

HIGH SCHOOL *Leadership* CONFERENCE

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER **WILL HASKELL** **CT STATE SENATOR** **& PUBLISHED AUTHOR**

Will Haskell has served in the Connecticut State Senate since 2019 and is the youngest State Senator in the United States. A graduate of the Westport Public Schools, he attended Georgetown University where he majored in Government, minored in French and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. As a college senior, Haskell launched a campaign to unseat an incumbent who had been in office for longer than he had been alive. He was endorsed by President Obama and flipped a seat that hadn't been represented by a member of the Democratic Party since the 1970s.

During his time in the Senate, Haskell has focused on reducing the cost of college, ending gun violence, mitigating climate change, modernizing infrastructure and increasing access to the ballot. In 2019, he fought to bring free community college to Connecticut, and in 2022 he co-authored the Connecticut Clean Air Act. Forbes recently included Haskell on their list of 30 Under 30, and his work has been covered by The New York Times, ABC, MSNBC, Teen Vogue, Time and other publications. Shortly after being re-elected to a second term, Haskell published "**100,000 First Bosses**" with Simon and Schuster. The book chronicled his experiences on the campaign trail, his successes and setbacks in the state senate, and his belief in the importance of electing younger leaders at every level of government.