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To the Editor:

It is interesting to note that 6 of the 13 students Brooklyn's Midwood High School posted as semifinalists in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search (news article, Jan. 13) were foreign born. In fact, two of the students arrived as refugees from the former Soviet Union less than seven years ago.

The vision, hard work and determination of these students reflect the spirit that so many newcomers share when they arrive on our shores. Many of these youngsters had to learn a new language and adjust to a different home, culture and community, yet still they have excelled in school. These students are exemplary and remind us of the merits of maintaining reasonable and generous immigration policies in the United States.

Winning a place in the Westinghouse competition is just the first step of what promises to be a shining future for these students and us. They will help make America even brighter.

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