

2021 Profile in Courage Essay Contest Winners, Finalists, Semifinalists and Honorable Mentions

First-place Winner:

- Anna Dougherty, a sophomore at Paul VI High School in Haddonfield, New Jersey, profiled Dana Redd, former Mayor of Camden, New Jersey.

Second-place Winner:

- Sadie Bograd, a senior at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in Lexington, Kentucky, profiled Zach Koung, School Board Member of Howard County, Maryland.

Finalists:

- Declan Brady, a junior at The Wheatley School in Old Westbury, New York, profiled Thomas Hale Boggs Sr., former US Representative, Louisiana.
- Rena Chen, a junior at the High School of American Studies at Lehman College in Bronx, New York, profiled Mark Grisanti, former US State Senator, New York.
- Matthew Najemy, a senior at Wayland High School in Wayland, Massachusetts, profiled Joe Manchin, US Senator from West Virginia.
- Tilly Robinson, a junior at Bloomington High School South in Bloomington, Indiana, profiled Jennifer McCormick, former Superintendent of Public Instruction, Indiana.
- Jai Singh, a junior at UWC ISAK Japan in Nagano, Japan, profiled Tom Rice, US Representative, South Carolina.

Semifinalists:

- William Boucher, a senior at École Jeannine Manuel in Paris, France, profiled Caldwell Butler, former US Representative, Virginia.
- Julia Clavi, a junior at Ridgefield High School in Ridgefield, Connecticut, profiled José Canales, former US Representative, Texas.
- Matthew Kotcher, a sophomore at Latin School of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois, profiled Adam Kinzinger, US Representative, Illinois.
- Matthew Kuster, a junior at Collegiate School in New York, New York, profiled Ben West, former Mayor of Nashville, Tennessee.
- Abigail Nickelson, a junior at Caddo Parish Magnet High School in Shreveport, Louisiana, profiled Richard Ogilvie, former Governor of Illinois.

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- Isabella Peckinpaugh, a senior at Homestead High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana, profiled Steve Stieglitz, former School Board Member of East Allen County, Indiana.
- Pavan Venkatakrishnan, a sophomore at Interlake High School in Bellevue, Washington, profiled John M. Spratt, former US Representative, South Carolina.
- Nicolas Wyszowski, a junior at Valley Regional High School in Deep River, Connecticut, profiled Lowell Weicker, former US Senator, Connecticut.

Honorable Mentions:

- Samuel Chang, a junior at Don Bosco Preparatory High School in Ramsey, New Jersey, profiled Ernest Gruening, former US Senator, Alaska.
- Moira Connell, a junior at The Ellis School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, profiled David L. Lawrence, former Mayor of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Clary Doyle, a senior at Duchesne Academy of The Sacred Heart in Omaha, Nebraska, profiled Ernie Chambers, former US State Senator, Nebraska.
- Huda Haque, a junior at Panther Creek High School in Cary, North Carolina, profiled Herbert Lehman, former US Senator, New York.
- Felipe Lopez, a junior at Wellesley High School in Wellesley, Massachusetts, profiled Ralph Carr, former Governor of Colorado.
- Sarah Sexton, a junior at Greene Central High School in Greene, New York, profiled Charles Robb, former US Senator, Virginia.
- Agastya Sridharan, a freshman at Scripps Ranch High School in San Diego, California, profiled Antonio Villaraigosa, former Mayor of Los Angeles, California.
- Caroline Yu, a junior at Greenwich High School in Greenwich, Connecticut, profiled Jeannette Rankin, former US Representative, Montana.
- Jessica Zhang, a junior at Noble and Greenough School in Dedham, Massachusetts, profiled Ernest Gruening, former US Senator, Alaska.