



*The Connecticut Association of Schools
33rd Annual
Connecticut Middle Level
Scholar Leader Awards Banquet*

*Aqua Turf Club
Plantsville, Connecticut*

*Sunday, June 4, 2017
4:30 p.m.*



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Program

Welcome

Mrs. Donna Schilke
Assistant Executive Director
Connecticut Association of Schools

Welcome

Mr. Deane Renda
Principal, Whisconier Middle School, Brookfield
Chair, CAS Middle Level Board

Greetings

Mr. Mark Sommaruga
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Introduction of
Keynote Speaker

Mr. Carey Edwards
Middle School Principal
Waterbury Arts Magnet School, Waterbury

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Chris Williams
Positive Energy Coach
Founder – *Hear Chris Speak*

Concluding Remarks

Mrs. Donna Schilke

Pullman & Comley Congratulates the 2017 Scholar Leaders

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Chris B. Williams

As a positive energy coach, motivational speaker, entrepreneur, and mentor, Chris B. Williams captivates with an optimistic outlook on life. Whether working with teenagers, college students, athletes, and organizations, or anyone seeking inspiration, he engages and elevates everyone he encounters.

For Chris, positivity starts at home. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Chris was an All-City and All-State basketball player before receiving a full scholarship to Manhattan College where he led the team to an NCAA tournament, winning the MAAC Championships in 1993. Upon graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication, he became a sales representative with Jostens, working with students to recognize and celebrate their achievements.

Today, Chris draws on these enriching experiences in his personal development programs through his company Williams Unlimited, Inc. Signature offerings include Hear Chris Speak keynotes; the highly interactive and most requested How to Use Positive Energy to Change your Mindset, Be More Productive, and Achieve Ultimate Success; How to Build a Stronger Culture in Schools seminars; a comprehensive Journey to Manhood eight-week program; and one-on-one positive energy coaching sessions.

Charismatic, charming, energetic, and always smiling, Chris is an in-demand speaker known for tackling a wide range of topics from Living with Positivity, Leadership, Relationships, Dreaming Big, and Ethics and Professionalism.

Among the many organizations that have already benefited from his words or encouragement, are the Disney Dreamers Academy with Steve Harvey; Rutgers University; the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT); the City University of New York (CUNY); Amida Care; the Miami Heat; the New York City Department of Education; and various high schools, colleges, and churches throughout the country. Over the years, Chris has worked with Cuttino Mobley, Steve Lappas, and Fran Fraschilla and has been featured on ESPN.

Along with teaching others about positivity, working with young people is one of his passions. Community involvement is certainly a priority for Chris; and in 2013, he cofounded the Williams & Bullock Basketball Academy, an organization that helps aspiring athletes become better players and better people. In addition, Chris oversees a group called Keeping it Real which helps teenagers connect spiritual ideals with current events.

A life-long basketball lover, Chris is also the voice of the Manhattan Jaspers broadcasting all of the men and women's televised and radio games.

Chris resides in Queens, New York, with his wife and business manager, Leah.

2017 Connecticut Middle Level Scholar-Leaders

City/Town	School Name	Female Scholar Leader	Male Scholar Leader
Avon	Avon Middle School	Macy Gill	Luke Choi
Berlin	Catherine M. McGee Middle School	Gabrielle Foster	Nathan Capodice
Bethany	Amity Middle School - Bethany Campus	Claire Yuan	Kabir Khwaja
Bethel	Bethel Middle School	Laura Cantadori	Caleb Funk
Bloomfield	Carmen Arace Middle School	Jahmiha Lindo	Matthew McLaughlin
Bolton	Bolton Center School	Brooke Begin	Marshall Flowers
Branford	Francis Walsh Intermediate School	Mia Katz	Alec Aceves-Acosta
Bristol	Chippens Hill Middle School	Kathryn Bardeck	Douglas Sato
Bristol	Greene-Hills School	Gwenyth Torreso	Joshua Letourneau
Bristol	Northeast Middle School	Abigail Gardiner	Jeffrey Taillon
Bristol	West Bristol School	Sadye Kowalczyk	Spencer Roucoulet
Broad Brook	East Windsor Middle School	Allison Bancroft	Owen Duffy
Brookfield	Whisconier Middle School	Maathangi Nellicherry	Christopher Esneault
Burlington	Har-Bur Middle School	Abigail Mills	Benjamin Flower
Canton	Canton Middle School	Emilee Christopher	Andrew Cavanaugh
Chaplin	Parish Hill Middle/Sr High School	Rachael Trowbridge	Brent Freed
Cheshire	Dodd Middle School	Isabella DelRosso	Conner DeLaubell
Clinton	Jared Eliot Middle School	Abigail Eydman	Ryan Nguyen
Columbia	Horace Porter School	Brenna Crooks	Thomas Boardman
Coventry	Captain Nathan Hale Middle School	Kendall Schenck	Jaxon Arn
Cromwell	Cromwell Middle School	Lily Dworak	Matthew Rivera
Danbury	Broadview Middle School	Jennifer Roos	Ethan Berger
Danbury	Rogers Park Middle School	Emily Nicole Read	Antonio Abrantes
Deep River	John Winthrop Middle School	Victoria Rider	Jackson Bisson
Durham	Strong Middle School	Rhea Patel	Ryan Doyle
East Granby	East Granby Middle School	Emma Griffin	Sean Griffin
East Hartford	East Hartford Middle School	Madisyn Vera	Jacob Tipton
East Hartford	Two Rivers Magnet Middle School	Zoe Vaz	Justin Nguyen
East Haven	Joseph Melillo Middle School	Ashley Lynch	Asa Myers
Easton	Helen Keller Middle School	Emily Larkin	Trevor Wilkes
Ellington	Ellington Middle School	Holly Warner	Ayushman Choudhury
Enfield	John F. Kennedy Middle School	Elaina Vandal	Abdullah Atif

