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### **Walters Congratulates Oklahoma's Presidential Scholars**

**Oklahoma City, Okla** – State Superintendent Ryan Walters congratulated Oklahoma's two Presidential Scholars, Jack David Carson of Booker T. Washington High School and Ella Grace Newhouse of Cascia Hall Preparatory School, today.

"These two exemplary students embody the best of Oklahoma academic achievement, and we celebrate their extraordinary success," said Walters. "This accomplishment recognizes not only the hard work put in by these distinguished students but also the sacrifices made by families to help their kids realize their goals. To those parents and families, I offer my sincere thanks and congratulations. The future of Oklahoma is bright thanks to our students who work hard, stay focused, and achieve greatly."

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects scholars annually based on academic success, excellence in the arts and in technical education, through essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as a demonstrated commitment to community service and leadership.

U.S. Presidential Scholars are comprised of two students from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and U.S. families living abroad, as well as 15 chosen at-large, 20 scholars in the arts and 20 scholars in career and technical education.

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