronx	NY
Erika	Gensley	St. Mary's Ryken High School	Leonardtown	MD
Alexis	Geoghegan	Harrisburg High School	Harrisburg	OR
Brody	Gilkison	John F. Kennedy Senior High School	Cedar Rapids	IA
Emily	Gillham	Advanced Christian Training High School	Atascadero	CA
Kiana	Giuliani	West Salem High School	Salem	OR
Allison	Gonnella	Kaneland High School	Maple Park	IL
Jayce	Griffith	Greenup County High School	Greenup	KY
Leon	Grimm	St. Monica Academy	Montrose	CA
Tiffany	Guerrero	Pennsauken High School	Pennsauken	NJ
Kylie	Guina	Pitman High School	Turlock	CA
Mary Katherine	Gunn	Elberta High School	Elberta	AL
Sabrina	Guo	Syosset High School	Syosset	NY
Raymond	Guthrie	Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School	Augusta	GA
Kate	Harper	Gig Harbor High School	Gig Harbor	WA

Grace	Harriman	Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School	Kernersville	NC
Nathanael	Harris	North Clackamas Christian School	Oregon City	OR
Rishi	Hazra	Skyline High School	Sammamish	WA
Emmaline	Heath	Genesee Christian School	Burton	MI
Sohie	Henderson	Charles Francis Adams High School	Clarkston	WA
Arturo	Hernandez	Pearsall High School	Pearsall	TX
Nathan	Hershey	Justice High School	Falls Church	VA
Cameron	Hiek	Langley High School	McLean	VA
Maci	Hill	Livingston High School	Livingston	TX
Skyla	Hilliard	Ohio Virtual Academy	Maumee	OH
Seth	Hillis	Garrison High School	Garrison	TX
Margie	Hittinger	Lutheran High School La Verne	La Verne	CA
Morgan	Hoang	Westridge School	Pasadena	CA
Jacob	Hoffman	West Johnston High School	Benson	NC
James	Horse	Ocean View Christian Academy	San Diego	CA
Rebecca	Houghton	Providence Christian School	Riverview	FL
Joshua	Hummel	Gateway Regional High School	Woodbury Heights	NJ
Jacob	Hupke	Moreau Catholic High School	Hayward	CA
Julia	Huth	Diana C. Lobosco STEM Academy	Wayne	NJ
Antaysha	Hyde	Public Service Community School	Los Angeles	CA
Brett	Itchkow	North Salem High School	North Salem	NY
Luke	Jackson	Porterville Military Academy	Porterville	CA
Emily	Jenkins	Rappahannock County High School	Washington	VA
Sally	Jones	Performance Learning Center	Augusta	GA
Luke	Jones	Crespi Carmelite High School	Encino	CA

Trex	Jones	Arcadia High School	Phoenix	AZ
Tanay	Joshi	Dougherty Valley High School	San Ramon	CA
Cole	Judkins	Grandview High School	Grandview	WA
Hanadi	Kamal	Steele Canyon High School	Spring Valley	CA
Namit	Kapoor	Herricks High School	New Hyde Park	NY
Hannah	Karanick	Sage Oak Charter School	Redlands	CA
Pamela	Kellum	Pittsburg High School	Pittsburg	TX
Aidan	Kelly	Kingsway Regional High School	Woolwich	NJ
Branden	Kikuno	Torrance High School	Torrance	CA
Wendo	Kimori	Lawrence Free State High School	Lawrence	KS
Victoria	Kirk	Soli Deo Gloria Home Education Foundation	McDonough	GA
Carly	Klem	Calvin Christian High School	Escondido	CA
Aidan	Knicely	Foley High School	Foley	MN
Avery	Koelling	Lighthouse Preparatory Academy	Jefferson City	MO
Reagan	Koester	North Posey High School	Poseyville	IN
Laura	Kopec	Palm Harbor University High School	Palm Harbor	FL
Nikhil	Kothari	International Academy Okma	Bloomfield Hills	MI
Lukas	Koutsoukos	Wilton High School	Wilton	CT
Nathan	Kovacevic	Washington-Liberty High School	Arlington	VA
Ariana	Kreager	Oakland Early College	Farmington Hills	MI
Kolden	Kringen	Williston High School	williston	ND
Henry	Kuem mell	Palmer Trinity School	Miami	FL
Maahe	Kunvar	Northwest High School	Germantown	MD
Alexandra	Kwiat	Neshannock High School	New Castle	PA
Jacob	Kyle	Buffalo Gap High School	Swoope	DC

