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CCSD student receives national recognition from U.S. Department of Education

Student is one of only 20 to be recognized for career and technical education

LAS VEGAS – Northwest Career and Technical Academy (NWCTA) student Mackenzie Wooten has been selected by the U.S. Department of Education as one of only 160 members of the 52nd class of U.S. Presidential Scholars. In addition to this prestigious honor, out of the 160 scholars, Wooten is one of only 20 students to be selected for Career and Technical Education (CTE), which is a new category this year for the Department of Education.

In making the announcement of this year's scholars, U.S. Secretary of Education John King said, "This year's class of Presidential Scholars continues a more than 50-year trend of honoring students who have shown excellence in their education, artistic and civic pursuits and we have added 20 more slots to honor our highest achieving students in career and technical education."

"Career and Technical Educational programs are so important in supporting students like me who are pursuing Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields, and I think with the expansion of STEM careers in America, CTE programs must be prioritized in response," said Wooten. "It is such an honor to be recognized by a country and a program that I love. I will be attending the California Institute of Technology this fall and plan to study physics."

The news of Wooten's selection was well received by the administration at her school, but it was not surprising, based on the level of achievement Wooten has displayed while at the school.

"Mackenzie Wooten is an outstanding student who pushes herself to excel in everything she does," said Northwest Career and Technical Academy Principal Tina Statucki. "She is a fantastic representative of NWCTA, the Clark County School District and the state of Nevada and she exemplifies the importance of providing students with quality career and technical educational opportunities in high school."

Wooten and her fellow scholars will each receive a Presidential Scholar Medallion during a ceremony on June 19, in Washington D.C.

To learn more about the Clark County School District, Magnet and Career and Technical Education programs, visit this [link](#).



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