

Gavin Villepigue

Academics

Weston High School Weston, CT | **GPA:** 4.13/4.0 | **ACT** 35 Expected Graduation: June 2026
Principal's Honor Roll, National Honor Society, Mensa Honor Society, National Latin Honor Society, Eagle Scout
National Latin Exam Magna Cum Laude Award May 2023 & 2024
Weston High School Most Wondrous Inspiration Award October 2024

Notre Dame Leadership Seminar *The Power of Investing* July 2025

Independent Research Project *The Missing Lesson: Consequences of Financial Illiteracy* September 2024- January 2025

The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania: *Global Youth Program*
Future of the Business World- July 2024 | *Understanding Your Money-* June 2023- July 2023

Goldman Sachs Controllers Job Simulation: *Developed analytical skills and financial reporting expertise* February 2025

Achievements

DECA Statesman Pin Award, DECA Community Awareness Campaign Award, Joshua's Heart Foundation Operational Excellence Award, 2024 Daily Point of Light Award, Troop 788 Eagle Scout with Bronze, Gold, and Silver Palms, 2024 Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution State Award, 2023 Jefferson Youth Award for Outstanding Commitment to Public Service, 2024 Congressional Award Gold Medal, 2023 & 2024 President's Volunteer Service Gold, Kroger Zero Hunger and Zero Waste Award for Outstanding Impact with WHS Clothing Swap Shop

School Leadership

DECA Founder & President September 2023- Present
Led the chapter with two award-winning Campaigns and earned the DECA Statesman Pin Award

Student Government Senator September 2022- Present
Collaborated with peers for school events, voiced students' concerns and contributed to decision-making on student initiatives

American Heroes Club President May 2024- Present | VP May 2023- May 2024 | Treasurer September 2022- May 2023
Organized Veterans Luncheons with Q&A panels; collaborated with Veterans Committee; created 1,000 cards for Veterans

Mock Trial Co-Captain and 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 July 2023- Present
Founder and Content Director *Developed educational materials and published newsletters and blogs*

Lead Instructor *Weston Public Library Personal Finance Classes for Middle School Students* March 2024- Present
Created personal finance curriculum and led classes for afterschool programs (Topics: Budgeting, Taxes, Investing)

Weston Middle School Mock Trial Mentor November 2022- June 2024
Guided students with the preparation of examinations; Provided courtroom procedures and public speaking coaching

Honorable Warren W. Eginton Justice Institute Connecticut Mock Trial Competition State Champion July 2023
Led team to victory and earned top attorney recognition in a 5-day legal program mentored by federal judges and attorneys

Advisory Boards

Joshua's Heart Foundation Financial Analyst for National Board August 2021- Present
Secured grants for combating food insecurity, Organized drives: 20,000 books, 500 lbs. of food and 7,000 school supplies

Kroger Zero Hunger Zero Waste Foundation 1 of 15 Selected Youth Advisors Nationwide January 2023- May 2024

Weston Education Foundation Student Fundraising Chair August 2022- August 2024

Work Experience

Connecticut Rush Soccer Goalie Coach for U8-U15 led specialized goalkeeper training January 2024- Present

Connecticut State Referee (seasonal) Center Referee for Youth Soccer (U8-U15) March 2020- Present

Kroger Zero-Waste Grant Recipient *Clothing Swap Shop - over 200 students participated* February 2023

Kroger Zero-Hunger Grant Recipient *"Every Child Deserves a Healthy Snack" with Personal Finance Book* March 2024

WE Volunteer Grant Recipient *Purchased supplies for Personal Finance Classes at Weston Library* October 2024

Athletics & Hobbies

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

Goalkeeper for the Connecticut Rush Premier Soccer Club. Self-taught musician with advanced proficiency in guitar and harmonica, recently complemented by professional guitar instruction to refine technique and expand musical range. Composer of original pieces blending both instruments.