Eden	Labaniego	Pinole Valley High School	Pinole	CA
Lily	Ladin	La Reina High School	Thousand Oaks	CA
Trinity	Lauer	Westview High School	Avondale	AZ
Madison	Lee	Henry M. Gunn High School	Palo Alto	CA
Daylin	Lee	Shelby High School	Shelby	NC
Grant	Leed	South Whidbey High School	Langley	WA
Amelia	Lefevers	Pensacola Christian Academy	Pensacola	FL
Madelyn	LeRoy	Seneca High School	Seneca	SC
Rebecca	Lewis	Calvary Christian School	Covington	KY
Ryan	Lewis	Airport Senior High School	Carleton	MI
Amy	Lilman	University Heights High School	Bronx	NY
Hannah	Lima	Dartmouth High School	Dartmouth	MA
Joseph	Limentato	Judah Christian School	Champaign	IL
Douglas	Lipps, Jr.	Cleveland High School	Clayton	NC
Aslyn	Litton	Union High School	Big Stone Gap	VA
Simon	Livingston	Heritage Christian School	San Diego	CA
Camilla	Loard	Trinity Presbyterian School	Montgomery	AL
Elisha	Lopez	Lewisville High School	Lewisville	TX
Logan	Lopez	Paul J. Hagerty High School	Oviedo	FL
Emily	Lopez	Live Oak High School	Morgan Hill	CA
Angela	Luca	Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High School	North Miami Beach	FL
Richard	Luong	Broken Arrow High School	Broken Arrow	OK
Madison	Lyman	Endeavor Charter School	Fresno	CA
Sydney	Ma	Simi Valley High School	Simi Valley	CA
Ethan	MacAllaster	Professional & Technical High School	Kissimmee	FL

Niveda	Mahesh	Woodbridge Senior High School	Woodbridge	VA
Jackson	Mallick	Rocky Bayou Christian School	Niceville	FL
Aditi	Mangal	Spring-Ford High School	Royersford	PA
Kayla	Manteca	Waller High School	Waller	TX
Naia	Marcelino	Jose Marti STEM Academy	Union City	NJ
Kennedy	Marrs	Bentonville West High School	Centerton	AR
Alex	Martinez	James A. Garfield High School	Los Angeles	CA
Angela	Martinez Dominguez	Channel Islands High School	Oxnard	CA
Aniket	Martins	Fairfield Ludlowe High School	Fairfield	CT
Annaleisa	Matzirakis	Independently Homeschooled	Franklin	TN
Christen	McAdoo	Graham High School	Graham	NC
Sadie	McGuire	St. Helens High School	St. Helens	OR
Isabella	Meisten	Greenville Technical Charter High School	Greenville	SC
Katie	Melber	The Woodlands Christian Academy	The Woodlands	TX
Chelsea	Mendes	Dr. Phillips High School	Orlando	FL
Emily	Michie	Nordhoff High School	Ojai	CA
Isaac	Miller	East Jackson High School	Commerce	GA
Camryn	Mills	Glacier High School	Oakhurst	CA
Riley	Montelibano	Moorpark High School	Moorpark	CA
Emma	Morgan	Citizens Christian Academy	Douglas	GA
Marissa	Mudd	Highlands Latin School	Louisville	KY
Ariel	Nash	Ridgeland	Rossville	GA
Erin	Neiswenter	St. Edmund Preparatory High School	Brooklyn	NY
Lilian	Newcomer	Bishop McCort Catholic High School	Johnstown	PA
Hannah	Nguyen	James Madison High School	Vienna	VA

