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**VILLA PARK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NAMED AS
U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM CANDIDATES**

ORANGE, CA (February 6, 2014) – Villa Park High School Seniors Bhavesh H. Patel and Holly J. Zhou have been selected as candidates for the 2014 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. They are two of approximately 560 semifinalists nationwide to be recognized.

“Scholars are chosen on the basis of their accomplishments in many areas – academic art artistic success, leadership, and involvement in school and the community – and represent excellence in education and the promise of greatness in America’s youth,” according to the United States Department of Education. They are invited to Washington, DC in June to participate in National Recognition Program, which includes many enrichment activities and events and culminates with the presentation to the students of the Presidential Scholars Medallion during a ceremony sponsored by the White House.

Villa Park High School Principal Ed Howard stated, “Bhavesh and Holly are both excellent scholars and incredibly talented young people. We are excited and proud that this opportunity has been provided to them both and wish them the best of luck in reaching the next step as a semi-finalist.”

These Scholars represent excellence in education and the promise of greatness in young people. Up to 141 students will be honored as Presidential Scholars in June.

For more information on the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, please visit the following website: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/psp/index.html>

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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