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Fairfield	Fairfield Woods Middle School	Meghai Choudhury	Varun Shetty
Fairfield	Roger Ludlowe Middle School	Caroline Cirilli	Jake Fratarcangeli
Fairfield	Tomlinson Middle School	Anne Scheller	Samuel Thomas
Farmington	Irving Robbins Middle School	Angela Sadlowski	Akhil Kokkula
Glastonbury	Smith Middle School	Abigail Furey	John Howley
Granby	Granby Memorial Middle School	Kylie Williams	Aidan Goodrow
Greenwich	Central Middle School	Alexandra Wilkowski	Samuel Florin
Greenwich	Western Middle School	Wyatt Radzin	Andrew Finkelstein
Griswold	Griswold Middle School	Ayla Taylor-Robichaud	Logan Richards
Groton	West Side Middle School	Shiddhi Patel	Jake McCarty
Hamden	Hamden Middle School	Victoria St. Peter	Ezekiel Daye
Hartford	Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy	Xiandy Reyero	Christopher Pierce
Hebron	RHAM Middle School	Taryn Simon	Jacob Boehler
Killingworth	Haddam-Killingworth Middle School	Kaitlyn Parri	Matthew Jennings
Ledyard	Ledyard Middle School	Laura Pellowski	Ryan Hollenbach
Litchfield	Litchfield Middle School	Annabelle Shanks	Zajans Crapo
Litchfield	Wamogo Regional Middle School	Courtney Korner	Jason Meto
Madison	Walter C. Polson Middle School	Sophie Glassman	Sean Burke
Manchester	Illing Middle School	Paige Gagnon	Noah Lindstrom
Meriden	Lincoln Middle School	Samantha Bergeron	Clayton Bruenn
Meriden	Thomas Edison Middle School	Alexandrea Beardsley	Badr Fares
Meriden	Washington Middle School	Jocelyne Horan	William Barton
Middlebury	Memorial Middle School	Amanda Grace Graziano	Darren McNerney
Middlefield	Memorial Middle School	Kiyah Kulpik	Aidan Driscoll
Middletown	Keigwin Middle School	Keziah Gyimah-Padmore	Miles Wrann
Middletown	Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Nora Smith	Nathan Robillard
Milford	East Shore Middle School	Paige Carlson	Eric Haig
Milford	West Shore Middle School	Alaina McCarvill	Benjamin Ukehaxhaj
Moodus	Nathan Hale Ray Middle School	Sarah Tozier	Matthew Conroy
Mystic	Cutler Middle School	Emily Tarinelli	Michael Stottlemeyer
Mystic	Mystic Middle School	Lily Haghpasand	Joseph Sasso
Naugatuck	City Hill Middle School	Mumthanu Emilah	Jonathan Chatfield

