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**Alamogordo Public Schools Student Mirhonda Good
Named Candidate in U.S. Presidential Scholarship Program**

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Mirhonda Good, a graduating senior at Alamogordo High School, has been named a Career and Technical Education candidate as part of the 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The Career and Technical Education candidates were nominated by their Chief State School Officers based on their accomplishments in career and technical education fields.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by Executive Order of the President to recognize some of our nation’s most distinguished graduating seniors for their accomplishments in many areas: academic success, leadership, and service to school and community. It was expanded in 1979 to recognize students demonstrating exceptional scholarship and talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts. In 2015, the program was expanded once again to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical fields. Annually, up to 161 U.S. Presidential Scholars are chosen from among that year’s senior class, representing excellence in education and the promise of greatness in America’s youth.

Alamogordo Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Ken Moore shared, “I’m am so happy, but not surprised, to learn that Mirhonda has been selected as a candidate for this highly competitive program! She is an outstanding scholar and leader in both our local AHS FFA and as vice president of New Mexico's state-level FFA chapter. She's also an all-around amazing human being--one of the young people who, as soon as you meet her, inspires confidence that our future is in very capable hands.”

The Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of up to 32 eminent citizens appointed by the President, will select the finalists, and the U.S. Department of Education will announce the 161 Scholars in May. Of these, up to 20 will be selected as U.S. Presidential Scholars in Career and Technical Education. U.S. Presidential Scholars are honored for their accomplishments during the National Recognition Program each June. To commemorate their achievement, the Scholars are awarded the Presidential Scholars Medallion.

“Truly it is an honor to have been selected as a candidate for the U.S. Presidential Scholarship. I am so thankful for this opportunity. Without God and the support of my family, friends, and FFA this would not have been possible. Some words of advice I would like to share with everyone are to always keep striving for more with your goals, try to keep a positive attitude, and don’t be afraid to try something new. If I wouldn’t have done those three things I wouldn’t have found the community of FFA within the school which has shaped me into the leader I am today and has opened the door for many opportunities such as this one,” said Mirhonda Good. Mirhonda is the child of Barbara Good, and can be reached at 575-921-3440.

For more information about the U.S. Presidential Scholars program, parents and students can call the Presidential Scholars Office at 507-931-8345, or send an e-mail to PSP@scholarshipamerica.org.

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NOTE TO NEWS EDITORS: A complete list of candidates will be available on the Program's web page <http://www.ed.gov/psp>. Semifinalists will be announced mid-April and Scholars in May. News media without Internet access may call 202-401-1576 for a list of candidates by state. For more information about the student, contact the student directly.



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