

# **SCC SCHOLAR LEADERS**

## **2020-2021**

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# What is a SCC Scholar Leader?

Two recipients, as selected by their principal, from each SCC member school are being recognized for their **leadership** and **excellence, in the classroom, in their schools** and **local communities.**

**“Best of the Best...”**

# Who are the Scholar Leaders?

*The 2020-21 Scholar Leader have many talents... among them include mentoring, athletic prowess, acting and artistic talents, political and social activism, decision making abilities, and music talents....*

## The Common Themes:

- Scholarship**
- Unselfishness**
- Kindness**
- Collaboration**
- Leadership**



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# Amity Regional



## Caroline Chen

- AP Scholar and National Honor Society member.
- A four-year member of Science Research Program and worked alongside scientists at Yale to conduct independent research.
- Executive Board President in Student Government.
- Editor in Chief of the school newspaper, *The Trident*, and a Link Leader.
- Since freshman year, she's been part of the cross-country and track and field teams.
- Caroline will attend Yale University.

## Jack Ranani

- Top 5% of the senior class.
- Participated in an internship working with a computational immunology lab where he learned a programming language and created an app that analyzes antibody sequences.
- Outside of the classroom, Jack is a peer tutor, a coach for elementary and middle school baseball, on our debate team, and the captain for our varsity baseball team.
- Jack will attend Dartmouth College.

# **Branford**



## **Melissa Juliano**

- A consistent High Honor student, Melissa is a member of the National Honor Society and has also earned the Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish.
- A member of the Varsity Swim team and served as Captain her senior year.
- Melissa is also a member of Model Congress and the Excel Club; she was President of the club for this past year and instrumental in guiding the club to continue their community projects despite the constraints created by the pandemic.
- She is also a certified lifeguard.

## **Markus Indeck**

- Markus is a member of the National Honor Society and has also earned the Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish.
- He is on the Varsity Lacrosse team and will serve as one of the captains for his senior season. Markus was on the wrestling team during his freshman and sophomore years and earned The Coaches' Award.
- He is also a member of Model Congress. Markus works as an academic tutor and as an ambassador for the program Dominate the Day that provides tutoring to underprivileged students free of charge.

# Hill Regional Career Magnet



## Jenia Whitney

- Member of National Honor Society.
- Belongs to Richard Lee Chapter and the National Society of High Scholars.
- Named Student Athlete of the Year and Winter Scholar Athlete in 2021.
- Maintained perfect attendance and High Honors with Distinction throughout all four years of high school.
- She has completed over 80 hours of community service at her church.
- Jenia will attend Norfolk State University.

## Xavier Burgos

- Four-year starter on the Career/Hillhouse baseball team.
- Nominated as an All-SCC player his sophomore year.
- Has completed over 60 hours of community service working with local youth baseball programs.
- Maintained perfect attendance for two years and Honors with Distinction for four years.
- Completed the Yale Simulation Program which led to a mentoring program the following year.
- Xavier will play baseball at UCONN Avery Point.



# Cheshire



## Lucy Helene

- 4.5 GPA.
- Member of the district Personalized Learning Task Force, and a central voice in shaping the Vision of the Graduate and District Performance Standards.
- National Honor Society President.
- Student Liaison for Cheshire Education Foundation.
- President and Founding Member of Seniors 4 Seniors and Kids for Kids.
- Student Representative to the Board of Education.
- Volunteers at the Benhaven School.
- Swims on the town and school teams and is a timer for the boys swim team.
- Lucy will attend Davidson College.

## Joshua Goldstein

- Top 5% of the senior class.
- Has earned High Honors/Distinguished Honors throughout high school.
- Member of National Honor Society and Science Honor Society.
- Student Representative to the Board of Education, Senior Ambassador - BBYO: National Jewish Youth Organization
- Patient Aid - Yale New Haven Hospital, Smilow Cancer Hospital.
- Best Buddies Club President and member of Unified Sports and Theater.
- Volunteers with the Therapeutic Recreation Summer Camp.
- Received the Sportsmanship Award for freshman soccer, Soccer Team Scholarship Award, and The American Legion – All Boys State and Boys National.
- Member of varsity tennis.
- Joshua will attend Bowdoin College.

