



2026 CONNECTICUT MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Scholar-Leader*

AWARDS BANQUET

MAY 18, 2026

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# **2026 CONNECTICUT MIDDLE LEVEL SCHOLAR-LEADER AWARDS BANQUET**

## **MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

**Dr. Michael Mallery**

Principal/Founder of Mallery Education Group  
& I'm So Educated™

## **WELCOME**

**Marco Tirillo**

Principal, John Wallace Middle School, Newington  
Incoming Vice Chair, CAS Middle Level Board of Control

## **DINNER**

## **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Dr. Michael Mallery**

## **PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS\***

**Tiffany Caouette**

Assistant Executive Director, CAS

## **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

**Dr. Michael Mallery**

\*The awards will be presented at each guest table by the school administrator(s).

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# Keynote Speaker

## DR. MICHAEL MALLERY

PRINCIPAL/FOUNDER OF MALLERY EDUCATION GROUP  
& I'M SO EDUCATED™

Dr. Michael Mallery Jr. is a transformative leader and Edupreneur with over 14 years of experience working with educational systems at the secondary and post-secondary levels. His collective work and influence in the world clearly exhibit his passion and purpose for inspiring the next wave of young people to greatness. Over the past decade, Dr. Mallery has provided motivation, vision, and strategy to tens of thousands of students and educators across the country.

Born and raised in Louisiana, Dr. Mallery's dynamic seminars have left schools, educators, and students raving. His services have been requested by Fortune 100 companies, some of America's best universities, and secondary educational institutions everywhere.

Much of his work as of late focuses on helping administrators and educators build culturally responsive experiences for their school communities to increase academic and student engagement. Dr. Mallery is a leading motivational lecturer and an expert scholar-practitioner in Social Emotional Learning and culturally relevant and sustaining pedagogies, which influences how he builds and implements sustainable initiatives.

Dr. Mallery is the Founder of I'm So Educated™ an educational empowerment company established in 2011, that provides exposure, mentorship, and programming to students across the country.

Dr. Mallery holds a B.S. in Marketing from Southern University and A&M College, M.A. in Survey Research and Educational Analysis and a Ph.D. in Learning, Leadership, and Educational Policy as a Giolas Harriett Ph.D. Fellow from the University of Connecticut (UConn).



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Town	School	Honoree	Honoree
Avon	Avon Middle School	Colette Titone	Madison McGarry
Berlin	Catherine M. McGee Middle School	Andrew Alger	Jordyn Eckert
Bethany	Amity Middle School - Bethany Campus	Aiden Guo	Lydia Caldwell
Bethel	Bethel Middle School	Tamanna Aravind	Justin Tran
Bloomfield	Carmen Arace Middle School	Allyssa A. Lynch	Zo A. Gayle
Bolton	Bolton Center School	Claire Hoffman	Samuel Toomey
Bozrah	Fields Memorial School	Kinley Payne	
Branford	Francis Walsh Intermediate School	Katelyn Lipp	Alexander Jenei
Bridgeport	Discovery Inter-district Magnet School	Jaden Graham	Alaya Musharbash
Bridgeport	Six to Six Interdistrict Magnet School	Mai Thanh Huynh	Zoe Amelia Jurgielewicz
Bristol	Bristol Arts & Innovation Magnet School	Emily Hick	Gabriella Matias
Bristol	Chippens Hill Middle School	Jazlyn Pressley	Brody Tedesco
Bristol	Greene-Hills School	Adam Ryczek	Janiyah Flores
Bristol	Northeast Middle School	Mikayla Memmott	Antonio Chatfield
Bristol	West Bristol School	Liam Lankerd	Eliza Meyers
Brookfield	Whisconier Middle School	Sophia Mejias	Parker Sanford
Burlington	Har-Bur Middle School	Anthony Baldino	Riley DeFelice
Chaplin	Parish Hill Middle-High School	Myles Irace	Jahnvi Raj
Cheshire	Dodd Middle School	Isabella Pyo	James Fitzgerald
Clinton	Jared Eliot Middle School	Hailey Teuner	Lucien Mongillo
Colchester	William J. Johnston Middle School	Reagan Manganello	Lilah Martz
Coventry	Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School	Ryan K. Schumacher	Marissa M. Dalfonso
Cromwell	Cromwell Middle School	Gabi Kolodziejczak	Marisa Blundo
Danbury	Rogers Park Middle School	Katherine Fournier	Sunhuot Srun
Deep River	John Winthrop Middle School	Sadie Cohen	Emily Richards
Derby	Derby Middle School	Alexander Ropicki	Emmett Vitko
Durham	Strong Middle School	Jackson Rubino	Lillian Waterman
East Granby	East Granby Middle School	Oakley Ferguson	Darsitha Nair
East Hampton	East Hampton Middle School	Emily Stiles	Chanuk Kulatunga
East Hartford	East Hartford Middle School	Asthia Peart	Issabella Okyere-Debrah
Easton	Helen Keller Middle School	Aniella Bershefsky	Andrew Shi
Ellington	Ellington Middle School	Brooklyn Flori	Marcus Grant
Enfield	John F. Kennedy Middle School	Bryson Lepak	Michaela Howarth
Fairfield	Fairfield Woods Middle School	Talia Baker	Garret Whitbread
Fairfield	Roger Ludlowe Middle School	Harper Donofrio	Piper Bothwell
Fairfield	Tomlinson Middle School	Inaya Seyal	Calla Soltz