Apollo	Oase	Apple Valley High School	Apple Valley	MN
Laura	O'Connor	Sacred Heart Greenwich	Greenwich	CT
Caleb	Oh	South River High School	Edgewater	MD
Zack	Okun	Desert Mountain High School	Scottsdale	AZ
Elizabeth	Olstad	Hillcrest Lutheran Academy	Fergus Falls	MN
Meghan	Oros	Bearden High School	Knoxville	TN
Tanner	Pace	Venture Homeschool	Tyler	TX
Joshua	Pacheco	Willits Charter School	Willits	CA
Vienna	Panossian	Crescenta Valley High School	La Crescenta	CA
Robin	Park	A1 College Prep	Los Angeles	CA
Jacob	Parks-Walsh	Western High School	Anaheim	CA
Armando	Parrish	Bishop Lynch High School	Dallas	TX
Kush	Patel	Blue Springs South High School	Blue Springs	MO
Dexter	Paulson	South Fork high School	Stuart	FL
Marissa	Pe	Mountain View High School	El Monte	CA
Jacqueline	Perez	Coral Reef Senior High School	Miami	FL
Rose	Perry	Wildwood Middle High School	Wildwood	FL
Melissa	Peruch	Magnolia Science Academy 1 Reseda	Reseda	CA
Andrew	Pexton	Bethel High School	Hampton	VA
Caleb	Pezold	South Callaway High School	Mokane	MO
Kennedy	Picker	Valley Park High School	Valley Park	MO
Savannah	Pickett	Young Americans Christian School	Conyers	GA
Amanda	Pierce	Mount Saint Charles Academy	Woonsocket	RI
Nikolai	Piskulich	Damien High School	La Verne	CA
Samuel	Pittman	Tidewater Academy	Wakefield	VA
Mark	Poneros	Dwight-Englewood School	Englewood	NJ

Hunter	Postma	Waldport High School	Waldport	OR
Hayle	Profera	Ichabod Crane High School	Valatie	NY
John	Pumayalli	Telluride High School	Telluride	CO
Serenity	Putman	Mountain Pine High School	Mountain Pine	AR
Sophie	Ramie	North Bay Haven Charter Academy	Panama City Beach	FL
Mason	Rarer	Middletown High School	Middletown	MD
Natalie	Reed	Waynesboro High School	Waynesboro	VA
Regan	Reed	Old Suwanee Christian School	Buford	GA
Jake	Ressler	Western Center Academy	Hemet	CA
Nataly	Reveron	Polk Virtual School	Lakeland	FL
Elisabeth	Rhodes	Methacton High School	Eagleville	PA
Grace	Rutkofske	Yale High School	Yale	MI
Kshboo	Sadia	Thomas A. Edison CTE High School	Jamaica	NY
Edan	Saedi	Taft Charter High School	Woodland Hills	CA
Marcos	San Miguel	Campbell High School	Smyrna	GA
Horiam	Santiago	George Jenkins High School	Lakeland	FL
Ava	Santoro	West Stokes High School	King	NC
Yurit	Santos	LaBelle High School	LaBelle	FL
Gabriele	Savino	Downtown Doral Charter Upper School	Doral	FL
Jakob	Schmidt	Aurora Central Catholic High School	Aurora	IL
Emmeline	Seest	Rossville Middle/Senior High School	Rossville	IN
John Claude	Shaffer	South County High School	Lorton	VA
Mehmood	Shajih	Osborn Park High School	Manassas	VA
Mason	Shepherd	Cardinal High School	Eldon	IA
Sloan	Short	Midlothian High School	Midlothian	TX

Caroline	Sieber	Centreville High School	Clifton	VA
Malia	Skaret	S5 Overseas Academy	Dulles	VA
Emilyn	Slemons	Augustine Classical Academy	Cumming	GA
Grace	Smith	Orting High School	Orting	WA
Elizabeth	Smith	Michigan Virtual Charter Academy	Grand Rapids	MI
Marly	Smith	El Segundo High School	El Segundo	CA
Mia	Smith	Archbishop Spalding High School	Severn	MD
Baine	Snyder	Oil City High School	Oil City	PA
Sumayya	Spann	Long Island Lutheran Middle & High School	Brookville	NY
Abigail	Squires	West Central Community School	Maynard	IA
Amelia	Steedly	Oldham County High School	LaGrange	KY
Rycklon	Stephens	Sacred Heart Preparatory	Atherton	CA
John	Storer	The Academies at Jonesboro High School	Jonesboro	AR
Samuel	Strong	Briarcrest Christian School	Eads	TN
Grace	Sun	The Bishop's School	La Jolla	CA
Summer	Sun	Chico High School	Chico	CA
Sujay	Sundar	Jericho High School	Jericho	NY
Akaash	Surendra	BASIS Chandler	Chandler	AZ
Grace	Sutherland	Longwood High School	Middle Island	NY
Zachary	Swierz	Bishop Ready High School	Columbus	OH
James	Swift	Franklin Regional Senior High School	Murrysville	PA
Kaleb	Sy	East High School	Memphis	TN
Annabella	Tannaz	Eldorado High School	Albuquerque	NM
Llaly	Tavarez	Urban Assembly Charter School for Computer Science	Bronx	NY