# Daniel Hand

## Lisa Liang

- Lisa shows an interest in many subjects but especially in biology, chemistry, and mathematics.
- Lisa is a young adult in constant motion. She is committed to academics and co-curricular activities.
- Outside of school, she applies her energy to causes that improve the lives of others. She has won numerous awards in academics, music, and the arts.
- At Daniel Hand, Lisa founded the Build Bright Beginnings Club that focuses on supporting a homeless shelter.



## Kyle Northrup

- Kyle's work in and out of the classroom has earned the respect of the faculty and his peers.
- Kyle has earned numerous academic awards based on outstanding achievement. Outside of the classroom, Kyle takes time to give back to others.
- As a few examples, he is a Boy Scout where he earned Eagle Scout status, and is a member of our Debate Team, Model United Nations Club, and our Tiger Band.
- He will attend the University of Notre Dame and major in economics.

# East Haven



## Ashley Lynch

- Valedictorian and Secretary of the Class of 2021.
- Treasurer of National Honor Society.
- Member of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), The EHHS Comet School Newspaper, The Math League, and Health Occupation Students of America.
- National School Development Council Academic Excellence & Student Leadership Award.
- Yale Club of New Haven Book Award
- University of Rochester Bausch and Lomb Medal and Science Award.
- Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Student Leadership Award.
- Ashley will attend the University of Connecticut.

## Ohm Patel

- Treasurer of EHHS Class of 2021.
- Member of National Honor Society, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), and The Media Club.
- Treasurer of Health Occupation Students of America.
- Rensselaer Medal.
- Gettysburg College Book Award.
- Saint Michael's College Book Award.
- Harvard Club Book Award.
- National Merit Scholarship Commendation.
- Rotary Club Student of Month.
- Ohm will attend Harvard University.

# Fairfield Prep



## Ryan Carroll

- 3.9 GPA
- National Honor Society
- Member of Fairfield Prep Baseball and Cross Country Team
- Fairfield Prep Open House Guide
- Trumbull Little League Challenger Baseball, Helps special needs students play baseball
- Irish Cultural Club
- Student Government, Class President
- Caddy at Brooklawn Country Club
- Bag Room Employee at Mill River Country Club
- Ryan will attend Providence College.

## Javier Gil

- 4.0 GPA
- National Honor Society
- Fairfield Prep Soccer Team
- Soccer Referee in Greenwich Youth Soccer
- Volunteer Stamford Boys and Girls Club
- Volunteer Appalachia Immersion Trip, WV
- Fairfield Prep Sophomore Retreat Leader
- Attended Christian Leadership Retreat and Notre Dame Vision Trip 2018

# Joseph A. Foran



## Kayleigh Hackett

- Freshman and sophomore class president.
- Four-year section leader of the Marching Band.
- Two-time varsity captain of the track team.
- Foran's representative for the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar.
- AP Scholar.
- Member of National Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society.
- Member of the Foran Innovative Thinkers and Natural Helpers.
- Kayleigh will attend the University of Connecticut at Storrs.

## Eric Haig

- Junior year and senior class president.
- Founder of the Medical Career Professions club.
- President of the Interact Club.
- Student leader in Foran United, a student club which focuses on race, social justice, and equity.
- All-Academic Track Scholar.
- AP Scholar with Distinction.
- Member of National Honor Society
- Graduation with Distinction, an honor for seniors that complete more than 200 hours of community service.
- Eric will attend DeSales University.

# Guilford

## Olivia Ste Marie

- Worked with the Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services After School Program as a mentor and string teacher.
- Formed Heart Strings Trio and played concerts for the elderly in nursing homes and gated communities.
- Volunteered with Yale New Haven Hospital as a patient aide and floor assistant.

## Camilo Carmona

- Worked with Community Integration Mentoring Program, a student developed mentoring program in partnership with New Haven Public Schools. Guilford High School students mentored New Haven middle school students during a weekly Saturday program.
- Received Honorable Mention in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual New York Times Student Editorial Contest for his piece called, “COVID-19 Unmasks Our Broken Healthcare System.”
- Volunteered as a peer math tutor in the GHS Math Lab.

