The following Arizona teacher’s have been named as state finalist for the **Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching** (PAEMST).

Each year, the President of the United States recognizes outstanding mathematics and science teachers by bestowing upon them the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). These awards demonstrate the value and appreciation the nation has for the its teachers.

The finalist will next move forward to a national level. Those who are selected as the awardees for this honor are a premier group of highly qualified teachers who have both deep content knowledge of the subjects they teach and the ability to motivate and enable students to be successful in these content areas. Collectively, they reflect the expertise and dedication of the Nation’s teaching corps, and they demonstrate the positive impact of excellent teachers on student achievement.

**The 2019 Arizona finalists for Science and Mathematics have been nominated by Arizona for selection;**

2019 Arizona State Finalist

**Excellence in Secondary Science Teaching State Finalist**

**Christine Mendoza**

Las Brisas Academy

Liberty Elementary School District

teachers 7-8 grade general science

**Pandora Linnartz (Lin-ARTS)**

Sunnyslope High School

Glendale Union High School District

teaches biology at multiple different levels

**Excellence in Secondary Math Teaching State Finalist**

**Melissa Wendell**

Mountain Pointe High School

Tempe Union High School District

currently teaches Engineering

**Kim Thomas**

Moon Valley High School

Glendale Union High School District

currently teaches Geometry and AP BC Calculus

**Lynnea Bahm**

Campo Verde High School

Gilbert Public Schools District

currently teachers Honors Algebra II, AP Calculus AB and BC