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Farmington	Irving Robbins Middle School	Sanika Mahdiya	Grantha Chavan
Gales Ferry	Ledyard Middle School	Emmeline Eastbourne	Reese Zelinski
Glastonbury	Smith Middle School	Brooke Kestler	Bennett Szwec
Granby	Granby Memorial Middle School	Callie Custer	Henry Liu
Griswold	Griswold Middle School	Delilah Munoz	Kennedy Collier
Groton	Groton Middle School	Grace Egan	Elsa Ross
Hartford	King Philip Middle School	Aaliya Lal	Himani Namuduri
Hebron	RHAM Middle School	Avery Suroviak	Adalyn Gutierrez
Killingworth	Haddam-Killingworth Middle School	Asha Aithal	Alexandre Harlow
Lebanon	Lebanon Middle School	Tanner L DeLucia	Alivia Perry
Litchfield	Plumb Hill Middle School	Patricia Groht	Timothy Hunter
Madison	Walter C. Polson Middle School	Adelynn Lalka	Sahil Sheth
Manchester	Odyssey Community School	Madison Dones	Sanjanasri Ramesh
Middlebury	Memorial Middle School	Katherine Parkhurst	Alexander Batista
Moodus	Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School	Neilly Erlandson	Lincoln Anderson
Mystic	Stonington Middle School	Vito Geroulo	Cameron Miller
New Britain	Academy of Science and Innovation	Jelise Jocelyn Lopez	Evan Michael-Eli De La Cruz
New London	Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet MS Campus	Sadaja' Williams	Nalchirah Vilmont
New Milford	Schaghticoke Middle School	Hailey Lathrop	Eiryng Zeller
Newington	John Wallace Middle School	Anastasiia Turkot	Carter Dunphy
Newington	Martin Kellogg Middle School	Lyla Rouleau	Olivia Perlmutter
Newtown	Newtown Middle School	Jada Connelly	Josephine DeLaurentis
Niantic	East Lyme Middle School	Nadia Lira	Riya Heera
North Haven	North Haven Middle School	Jocelyn Perkins	Ellen Oh
North Stonington	Wheeler Middle/High School	Anna Broderick	Seth Riley
Norwalk	Roton Middle School	Charles Ryan	Charlie DePanfilis
Oakdale	Leonard Tyl Middle School	Kyle Skopek	Avery Smolen
Oakville	Swift Middle School	Ivy Marcello	Chawipon Bunlue
Old Lyme	Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School	Beckett Goss	Ella Davis
Old Saybrook	Old Saybrook Middle School	Lily Courtright	Hadley Casertano
Orange	Amity Middle School - Orange	Sophia Stage	Shrey Shah
Oxford	Oxford Middle School	Miranda Kelley	Dimitrios Koutikas
Plainfield	Plainfield Central Middle School	Jada Arriaga	Ava Piscione-Smith
Plainville	Middle School of Plainville	Emma Melanson	Luke Lindley
Pomfret Center	Pomfret Community School	Otelia Ledogar	Henry Dow
Portland	Portland Middle School	Avery Berard	Kyrinn Stone
Prospect	Long River Middle School	Heidi Lamb	Andrew Calabro