# Hamden



## Zoe Hoffmann Kamrat

- Member of Superintendent's Advisory Board and Principal's Roundtable.
- Zoe's work and leadership with the Anti-Defamation League has led Hamden High School to be the first "No Place for Hate" high school in Connecticut.
- Served as a presenter for the Anti-Defamation League's "Anti-Semitism Uncovered" conference.
- Founder and President of the Women in Science and Engineering Club
- Member of the Student Ambassadors Club, National, Chinese and Tri-M Music Honor Societies.
- Recipient of the Wellesley College Book Award.

## Ezekiel Daye

- Valedictorian of his class.
- Four year Class President.
- National Merit scholarship finalist.
- Developed an initiative to mentor younger students about music.
- Co-President of the TRI-M music honor society.
- Student voice on the Hamden Diversity Advisory Committee to address equity issues in the school district.

# James Hillhouse

## Edmarie Maldonado

- Chosen to lead the Hillhouse JROTC program.
- Has recorded over 120 hours of community service.
- Upon graduation, Edmarie will be departing for basic training as she has enlisted in the Army.

## Christian Riley

- Top 10 of his class, with a 3.9 GPA.
- A student at ECA-New Haven, where he studied modern and hip hop dance.
- Christian has an extended talent in graphic and web design.





# Jonathan Law

## Meghana Cheela

- Member of National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society
- AP Scholar with Distinction.
- Wellesley Book Award recipient.
- Recipient of eight All School Academic Excellence Awards.
- Vice-president of both the Science Club and the Science Research Club.
- Will graduate with distinction.
- Earned her community service hours through her work at Yale New Haven Hospital, Key Club and Natural Helpers.
- Placed third in the 11th grade category at the National Invention Convention.
- Meghana will attend Tufts University.



## Charles Wang

- Ranks in the top ten percent of his class.
- AP Scholar with Distinction.
- Charles exceeds the requisite two hundred hours for Graduation with Distinction

# Lauralton Hall



## Jillian Hetherman

- National Honor Society Co-President and member of the French National Honor Society.
- Drama Club President.
- Soloist in the American Celebration of Music Tour in Italy and member of the Advanced Vocal Ensemble & Chamber Choir.
- Recognized as one of Moffly Media's 2020 Teens to Watch
- Received the Daughters of the American Revolution Citizenship Award.
- Recipient of the 2020 Halo Award Winner for Best Contemporary Musical—Newsies (cast member) and Best Classical Musical—The Pirates of Penzance (cast member).
- Jillian will attend Emerson College.

## Catherine McLaughlin

- Served as Senior Class President, Junior Class Vice President, and Sophomore and Freshman Class Secretary.
- Co-President of the Engineering Team.
- National Honor Society member.
- Captain of the Swim Team and two-year Captain of the Lacrosse team.
- Connecticut Scholars Program Semi-Finalist.
- Recipient of the Sikorsky Aircraft Excellence in STEM Award and Academic Excellence Awards in Spanish, Religion, Chemistry, Math, Science, History, and English.
- Katie volunteers with the Special Olympics Swim Team and was part of the Discovery to Cure Internship program at the Yale University.
- Katie will attend the University of Virginia.

# Lyman Hall

## Yagmur Ozturkoglu

- Class Salutatorian.
- AP Scholar with Distinction.
- Recipient of the Rensselaer Medal, the Congress of Future Medical Leaders Award, and the Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Achievement.
- President of Student Council and National Honor Society.
- Member of the Human Relations Club and Key Club.
- Fluent in Turkish and conversational Spanish.
- Volunteers her time as a peer tutor and at the Diyant Mosque teaching religion, Turkish, and Arabic.
- Yagmur will attend Yale University.



## Ellery Campbell

- Class Valedictorian.
- AP Scholar.
- Recipient of the Yale-Seton Book Award, Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award, Record Journal Scholar Athlete, and the Trojan Award for outstanding leadership.
- Member of National Honor Society.
- President of DECA and Key Club.
- CT DECA Business Law and Ethics Finalist in 2019 and 2020 and advanced to compete at the national level.
- Captain of the volleyball team.
- Ellery has volunteered over 320 hours, as a peer tutor, and the town peer advocate group where she mentors younger students.
- Participates in Peer Helper/Best Buddies program where she attends weekend events with students with special needs.
- Ellery will attend Boston College.

