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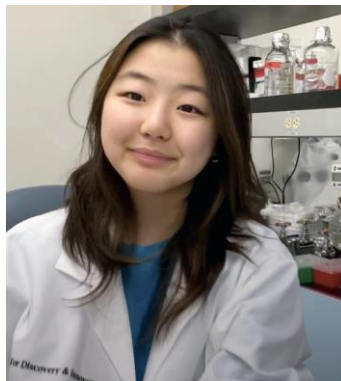
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## Two Tenafly High School Teens Named 2022 Regeneron Science Scholars



### For Immediate Release

**Tenafly, NJ** – January 14, 2022 – Tenafly High School seniors Hannah Park and Maxwell Selver have been named as top 300 Scholars in the 81st Regeneron Science Talent Search (STS).

Both Park and Selver will receive \$2,000, and Tenafly High School will also receive \$2,000 to use toward STEM-related activities. Each of the 300 Scholars is eligible to be named as one of 40 Finalists, who each receive \$25,000 and participate in a final competition in March. The top prize for the most promising emerging STEM leader in the United States is \$250,000.

“Both students performed their authentic research work, in diverse fields, and showed that hard work truly reaps the rewards,” said Principal Jim Morrison. “This is an extraordinary achievement.”

The Regeneron Science Talent Search the nation’s oldest and most prestigious science and mathematics competition for high school seniors.

This year, research projects cover topics from tracking countries’ progress on Sustainable Development Goals to the impact of states’ individual COVID-19 responses, and improving the tools used to diagnose Alzheimer’s to analyzing the effects of virtual learning on education. Park’s research focused on “Altered Development of Thymus in Tmem131 Knockout Mouse Model of Down Syndrome” and Selver studies “Expressional Correlations Between SERPINA6 and Pancreatic Ductal AdenocarcinomaLinked Genes”.

The scholars were selected from 1,805 applications received from 603 high schools across 46 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and eight other countries. Scholars were chosen based on their exceptional research skills, commitment to academics, innovative thinking, and promise as scientists as demonstrated through the submission of their original, independent research projects, essays and recommendation. The 300 winners hail from 185 American and international high schools in 37 states, China, Switzerland, and Singapore, including three homeschools.

“We are incredibly inspired to see such an extraordinary group of young leaders who are using the power of STEM to solve the world’s most intractable challenges,” said Maya Ajmera, President and CEO of Society for Science, Publisher of Science News and 1985 Science Talent Search alum. “The ingenuity and creativity that each one of these scholars possesses has shown just how much intellectual curiosity and passion can thrive, even in difficult times.”

According to the organization, the prestigious competition provides students with a national stage to present original research and celebrates the hard work and novel discoveries of young scientists who are bringing a fresh perspective to significant global challenges.

For more information on Tenafly High School, visit [www.tenaflyschools.org](http://www.tenaflyschools.org).

For information on the Society for Science, visit <https://www.societyforscience.org/regeneron-sts>

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