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New Haven	St. Aedan-St. Brendan	Amari Mims	Kofi Edjah
New Milford	Schaghticoke Middle School	Elena Stephens	Cole Allen
Newington	John Wallace Middle School	Mia Vendetti	Jordan Stergakis
Newington	Martin Kellogg Middle School	Lindsay Forauer	Evan Accatino
Newtown	Newtown Middle School	Anna Mattioli	Eric Burbank
Niantic	East Lyme Middle School	Grace Barnhart	Tucker Mazzulli
North Branford	North Branford Intermediate	Caroline Shadman	Sachin Archer
North Grosvenordale	Thompson Middle School	Alexis Elkinson	Cole Coderre
North Haven	North Haven Middle School	Sarah Puzone	Luke Barrett
North Stonington	Wheeler Middle School	Molly Butremovic	Lukas Jones
Norwalk	Nathan Hale Middle School	Alexandra Koletsos	Allen Counts
Norwalk	Roton Middle School	Megan Stefanowicz	Ryan Flynn
Norwich	Kelly Middle School	Alexia Ramos-LaBonte	Ethan McFadden
Oakdale	Leonard Tyl Middle School	Tenzin Dadon	David Baukus
Oakville	Gordon C. Swift Middle School	Natalie Lindstrom	William Tucker
Old Lyme	Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School	Kate Cheney	Jesper Silberberg
Old Saybrook	Old Saybrook Middle School	Emily Stratton	Anthony Glorioso
Orange	Amity Middle School	Caroline Chen	Christian Chen
Pawcatuck	Pawcatuck Middle School	Tori LoPresto	Kyle Marino
Plainville	Middle School of Plainville	Anne Roux	Tanner Callahan
Pomfret Center	Pomfret Community School	Sybaljan Tahirova	Logan Brock
Portland	Portland Middle School	Grace Darby	Justin Renk
Prospect	Long River Middle School	Abby Colt	Noah Scott
Redding	John Read Middle School	Isabelle Bard	Charles Condosta
Riverside	Eastern Middle School	Grace Collier	George Gilfond
Rocky Hill	Albert D. Griswold Middle School	Maitri Gandhi	Dhanush Kalangi
Salem	Salem School	Chelsea Weimer	Benjamin Sartori
Seymour	Seymour Middle School	Kayla Ann Pollman	Anthony Dadio
Shelton	Shelton Intermediate School	Catherine Grace Santa	Ethan Stutheit
Simsbury	Henry James Memorial School	Umikka Chopra	Luke Lammey

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Somers	Mabelle B. Avery Middle School	Keeley Joyal	Jack Gebo
South Windsor	Timothy Edwards Middle School	Lindsey Tortora	Nolan Goodale
Southbury	Rochambeau Middle School	Winnie Chen	Triloshan Thillaikumaran
Stamford	Scofield Magnet Middle School	Ambika Hooja	Timothy Silkowitz
Storrs	Mansfield Middle School		Matthew Chandy
Stratford	Flood Middle School	Bianca Plachi	Aditya Gowd
Stratford	Wooster Middle School	Mary Grace Conroy	Jake Simon
Trumbull	Hillcrest Middle School	Rachel Levinson	Alexander Coley
Trumbull	Madison Middle School	Ana Carlos	Anthony D'Agosto
Voluntown	Voluntown Elementary School	Destiny Maldonado	Cal Barber
Wallingford	Dag Hammarskjold School	Trista LeBlanc-Serbyn	Peter DiNatale
Wallingford	James H. Moran Middle School	Nami Bolat	Michael Womelsdorf
Waterbury	Waterbury Arts Magnet School	Sangeeta Kasinath	Marcus Gesner
Waterbury	West Side Middle School	Alexis Noujaim	Michael Chacon
Waterford	Clark Lane Middle School	Sabrina Tolppi	Jack Lange
West Hartford	Bristow Middle School	Ananya Radhakrishnan	Joseph Hutchinson
West Hartford	King Philip Middle School	Paige Ort	Cayden Goldberg
West Hartford	Sedgwick Middle School	Chloe Starr	Ryan Lafferty
West Haven	Harry M. Bailey Middle School	Laci Lewis	Hunter Axelrod
Westbrook	Westbrook Middle School	Devin Mulvihill	Jesse McGannon
Weston	Weston Middle School	Colleen Moore	Janek Sekaran
Wethersfield	Silas Deane Middle School	Nazanin Zaer	Tiago Huynh
Willimantic	Windham Middle School	Alexandra Cronin	Owen Shea
Willington	Hall Memorial School	Shelby Glenn	Ryan Toomey
Wilton	Middlebrook School	Elizabeth Connolly	Sean Sullivan
Windsor	Sage Park Middle School	Rachel Cleveland	Isaac Rosario
Windsor Locks	Windsor Locks Middle School	Jenna Daly	Ryan Kittredge
Winsted	Northwestern Regional Middle School	Kelly Oberheim	Matthew Maltby
Winsted	The Gilbert School	Madison Perry	Siddharth Kumar
Wolcott	Tyrrell Middle School	Ella Vaughn	Christian Rodriguez-Marin
Woodstock	Woodstock Middle School	Brynn Kusnarowis	Riley Chapuis

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The Connecticut Association of Schools is honored to celebrate the Connecticut Middle Level Scholar Leader Awards Banquet.

This banquet proudly recognizes middle school student leaders who uphold scholarship, are resourceful, exemplify and inspire positive behavior, and possess outstanding personal qualities of character and integrity. Their efforts have had a positive impact on the climate and culture of their schools.

Congratulations to each of you for your exemplary scholarship and leadership to your schools and communities. We wish you continued success as scholar leaders throughout your high school career.

YOU are the leaders of the future!



Dr. Karissa L. Niehoff
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