# Mercy



## Dilawaiz Rao

- President of the Girl Up Club, and has worked with the administration to jumpstart the Diversity and Inclusion Committee at Mercy High School.
- Captain of the Model United Nations, Mock Trial, and Robotics team.
- Executive board member of the senior class.
- Outside the classroom, Dilawaiz has been an active member of the Girl Up Boston Coalition for the past four years and is the Connecticut Chapter Leader of State of the Students (SOTS).
- She has volunteered with the American Red Cross, UNICEF, Masonicare Nursing Home, Hugh O' Brian events, and IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services).
- Dilawaiz will attend Mount Holyoke College.

## Anastasia Rosenthal

- Member of the National Honor Society, International Thespian Society, Tri-M, and Mu Alpha Theta.
- Co-Vice President of the French National Honor Society
- Head of the Mercy/Xavier Theatre Arts Club
- Outside of the classroom, Anastasia is a Girl Scout and a Junior Black Belt in karate.
- Anastasia will attend Drew University.

# North Haven



## Carly Fresher

- Class Valedictorian.
- Recipient of the Harvard Book Award and Jae S. Lim Scholarship.
- AP Scholar and National Merit honoree.
- Captain and four-year member of the varsity soccer and basketball teams.
- Member of the National, Math, World Language, and Science Honor Societies.
- Member of the Future Problem Solving Program and won the FPS State Championship in Individual Problem Solving and placed third in Team Scenario Writing at FPS Internationals.
- Carly's volunteerism includes founding "Spreading The Music Project," which brings donated instruments to North Haven elementary schools, being on the Rotary Interact Club, and serving as a basketball camp counselor and youth soccer coach.
- Carly will attend the University of Connecticut as part of the Honors Program.

## Patrick Rourke

- Top 10 student.
- Salve Regina Book Award recipient, Rotary student, and SCC Academic Award recipient.
- Captain of the cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track teams.
- Competed in track at States for the last three years and is a two-time cross country team MVP.
- Secretary of the Science Honor Society and a member of the National, Math, Spanish, and Music Honor Societies.
- Two-time inductee to the CMEA Southern Regional Jazz Ensemble.
- Patrick has volunteered at the Connecticut Food Bank and St. Therese Preschool, and he has been a lector at St. Barnabas Church for nine years.

# Notre Dame



## Donald Coletta

- Recipient of the Freshman Religion Award and Citizenship Award.
- Has made first honors throughout his time at Notre Dame.
- Vice President of the National Honor Society and member of the Math, and Spanish Honors Societies.
- Served as Freshmen Class Vice President, Sophomore Class President, Junior Class Secretary, and Senior Class President.
- Peer Counselor.
- Has played SCC league and intramural sports all four years.

## Jamar DeJesus

- Captain and four-year member of the football team.
- Recipient of the Ray Tellier Award, awarded to a football junior who possesses Coach Tellier's dedication and commitment to Notre Dame High School and to the football program.
- Junior and Senior Class President.
- Active member of the Black Student Union, Latino Student Union, and CAAP - Changing Attitudes about People.
- Jamar traveled to Appalachia on a service immersion trip during his sophomore year of high school working with the Christian Appalachia Project assisting with home repairs.
- Jamar will play football at Trinity College.

# **Sacred Heart Academy**



## **Clare McCurley**

- Student Council President.
- Two-sport three-year varsity athlete and captain of the field hockey team.
- President of the SHArk Club – the school spirit crew.
- Outside of school, Clare has earned her Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest you can achieve and now works as a mentor in her troop to support other girls on their path to gold.
- Clare will play field hockey at the University of Roanoke.

## **Shabrang Montazer**

- Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior Class President.
- Shabrang is an athlete, a member of three national honor societies, recipient of the Rensselaer Medal for outstanding achievement in the study of math and science and a peer counselor.