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Putnam	Putnam Middle School	Salem Lambert	Israel Ramos
Redding	John Read Middle School	Liam Lambrech	Amelie Gerbracht
Rocky Hill	Albert D. Griswold Middle School	Sriharinakshi Chidrawar	Baani Sandhu
Salem	Salem School	Adriana Alevras	Benjamin Wisniewski
Seymour	Seymour Middle School	Juliet Lin	Adley Overcamp
Simsbury	Henry James Memorial School	Dhruvi Nihalani	Charles Hanna
Somers	Mabelle B. Avery Middle School	Emmeline Radziewicz	Nicolas Colli
South Windsor	Timothy Edwards Middle School	Emily Bryan	Shrey Thigale
Southbury	Rochambeau Middle School	Shaan Patel	Mickaela Kwenin
Storrs	Mansfield Middle School	Raifa Khan	Matteo Solis White
Stratford	Flood Middle School	Annaliese Dumas	Riley Wolfort
Stratford	Wooster Middle School	Avery Johnson	Max Coloma
Suffield	Suffield Middle School	Zoey Hamylak	Olivia Grenier
Thomaston	Thomaston High School	Aiden Wood	Olivia Moher
Tolland	Tolland Middle School	Aarnia Dongare	Chayney Wu
Trumbull	Hillcrest Middle School	Jenette Dong	Parker Reed
Vernon	Vernon Center Middle School	Kevin Lancelin	Benjamin Hinton
Voluntown	Voluntown Elementary School	Michelle Cabrera	Cali Sanders
Wallingford	Dag Hammarskjöld Middle School	Tessa Norton	Shyla McNulty
Wallingford	James H. Moran Middle School	Landon Buno	Penelope Angelastro
Washington	Shepaug Valley Middle School	Addyson Cannavaro	Noah Tenreiro
Waterbury	ACES Chase Academy	John Maddox	Jacob Hilado
Waterbury	Michael F. Wallace Middle School	Elizabeth McGee	Kaylee Duarte
West Hartford	Bristow Middle School	Adithya Rengarajan	Emma Johnson
West Hartford	Sedgwick Middle School	Annabelle Heneghan	Chase Bonilla
Westbrook	Westbrook Middle School	Dominic Carlo	Tatiana Dearborn
Weston	Weston Middle School	Audrey Samuels	Abigail Dilanni
Wethersfield	Silas Deane Middle School	Julianna Ratti	Maya Sejdor
Willington	Hall Memorial School	Aubree Cook	Alexandra Dymkowski
Wilton	Middlebrook School	Sophia Hatvani	Carter Dobson
Windsor	Sage Park Middle School	Grace Danner	Samuel Diaz
Windsor Locks	Windsor Locks Middle School	Ala Grabarczyk	Everett Ferreira
Winsted	Northwestern Regional Middle School	Helen Dionne	Sienna Michalski
Winsted	The Gilbert School	Isabella Biraga	Henry Combes
Wolcott	Tyrrell Middle School	Ava Gulick	Izabella Weber
Woodbury	Woodbury Middle School	Anna Dewey	Penelope Losh
Woodstock	Woodstock Middle School	Luciana Drake	Dylan Cleary

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