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Ms. Karen Bennett
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Dear Ms. Bennett:

Congratulations on being named a 2020 U.S. Presidential Scholar's most influential teacher. Scholars have been naming a most influential teacher since 1983. You are joining a unique group of more than 5,000 teachers selected by their own students.

During the application process, candidates are asked to select an influential teacher in their lifelong learning journeys. This year, U.S. Presidential Scholar Teddy Alvarez-Nissen chose you as that teacher.

President Donald Trump has said, "Every child deserves the chance to flourish in an educational environment that best leverages their unique learning style, cultivates their talent, and develops the skills needed to succeed in an ever-changing world. Likewise, teachers deserve the chance to innovate in the classroom and do their best work."

Great teachers help change students' lives in positive ways. Student achievement knows no bounds when an innovative and resourceful teacher is there to guide and unleash student potential. You help prepare each student for successful careers and a meaningful life.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication. You are vital to your students' success.

Best wishes and congratulations.

Sincerely,


Betsy DeVos