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**EMILY HOOVER, TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR,  
NAMED 2012 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR**

*Texarkana, TX* – U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced the selection of Emily Hoover, Senior at Texas High School, as a 2012 U.S. Presidential Scholar.

Hoover, the daughter of Ann and Thad Bishop and Greg Hoover, is one of 141 outstanding American high school seniors that have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, artistic excellence, leadership, citizenship, service and contribution to school and community. She will be honored for her accomplishments in Washington, D.C. on June 16-19.

“Honoring Presidential Scholars is an important celebration of students showcasing the dedication, creativity and ambition to become future leaders,” said Duncan. “As national, state and local leaders work side by side with principals, teachers and parents to make our schools better, we can learn from the students all around us whose hard work and accomplishments embody the kind of excellence we want every child to achieve.”

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, appointed by President Obama, selects honored scholars annually. Of the three million students expected to graduate from high school this year, more than 3,300 candidates qualified for the 2012 awards determined by outstanding performance on the College Board SAT and ACT exams, and through nominations made by Chief State School Officers or the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts nationwide YoungArts competition.

The 2012 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 and 20 Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

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Created in 1964, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program has honored more than 6,000 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. Since 1983, each Presidential Scholar has been offered the opportunity to invite his or her most inspiring and challenging teacher to the annual ceremony where they are honored with a Teacher Recognition Award from the U.S. Department of Education. The teacher chosen for recognition by Hoover was Rebecca Potter, Journalism teacher at Texas High School.

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