

**MEMO TO:** Applicants to the 2021 Governor's Scholars Program, Parents and Legal Guardians

**FROM:** Aristofanes Cedeño, Executive Director

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As you know, last week we postponed the notifications of the application status to the student nominees. On Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, we mailed the reports to school officials and **today we are mailing to you the much expected notification about the status of your application.** The letters will go to the home address of the applicant as it appears on the personal information page of the application.

Regardless of the final results, we are very grateful to the almost 1,700 students whose applications reached the State level competition and thank you for your interest in the Governor's Scholars Program. We also thank those who helped you along the way.

In the event you do not receive your letter within the same timeframe as other applicants, please wait a day or two and then first check with your school Counselor

Unlike prior years, the selection process has been approached in a much more conservative way as we have only selected the originally announced 1,020 students. In previous years, knowing in advance that applicants have other choices/opportunities and based on our experience that between 40 and 60 selected scholars do not accept the invitation to join the GSP, we have risked to accept a few more beyond the 1,020 originally announced. Not this year. In concrete terms, this means that more scholars were placed as alternates which, inevitably, increased the number of students not selected.

Because our staff is partially working from home, we may not be able to answer all questions from applicants or parents/legal guardians in the same fashion as in the past. The hard copies of the applications are filed in our office which may make it more difficult for our staff to address all questions that will arise in your mind. In most cases, we will refer you to our website and ask for your patience as we continue, like many of you, navigating the current social circumstances. I would like to reiterate that to avoid confusing communication and potential rumors, we will make official general announcements only on our website.

All of us associated with the Governor's Scholars Program sincerely hope that all of you are safe and well during these times.