

Gavin Villepigue

EDUCATION

Weston High School Weston, CT | **GPA: 4.23/4.0** | **ACT: 35**

Expected Graduation: June 2026

Biliteracy in Latin, Principal's Honor Roll, Nat'l Honor Society, Mensa Honor Society, Nat'l Latin Honor Society, American Legion Certificate of Distinction

AP Calculus AB: 5 **AP Microeconomics: 5** **AP Macroeconomics: 5** **AP Language: 5** **AP US History: 5**

Notre Dame Leadership Seminar *The Power of Investing* Fully funded by ND program w/ 6% adm. rate

July 2025

Stanford University *Introduction to Statistics*

July 2025

Independent Research Project (Honors Dist.): *The Missing Lesson: Consequences of Financial Illiteracy*

September 2024- January 2025

The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania: *Global Youth Program*

July 2024, June 2023-July 2023

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2026 Cameron Impact Scholar Finalist (4 years, full tuition)
- 2025 National Merit Commended Scholar
- Troop 788 Eagle Scout with Bronze, Gold, and Silver Palms
- 1 of 2 CT DECA chapters to earn an Advocacy Campaign Plaque
- DECA Community Awareness Campaign Award
- DECA Statesman Pin Award
- Joshua's Heart Foundation Operational Excellence Award
- 2024 Daily Point of Light Award
- Kroger Zero Hunger and Zero Waste Award for Outstanding Impact with WHS Clothing Swap Shop
- 2025 National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Finalist
- 2024 & 2025 Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution State Award
- 2023 Jefferson Youth Award for Outstanding Commitment to Public Service
- The Congressional Award Gold Medal
- The President's Volunteer Service Gold Medal (4 years)
- National Latin Exam Magna Cum Laude Award
- General David Humphreys Award for Exemplary Leadership

ADVISORY BOARDS

Weston Education Foundation *Student Fundraising Chair-* Led efforts to raise \$75,000 for education

August 2022- August 2024

Kroger Zero Hunger Zero Waste Foundation 1 of 15 Selected Youth Advisors Nationwide

November 2022- May 2024

- 1 of 3 advisors asked to remain for an additional year as an Expert Mentor

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

DECA *Founder, President, Philanthropy Lead*

September 2023- Present

- Led chapter with two award-winning campaigns and earned the DECA Statesman Pin Award

Student Government *Vice President, Senator*

May 2022- Present

- Organized annual homecoming parade and dance, led fundraising for student lounge, and coordinated senior center outreach

American Heroes Club *President, Vice President, Treasurer*

September 2022- Present

- Organized annual Veterans luncheon w/ 25+ Veterans, Q&A panels, collaborated w/ Veterans Comm., created 2300+ Thank you Cards

Mock Trial *Co-Captain, Honorable Mention for Best Attorney by Civics First*

August 2022- August 2024

- Led team preparation for competitions, including case analysis, argument development, witness examination strategies

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Junior Investors Club *Founder, Curriculum Director*

July 2023- Present

- Founded *JuniorInvestorsClub.com*, a national financial literacy platform reaching 1000 students; Mentored students to expand regionally
- Developed original curriculum, student workbooks, and teaching materials
- Published monthly blogs and quarterly newsletters, reaching students across the globe

Junior Investors Club *Lead Instructor at Local Public Libraries for Personal Finance Classes*

November 2023- Present

- Designed and taught after-school workshops for middle and high school students (topics: Budgeting, Taxes, Investing)

- Expanded curriculum delivery to Nebraska and Florida, and trained 4 instructors to teach Junior Investors Club programs

Scouting America (formerly Boy Scouts of America) *Eagle Scout, Chaplain Aide, Senior Patrol Leader, Den Chief*

March 2019- Present

Weston Middle School Mock Trial Team *Mentor*

November 2022- August 2024

- Coached students in trial examinations, courtroom procedure, and public speaking for competition readiness

Honorable Warren W. Eginton Justice Institute *Connecticut Mock Trial Competition State Champion*

July 2023

- Led team to state title and earned Top Attorney recognition in a 5-day program with federal judges and attorneys

WORK EXPERIENCE

Joshua's Heart Foundation *Financial Analyst for National Board, VP of Connecticut Chapter*

July 2021- Present

- Completed annual tax filings, prepared budgets and secured grants to support initiatives combating food insecurity
- Organized and led donation drives collecting 20,000+ books, 500 lbs. of food, and 7,000 school supplies

Office of the Connecticut State Comptroller **Sean Scanlon** *Job Shadow* **Hartford, CT**

July 2025

- Gained firsthand exposure to public finance operations and state budget management

- Engaged with staff across multiple departments to understand the role of fiscal transparency in government

Connecticut Rush Soccer *Goalie Coach for U8-U15; led specialized goalkeeper training*

December 2023- January 2025

WE Volunteer Grant Recipient *Purchased supplies for Junior Investor's Club Personal Finance Classes*

October 2024

Kroger Zero-Hunger Grant Recipient *"Every Child Deserves a Healthy Snack" for 150 Students with Personal Finance Book*

March 2024

Kroger Zero-Waste Grant Recipient *"Clothing Swap Shop" - over 200+ students participated*

February 2023

HOBBIES & ATHLETICS

- Self-taught guitarist & harmonica player; compose, perform, and share tutorials on TikTok (@gvguitar)
- Goalkeeper for WHS Varsity Soccer Team, contributing to two CIAC Class M State Finalist appearances in 2021 and 2024