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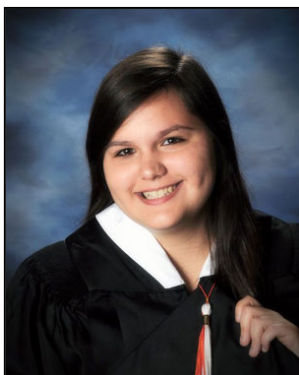
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**EMILY HOOVER NAMED SEMIFINALIST  
IN U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM**



**Texarkana, TX** – Emily Hoover, a graduating senior at Texas High School, has been named one of approximately 550 semifinalists in the 2012 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The semifinalists were selected from more than 3,300 candidates on the basis of superior achievements, leadership qualities, personal character and involvement in community and school activities.

Final selection of the Scholars will be made by the Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of eminent citizens appointed by the President, and will be announced in May. The Commission will select one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and U.S. students living abroad; up to 20 students representing the visual, literary and performing arts; and 15 students at-large.

Scholars will be invited to Washington, D.C. in June to receive the U.S. Presidential Scholars medallion at a recognition ceremony and to participate in various activities and events held in their honor.

Semifinalists were chosen by a panel of distinguished educators after a review of students' essays, self-assessments, descriptions of activities, school recommendations and school transcripts.

Emily is also a National Merit Finalist and currently serves as Editor of the *Tiger Times*, DASH Committee Chairman for THS Leadership and President of Students Against Destructive Decisions. She is the daughter of Ann and Thad Bishop and Tanya and Greg Hoover.

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