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## THREE ARKANSAS STUDENTS WIN PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Three top Arkansas students have won an elite national academic award.

Neha Kumar of Forrest City, Boshan Zhao of Little Rock, and Eric B. Zheng of Little Rock were selected among the 2011 U.S. Presidential Scholars.

"We congratulate the Arkansas winners of this prestigious award," Arkansas Education Commissioner Tom Kimbrell said. "They certainly are examples of the best of the best of academic achievers throughout Arkansas."

U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan announced the selections made by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars. There were 141 high school seniors chosen nationwide. They will be recognized during events in Washington, D.C.

Kumar attends Saint Mary's Episcopal School in Memphis; Zhao, Central High School in Little Rock; and Zheng, Pulaski Academy in Little Rock.

For the announcement from the US. Department of Education, see <http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/2011-us-presidential-scholars-announced>