2020 Profile in Courage Essay Contest
Winners, Finalists, Semifinalists and Honorable Mentions

First-place Winner:
- Noah Durham, a junior at Cape Fear Academy in Wilmington, North Carolina
  Essay subject: Walter B. Jones, former US Representative, North Carolina

Second-place Winner:
- Margaret Ackerly, a sophomore at Project 1523 in Richmond, Virginia
  Essay subject: John Spellman, former Governor, Washington

Finalists:
- Jacqueline Atchley, a sophomore at Paul D. Schreiber High School in Port Washington, New York
  Essay subject: Jason West, former Mayor of New Paltz, New York
- Derek Jiang, a junior at Stephen F. Austin High School in Sugar Land, Texas
  Essay subject: Steve Gunderson, former US Representative, Wisconsin
- Talia Kahan, a junior at Stuyvesant High School in New York City, New York
  Essay subject: J. Press Reddoch, former Sheriff of Jones County, Mississippi
- Andrew Lu, a junior at the Harker School in San Jose, California
  Essay subject: Margaret Chase Smith, former US Senator, Maine
- Andrew Tortoriello, a junior at the Packer Collegiate Institute in Brooklyn, New York
  Essay subject: Ralph Carr, former Governor of Colorado

Semifinalists:
- Elena Chen, a senior at Homestead High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana
  Essay subject: Christopher Louras, former Mayor of Rutland, Vermont
- Kieran Cullen, a junior at Hopkins Academy in Hadley, Massachusetts
  Essay subject: Barbara Lee, US Representative, California
- Julia Dvorak, a senior at Homestead High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana
  Essay subject: Joe Donnelly, former US Senator, Indiana
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• Alp Ekmekcioglu, a junior at John Randolph Tucker High School in Henrico, Virginia
  Essay subject: Lawrence Hogan, former US Representative, Maryland

• James Fleenor, a senior at Fleenor Academy in El Paso, Texas
  Essay subject: Justin Amash, US Representative, Michigan

• William Harris, a senior at Charlotte Country Day School in Charlotte, North Carolina
  Essay subject: Dennis Kucinich, former Mayor of Cleveland and former US Representative, Ohio

• Ariane Lee, a junior at Syosset High School in Syosset, New York
  Essay subject: Heidi Heitkamp, former US Senator, North Dakota

• Michelle Miao, a sophomore at Talawanda High School in Oxford, Ohio
  Essay subject: Ralph Carr, former Governor, Colorado

Honorable Mentions:

• Sophie Alexis, a senior at Henry M. Gunn High School in Palo Alto, California
  Essay subject: G. Bryan Collins, Superior Court Judge, North Carolina

• Rex Burkman, a sophomore at Park Tudor School in Indianapolis, Indiana
  Essay subject: Birch Bayh, former US Senator, Indiana

• Minyoung Chang, a junior at Cherry Creek High School in Greenwood Village, Colorado
  Essay subject: Ralph Carr, former Governor, Colorado

• Timothy Kjar, a freshman at Glastonbury High School in Glastonbury, Connecticut
  Essay subject: Edward Costigan, former US Senator, Colorado

• Cooper Scholl, a senior at Homestead High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana
  Essay subject: Herbert Lehman, former Governor, New York

• Elisabeth Snyder, a junior at George Mason High School in Falls Church, Virginia
  Essay subject: Lawrence Hogan, former US Representative, Maryland

• Hamid Torabzadeh, a sophomore at Long Beach Polytechnic High School in Long Beach, California
  Essay subject: Wilbur Mills, former US Representative, Arkansas

• Bethany Villaruz, a senior at Homestead High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana
  Essay subject: Birch Bayh, former US Senator, Indiana
Honorable Mentions, continued:

- Alicia Xin, a freshman at Scarsdale High School in Scarsdale, New York
  Essay subject: Albert Roberts, former Governor, Tennessee

- Hugh Zhang, a junior at The Pingry School in Basking Ridge, New Jersey
  Essay subject: Raph Carr, former Governor, Colorado