



MISSION STATEMENT



"WE ARE CULTIVATING A GENERATION OF COURAGEOUS SCHOOL AND STUDENT LEADERS TO REIMAGINE AND REBUILD AN EDUCATION SYSTEM THAT MEETS EVERY STUDENT'S NEEDS BY PROVIDING EQUITABLE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY." -NASSP

NEWS LETTER

1st Edition: 2024

WE INVITE **YOU** TO OUR STUDENT-LED LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP IN FEBRUARY!

Date: **February 22nd**

Time: 10 am-1 pm

Location: 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410

WORKSHOP LEADERS

Saba: Leadership Through Sports

Audrey and Devin: The Importance of Character: Craft a Virtue Vision

Charli: Self-Love: Serve Yourself to Serve Others

Jeana: Developing Scholarship Through Creative Outlets

LOOKING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS?

Here are some scholarships the CANHS Advisory Board recommends for those looking for financial assistance!

For excellent writers or those interested in the discussion of AI in grades 9-12, take a look into the **CT BAR FOUNDATION Scholarship**

Due date: **February 22, 2024**

Requirements: an essay about "Battle of the Bytes: AI vs. Academic Integrity"

Winner: \$2,000 (2)

Runner-up: \$1,000 (1)

Visit ctbarfdn.org for more info!

For high school seniors and juniors interested in pursuing a career in mental health, consider the **BOLD Scholarship**

Due date: **May 10th, 2024**

Requirements: an essay on how you have or will advocate for progress and social change against bullying and why you are interested in pursuing a career in mental health

Winner: \$18,450 (1)

Visit www.bold.org to apply!

New England high school seniors interested in a bachelors degree at any college in any field should consider **The Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Due date: (Early Decision) **April 3, 2024**
(Regular Decision) **May 1st, 2024**

Requirements: Formal essay, a few short responses and a 3.0 GPA or higher

\$2,000 to \$17,000 scholarships (150 winners!) which are renewable up to 4 years

Visit www.phillips-scholarship.org for more information and application steps!

WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE CANHS ADVISORY BOARD?

Hello There! Welcome!

Pictured from left to right are our co-Vice President Jeana Sirikishun, Social Media Representative Saba Rodriguez, Secretary Audrey Bennett, President Devin Reach, and co-Vice President Charli Hughes. We are the members of CANHS Advisory Board and the proud authors of this newsletter!



WHAT ARE THE 4 PILLARS OF NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY?

SCHOLARSHIP

You may have a passion, a goal, or a dream, but it is filled with the weight of financial concerns. A scholarship is a rewarding and fulfilling opportunity that links what you're pursuing academically to your goal by offering FREE financial assistance to those who feel limited by financial burdens. It is a recognition of your hard work and potential!

SERVICE

Do you ever wonder what service you have contributed to those around you? In what way have you used your experience and time to give, assist, or change someone's day, making them happy in a surprising way, be it big or little? Have you ever intentionally held yourself to a lower standard to uplift another person? Reflecting on these questions highlights the various ways you may have positively impacted others through service.

LEADERSHIP

Have you ever sacrificed your own idea so that others could have a chance to explore their own or try something different that no one was willing to attempt? You possessed an idea too good not to share, guiding the people behind you to follow the right path. You offered to take action instead of sitting back and watching. That is what makes a great leader, and we are tremendously proud of students who are exemplary leaders!

CHARACTER

Cultivating a good standing character is vital for the success of all students. Certain elements, such as integrity, honesty, respect, and responsibility resonate through your thoughts, words, and deeds. They form the foundation upon which trust and respect are built in your interactions with others. Nurturing a positive character influences not only your personal growth but also the relationships you form.



YOUR STUDENT BOARD: HERE TO SERVE

President Reach: With a passion for building new leaders in the world, my team and I have dedicated our time to inspire the youth and encourage unity. With all of our upcoming activities, like our workshop, I am proud to finally make that change. I'm excited to meet and continue working with you all!

