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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2019-148

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
Principals  
Secondary Math and Science Teachers

**FROM:** Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

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**SUBJECT:** 2019 PAEMST State Finalists

# 2019 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING STATE FINALISTS

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (**PAEMST**) is the highest recognition that a K-12 mathematics or science teacher can receive in the U.S. This year, Wyoming is honoring three math and three science teachers as the 2019 state finalists. Congratulations go out to Aimee Kay, Thermopolis Middle School; Cheryl Anderson, Midwest Schools; Jennifer Kelley, Jackson Hole High School; Kristy Palmer, Snowy Range Academy; Isaac VanDyke, Sheridan High School; and Christopher Williams, Cody High School.

Enacted by Congress in 1983, this program authorizes the President to present 108 awards each year. Awards are given to exemplary mathematics and science teachers in each of the 50 states and the four U.S. jurisdictions.

These teachers are recognized for their contribution to excellence in teaching and learning. Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their schools and communities, and leaders in the state and nation. This growing network of award-winning teachers serves as a vital national resource for the improvement of mathematics and science education.

Each year, up to six finalists in each state are chosen for the Presidential Award through a rigorous peer review process. Their applications are forwarded to the National Science Foundation, where the final selection for the national Presidential Awardee is made.

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