# Mark T. Sheehan

## Clarisse Aminawung

- A straight-A student, ranked in the top ten of her class with a GPA of 4.1.
- Earned the Seal of Biliteracy Certificate for her proficiency in the Spanish language.
- Served as a class officer and the activities chairperson for four years.
- Student Council representative, member of Peer Advocates, and the Spanish Club Co-President.
- Captain of the girls soccer team and indoor and outdoor track and field teams.

## Andrew Carey

- Top three percent of his class with GPA of 4.0.
- Varsity baseball and soccer player and captain of the soccer and golf teams.
- Drum Major for the marching band, performing in games and competitions.
- President of the National Honor Society.
- Member of the Positive Impact Club, Mock Trial, Spanish Club, Jazz Band and many others.





# Shelton



## Samantha Rago

- Ranked # 3 in her graduating class, Sam was recognized as a NMSQT Scholar.
- Has participated in Field Hockey and Lacrosse the past four years, earning SCC All Academic Team recognition.
- Outside of her own sports schedule, she has immersed herself participating in Unified Basketball, Track and Soccer tournaments here at our school.

## Walker Toth

- Ranked # 11 in his graduating class.
- Member of the SHS baseball program and an active participant in school organizations.
- In addition to his academic commitment and SHS activities, Walker teaches vacation bible school and maintains a part time job as well.

# West Haven



## Lauren Panza

- Lauren has maintained a High Honors GPA of a 4.8686 and ranked #2 of her graduating class.
- Member of the National Honor Society.
- Member of the Soccer and Softball Teams.
- Member of the WHHS Mock Trial Team, Academic Integrity Committee, Criminal Justice Club, Student Government, and Class Council, as well as Peer Advocates the Theater Workshop Program.

## Neil Chen

- Neil ranks in the top 8% of his class, completing WHHS's most rigorous course of study while competing in track/cross country year-round.
- Outside of school, Neil works at his family's restaurant 20+ hours per week.
- At home, he is a supportive big brother to his freshman sister, proud of his Chinese heritage, values and work ethic, and will be the first generation of his family to be attend college.
- Neil will attend the University of Connecticut at Storrs.

# Wilbur Cross



## Alexandra “Sasha” Northrup

- The valedictorian of the Class of 2021. Sasha is the chapter president of the National Honor Society and has coordinated many community service efforts with Save the Sound, Habitat for Humanity, and the CT Food Bank
- She is the leader of the WCHS Culinary Department's ProStart Management Team.
- She is a flutist in the marching/concert band.
- As a part of her own academic work, Sasha has won recognition from the American Psychological Association for her Science Fair project on music and memory, additionally earning second place at the New Haven City level and a top ten finalist position at the CT State level
- She is a four-year volunteer at New Haven Reads and won the Yale Club of New Haven Book Award and is now a Yale Club of New Haven Scholar
- Sasha will begin her undergraduate studies at Yale University in Fall 2021.
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## Alexandre Van Tassel

- Alex is an exemplary student at Wilbur Cross. In addition to succeeding in Yale and AP classes, he is the captain of the Varsity Soccer team and received an SCC Scholar-Athlete award for the 2020-2021 fall season.
- Alex plays soccer for South Central Premier in the off-seasons. Alex volunteers as a soccer coach for younger teams at the South Central Premier club and has coached young players from around New Haven.
- Alex is a member of 2 honor societies, received a seal of biliteracy in French, and won the Elizabethan book award.

# Xavier



## Dominic “Nucci” Delaney

- Dominic has taken multiple AP and ECE courses through the years and maintains excellent grades.
- Member of numerous honor societies, a Peer Minister, a Big Falcon, and a member of the Senior Executive Board.
- As a Peer Minister he devotes many hours of service to the community and is a wonderful role model to the younger students.
- His interest in multimedia productions has been beneficial to the entire school especially in these unique days of virtual events.
- Dominic will attend Emerson College.

## Liam Houchin

- Captain of the soccer team.
- Vice-President of the Student Body and the National Honor Society and is a member of several other honor societies.
- Has challenged himself through the years with numerous AP courses.
- As a Peer Minister and a Big Falcon, he devotes his time selflessly for the sake others.
- Liam will attend Bentley University.



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