Trisha	Terry	Kaweah High School	Exeter	CA
Owen	Thomas	McGraw Central School	McGraw	NY
Anya	Thompson	Edmond Memorial High School	Edmond	OK
Brennyn	Timmons	Bainbridge High School	Bainbridge	GA
Avrey	Tokuyama	Westlake High School	Westlake Village	CA
Maximo	Toledo	The King's Academy	West Palm Beach	FL
Elizabeth	Torres	Southmoore High School	Moore	OK
Jade	Tran	Oxnard High School	Oxnard	CA
Francis	Transfiguracion	Kealakehe High School	Kailua Kona	HI
Mireya	Trelles	Waterbury Arts Magnet School	Waterbury	CT
Marissa	Trice	Gonzales High School	Gonzales	TX
Owen	Triplett	Scotland County R-1	Memphis	MO
Abigail	Trompler	Hubbard High School	Hubbard	TX
Fredericka	Trottie	Silver Bluff High School	Aiken	SC
Jadyn	Trusler	Dalhart High School	Dalhart	TX
Joseph	Twyford	St. Paul High School	Shiner	TX
Autumn	Tyler	Chester Academy	Chester	NY
Chesni	Uhde	Marshalltown High School	Marshalltown	IA
Suraj	Vadapalli	Carnegie Vanguard High School	Houston	TX
Violette	Valencia	Norte Vista High School	Riverside	CA
Christopher	Vazquez	Milano High School	Milano	TX
Miracle	Veavea	Pacific Horizon School	Pago Pago	AS
Deepa	Venkat	Newbury Park High School	Newbury Park	CA
Daniel	Villafuerte	Colegio San Ignacio de Loyola	San Juan	PR
Henry	Walters Koerner	Big Foot High School	Walworth	WI

Benjamin	Watson	Harmony Magnet Academy	Porterville	CA
Kathryn	Webber	Central Magnet School	Murfreesboro	TN
Grace "Arrow"	Wehmeier	Henderson Bay High School	Gig Harbor	WA
Madison	Welzel	Arrowhead Christian Academy	Redlands	CA
Sonni	Werner	Gatlinburg-Pittman High School	Gatlinburg	TN
Parker	West	Burlington High School	Burlington	KS
Sofia	Westblom	Hamilton High School	Chandler	AZ
Jordan	Whitaker	Parish Episcopal School	Dallas	TX
Christopher	Wiatrak	St. Rita of Cascia High School	Chicago	IL
Kenya	Williams	William T. McFatter Technical High School	Davie	FL
Ashley	Williams	Horizon Christian Academy	Cumming	GA
Kaytlin	Willner	Northwest Career and Technical Academy	Las Vegas	NV
Brayden	Wisniewski	Avonworth High School	Pittsburgh	PA
Haley	Wong	Oak Ridge High School	El Dorado Hills	CA
Samson	Wong	Vestal High School	Vestal	NY
Tobin	Wood	Clear Creek High School	League City	TX
Kacie	Wooten	Kuna High School	Kuna	ID
Kyle	Wren	Swink High School	Swink	CO
Allyssa	Wright	Cumberland Academy High School	Tyler	TX
Hannah	Yu	Quarry Lane School	Dublin	CA
Issac	Zachariah	Royal High School	Simi Valley	CA
Kaitlyn	Zeza	Brookfield High School	Brookfield	CT
Lily	Zheng	Colonial Heights High School	Colonial Heights	VA
Mohammad	Zoraiz	Mayfield High School	Mayfield Village	OH

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