Co-VP Hughes: It's been a busy few months for CANHS! I've been working diligently along with the rest of the Board to put together an exciting newsletter and brand new February event, as well as working as a liaison with CAS to ensure everything runs smoothly.

Co-VP Sirikishun: Recently, we have been working on our Pillar Newsletter and our leadership workshop coming up! I hope to share my experiences alongside my dedicated team for students in their community, inspiring them to seize opportunities and promote the pillars of CANHS. I really do look forward to meeting you all soon!

Secretary Bennett: I have kept busy organizing leadership roles within the Connecticut Association of NHS, between time managing and budgeting what goes into activities such as this newsletter! Overseeing this is beneficial to supporting program initiatives that cater to students as well as the community for the academic year!

Social Media Representative Rodriguez: My biggest project so far has been opening the Student Spotlight forum for this newsletter. Working closely with my team, we have highlighted the achievements of those students who were Nominated by an advisor for their exemplary contribution to their Honor Society chapters!



UPCOMING DATES

Feb 22nd - Student Led Workshop

April 30th- New CANHS Advisory Board officers elections

FOLLOW US!



VING PROJECT

The Ving Project is an organization that accepts video submissions from students ages 14-18 who nominate someone in need to receive \$1,000. Ving is open 365 days of the year for submissions and grants selected nominees with a financial boost.

Visit VingProject.org to learn more and submit your nominations!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

National Honor Society and Junior National Honor Society Advisors across the state of Connecticut have recommended and honored these students for their excellence in community service and school involvement. Congratulations to the student leaders below!

SAVANNAH HAGGERTY

H.C. Wilcox Technical High School, 11th Grade

Savannah is not only super smart with a high GPA, but she's also involved in extracurricular activities like rifle and tennis. She's a leader too, serving on the Student Council and organizing school dances. Her commitment to service is inspiring, from volunteering for Girls Who Code to helping in food drives for the Meriden Food Pantry. She's making a positive impact in her community!

AUTUMN SETTEMBRE

Madison Middle School, 8th Grade

As the president of her National Junior Honor Society chapter, she takes initiative and approaches everything with unmatched energy and optimism. It's impressive how she serves both her school and her community. She's involved in many activities like leading the morning announcement team, participating in KARE, and being a valued member of the Broadway Babies drama production. Autumn truly excels academically and still finds time to support others. She's definitely a model student!

PAIGE FITZGIBBONS

Portland High School, 11th Grade

Paige is an incredible student leader. She's not only a member of the morning announcements crew and the musical tech crew, but she has also risen to the top of both organizations as the Executive Producer of morning announcements and Assistant Tech Director for the musical. Her dedication and leadership skills are truly outstanding. As Assistant Tech Director, she manages the tech booth and the students on the crew. She even supports district and Board of Education events as a tech intern. Paige is definitely someone to be proud of!

SIDDHARTH KRISHNAN

University High School of Science and Engineering, 12th Grade

Siddharth truly embodies the qualities of the National Honor Society! In terms of service, Siddharth serves as the president of the National Honor Society Leadership team and as a student representative on the School Governance Council. One project that stands out is his work with the UHSSE Social Justice League, where he created and leads the group. Their mission is to ensure equity by advocating for free public transportation for all high school students, allowing access to job opportunities and school events. We have no doubt that he will achieve great things in the future!

ANNABELLE MARUSCHOCK

Portland High School, 11th Grade

Annabelle is truly an exceptional student. With a 4.1 GPA and enrollment in AP classes, she excels academically. She is also involved in a wide range of activities both in and out of school. From being a member of TriM, the Leo Club, and Key Club to holding leadership positions as Soccer Captain, Basketball Captain, and Class Secretary. She has also received awards in various subjects and has dedicated over 130 hours to community service. On top of all this, she has pursued her passion for photography by starting her own business. Annabelle's involvement in her school makes her an integral part of her community!