



Texas Association of Secondary School Principals

“Above All, Students First”

Fourteen outstanding seniors have been named to the **2026 TASSP All-State Academic Team**. Designed to recognize high school seniors for their outstanding academic achievements, the program focuses attention on the rewards of superior scholarship. Many outstanding senior students were nominated by their high school principals based on the students’ scores on the SAT or ACT test, overall academic grade point average, pursuit of advanced diploma and other evidence of exceptional academic ability. Each nominee was asked to write a 300-500 word essay to submit with the application. The program will recognize these graduating Texas seniors with an unrestricted scholarship of \$500.

The Texas Association of Secondary School Principals and its members recognize that students’ achievements often go beyond academic accomplishments. The **TASSP Teens Serving Texas Recognition Program** was established to honor and recognize high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence in areas of community service, leadership and personal accomplishment through unique endeavors, obstacles overcome or special talents. The program will recognize five graduating Texas seniors with an unrestricted scholarship of \$500. Finalists were recognized locally with plaques provided by TASSP.

Finalists are recognized locally with plaques donated by Jostens and both groups will be honored at the Third General Session at the June Summer Workshop. Congratulations to all of these awesome students!

2026 Academic Excellence Team Members

Team Member	High School	Principal
Saanvai Shah	Allen High School	Carrie Jackson
Emma J. McCall	Atlanta High School	Nancy Rinehart
David D. Dees	Axtell High School	Brandon Dieterich
Venkatesan R. Giridhar	Edward S. Marcus High School	Dr. Cody Koontz
Brooke L. Collie	Gilmer High School	Kimberly Kemp
Nathan D. Walters	Granbury High School	Duane Fish
Jenna K. Lowry	Harleton High School	Crystal Brock
Chloe Brown	Marble Falls High School	Patrick Hinson
Avery E. Hardcastle	Nacogdoches High School	Kevin Croft
Makenna Hamilton	Queen City High School	Janice McMellon
Marisan Curl	Summer Creek High School	Tonya Green
David Mayo	Texas High School	Ben Renner
Holly Orosco	Travis Early College High School	Robbie Harris
John Ridley Zeske	V.R. Eaton High School	Stacy Miles

2026 Teens Serving Texas Award Winners

Awardee	High School	Principal
Kara Sacchez	Lockney High School	Josie Walker
Paisley P. Groschke	Riesel High School	Stacey Dieterich
Sanders T. Wiggins	Texas High School	Ben Renner
Naima M. Chavez	Travis Early College High School	Robbie Harris
Santanne Barron Marquez	Young Women’s Leadership Academy	Laura Doughty