

Gavin Villepigue

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

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

Expected Graduation: June 2026

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% admit 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

- 2025 Town of Weston Youth Leadership Award
- 2025 National Merit Commended Scholar
- Troop 788 Eagle Scout with Bronze, Gold, and Silver Palms
- The Congressional Award Gold Medal
- The President's Volunteer Service Gold Medal (4 years)
- Daily Point of Light Award
- General David Humphreys Award for Exemplary Leadership
- Jefferson Youth Award for Commitment to Public Service
- American Legion Certificate of Distinction
- Joshua's Heart Foundation Operational Excellence Award
- 2026 DECA Stock Market Game ICDC Qualifier (Top 100 of 6,322 teams nationwide; One of two in Connecticut)
- One of two CT DECA chapters to earn National Advocacy Plaque
- DECA National Community Service Campaign Award
- DECA Statesman Pin Award
- 2025 National Society Sons of the American Revolution Finalist
- 2024 & 2025 CT Sons of the American Rev. Regional Awards
- Kroger Zero Hunger | Zero Waste Award for Outstanding Impact for WHS Clothing Swap Shop

ADVISORY BOARDS

Weston Education Foundation *WHS Fundraising Chair*– Led efforts to raise \$75,000 for education programs August 2022– August 2024

Kroger Zero Hunger | Zero Waste Foundation *One of fifteen National Youth Advisors*

November 2022– May 2024

- One of three advisors to remain an additional year as an Expert Mentor; advised on youth funding initiatives and sustainability programs

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 the student lounge; coordinated Weston Senior Center outreach

American Heroes Club *President, Vice President, Weston Veterans Affairs Committee Liaison*

September 2022– Present

- Hosted luncheons & Q&A panels w/ 25+ veterans; coordinated flag displays & town ceremonies; created 2,300 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, and witness examination strategies

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Junior Investors Club *Founder, Curriculum Director*

July 2023– Present

- Founded *JuniorInvestorsClub.com*, a national financial literacy platform reaching 1,000 students; mentored students to expand nationally
- Developed original curriculum, student workbooks, and teaching materials
- Published monthly blogs and quarterly newsletters, reaching students worldwide

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

November 2023– Present

- Developed and led after-school workshops for middle and high school students covering budgeting, taxes, and investing

- Expanded curriculum delivery to Nebraska and Florida; trained four 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 procedures, and public speaking for competition readiness

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

July 2023

- Top Attorney recognition in a five-day mock trial institute under federal judges and attorneys, guiding team to victory in the final trial

WORK EXPERIENCE

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

July 2021– Present

- Assisted with 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 supply items

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

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

December 2023– January 2025

WE Volunteer Grant Recipient *Purchased supplies for Junior Investors Club's personal finance classes*

October 2024

Kroger Zero Hunger Grant Recipient *"Every Child Deserves a Healthy Snack" prepared 150+ bags with finance books*

March 2024

Kroger Zero Waste Grant Recipient *"Clothing Swap Shop" engaged 350+ students*

February 2023

HOBBIES & ATHLETICS

- Goalkeeper for WHS Varsity Soccer Team, contributing to two CIAC Class M State Finalist appearances in 2021 and 2024

- Self-taught guitarist, mandolinist and harmonica player; compose, perform, and share tutorials on TikTok (@gvguitar)