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UCS student to be honored as a Presidential Scholar

A Utica Community Schools student was among only 160 high school seniors to be honored in the 52nd class of U.S. Presidential Scholars.

Daniel Mathew of Henry Ford II High School will travel to Washington, D.C., in June, where he and other top scholars will be honored for outstanding accomplishments in academics, the arts and career and technical education fields.

"The entire UCS community joins me in congratulating Daniel and is proud to have a student who has been recognized as among the best high school graduates in the nation," Supt. Christine Johns said.

Mathew, who has been accepted to the neuroscience and honors program in medical education at Northwestern University, is a valedictorian at Henry Ford II High School this year.

The son of Vini and Thomas Mathew of Shelby Township, Mathew also attends the Utica Center for Mathematics, Science and Technology program, where he is a member of the internationally-recognized ThunderChickens FIRST Robotics team.

In addition to being a Presidential Scholar, Mathew also was honored as being among the 1 percent of students earning a perfect score of 36 on the ACT exam.

At Henry Ford II, he is a member of the National Honor Society and this year was elected the

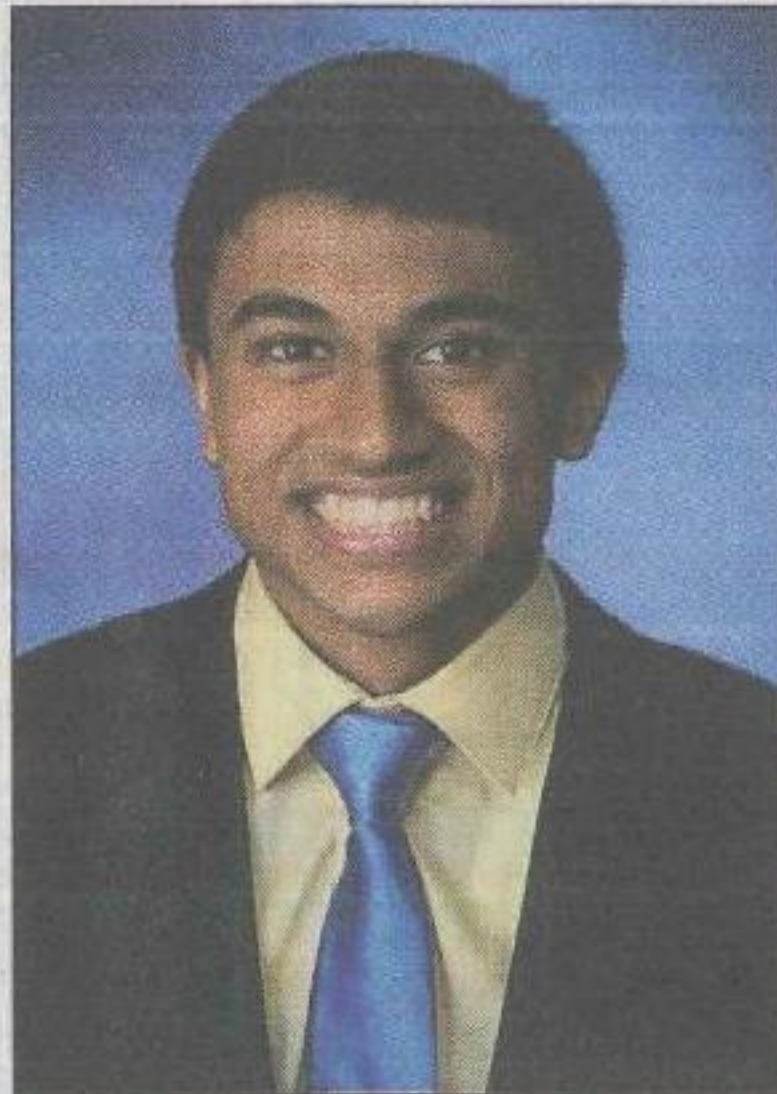


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state secretary for HOSA, a national organization that promotes the health sciences.

He also has been honored for the Macomb Daily All-Academic Team, National Merit Finalist and an AP Scholar with Distinction.

He is the second Utica Community Schools graduate to be a Presidential Scholar. Nicole Black, a 2009 Henry Ford II graduate, also earned the national honor.

Presidential Scholars are selected by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, which is appointed by President

Barack Obama. The commission selects honored scholars annually based on their academic success, artistic excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as evidence of community service, leadership, and demonstrated commitment to high ideals.

Of the three million students expected to graduate from high school this year, more than 5,600 candidates qualified for the 2016 awards determined by outstanding performance on the College Board SAT and ACT exams, through nominations made by Chief State School Officers, other partner recognition organizations, or the National YoungArts Foundation's nationwide YoungArts competition.

"This year's class of Presidential Scholars continues a more than 50-year trend of honoring students who've shown excellence in their educational, artistic and civic pursuits," U.S. Education Secretary John King said.

The 2016 U.S. Presidential Scholars are comprised of one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and from U.S. families living abroad, as well as 15 chosen at-large, 20 U.S. Presidential Scholars in the arts and for the first time 20 U.S. Presidential Scholars in career and technical education.

Created in 1964, the U.S. Pres-

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idential Scholars Program has honored almost 7,000 of the nation's top-performing students with the prestigious award given to honorees during the annual ceremony in D.C. The program was expanded in 1979 to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual,

literary and performing arts. In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields.

The 2016 ceremony will be held June 19, when each honoree will receive a Presidential Scholar Medallion.

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