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## Dulaney High senior earns prestigious QuestBridge scholarship to Dartmouth College

Naomi Franzblau to receive full four-year scholarship

Towson, Md. – Naomi Franzblau, a senior at Dulaney High School, is one of 2,242 students nationally to receive a full four-year scholarship to one of 50 top-tier colleges through the <a href="QuestBridge">QuestBridge</a> National College Match.

Franzblau will attend Dartmouth College in the fall and plans to major in government. An Advanced Placement scholar with distinction in 2022 and 2023, Franzblau is also a QuestBridge College Prep Scholar and Albrecht Fellow Youth Diplomat at the World Trade Center Institute. In addition, she is a peer tutor and mentor with ENGin (which teaches English to Ukrainian teens) and a member of the Baltimore County Public Library Teen Advisory Board. She is former vice-president of her school's Model United Nations chapter.

QuestBridge is designed to connect high-achieving high school seniors from low-income backgrounds with full four-year scholarships to top colleges. The scholarships are part of a comprehensive financial aid package to cover the full cost of attendance, including tuition, room and board, books and supplies, and travel expenses. In addition, the scholarship recipients receive ongoing support and resources through the QuestBridge Scholars Network and assistance with seeking financial aid for graduate programs.

This year, beginning with more than 20,800 applicants, QuestBridge selected 6,683 finalists to be considered for the QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship, and then from those finalists, a record number – 2,242 – were selected to receive Match Scholarships.

In a news release, Ana Rowena Mallari, QuestBridge co-founder and CEO, said, "We are thrilled to welcome this historic number of QuestBridge Scholars. These Scholars will bring a depth of thought and range of experiences to our college partner campuses that will surely enrich their new communities."

This year's Match Scholarship Recipients come from 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as the territories of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Puerto Rico. The recipients have an average unweighted grade point average of 3.94, and 93 percent are in the top 10 percent of their graduating class. Approximately 92 percent come from a household with an annual income under \$65,000, and 87 percent qualify for free or reduced-price school meals. The majority of this year's Match Scholarship Recipients — 82 percent — are among the first generation in their families to attend a four-year college in the United States.

Since 2003, the QuestBridge National College Match has successfully connected over 14,500 students with full scholarships at college partners.

Editor's note: A photo of Naomi Franzblau can be found on Flickr.

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