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**Jake Albert** is in his junior year at Tufts University where he is double majoring in political science and philosophy with hopes of attending law school in the future. After law school he intends to become involved in government and politics. He is currently in the tennis club, philosophy club, Beyond the Light and baseball analysis at Tufts. Jake is the son of Paul & Mary Albert. Mary is a REALTOR® with Century 21 Home Services, Scalzo Group and a member of the Northern Fairfield County Association.

**Renee Castellan** recently graduated from Pomperaug Regional High School. She will attend the University of Rhode Island where she plans to major in psychology and anticipates becoming a therapist or possibly a psychologist. Her school counselor noted her solid character, empathetic nature, sense of responsibility, appreciation of life, maturity and deep desire to achieve and to never give up. Renee is the daughter of Edward & Terri Castellan. Terri is a REALTOR® with Robert Paul Realty and a member of the Northern Fairfield County Association.

**Mariah Klair Castillo** recently graduated from Conard High School. She will attend Barnard College where she plans to major in Political Science in the subfield of international relations. She would like to work either in the United Nations or any other international organization that focusses on human rights issues. Mariah Klair is the daughter of Orlando & Elenita Castillo. Elenita is a REALTOR® with William Raveis Real Estate and a member of the Greater Hartford Association.

**Matthew Consalvo** is a sophomore at Boston College where he is currently majoring in international studies and minoring in management, leadership and Spanish. He also hopes to study Communications and International Studies. Matthew made the Dean's list his first year at Boston College and joined the Word of Mouth Public Speaking Club, Student Admissions Program and is an Intramural Coach for both Soccer and Basketball. Matthew is the son of Joseph & Karen Consalvo. Karen is a REALTOR® at ERA Goodfellow Homes and a member of the Northern Fairfield County Association.

**Antonio Cusano** is a senior at Boston College where he is pursuing a bachelor of science in biology with a minor in Hispanic studies. After completing his undergraduate work he intends to enroll in one of the nation's top medical schools to further his medical studies and passion of being an orthopedic surgeon. His dream was intensified through involvement in the NPH Honduras program which afforded him the chance to go to Honduras with a group of orthopedic surgeons to conduct patient consultations, turn over/prep operating rooms and assist in surgery. Antonio is the son of Robert & Maria Cusano. Robert is the Designated REALTOR® of Cusano Real Estate and a member of the Tri-County Board.

**Joseph Cusano** is a sophomore at Georgetown University where he is pursuing a bachelor of science in biology with pre-medical studies concentration. Upon graduating from Georgetown University, he intends to enroll in medical school where he hopes to study cardiology and someday be a cardiac surgeon. His Biology professor wrote in his evaluation, "Joe is already involved in campus life, even as a first year student. He has continued his participation in Relay for Life to raise money for cancer research and also joined Hoya Blue - a club designed to raise school spirit at Georgetown". Joseph is the son of Robert & Maria Cusano. Robert is the Designated REALTOR® of Cusano Real Estate and a member of the Tri-County

Board.

**Alexanne English** recently graduated from Berkshire School. She will attend Arizona State University where she plans to major in graphic design. Alexanne played varsity ice hockey for five years, club hockey for fifteen years and was the captain of her varsity volleyball team for three years. Alexanne is the daughter of Thomas & Lisa English. Lisa is a REALTOR® with Prudential CT Realty and a member of the Bridgeport Board.

**John Filippo** recently graduated from Pomperaug High School. He will attend Providence College where he's planning to major in English with a focus on journalism. John started Boy Scouts as a tiger cub and worked his way up to being an eagle scout. He participated in cross country and indoor track plus three years varsity tennis finishing the last year as team captain. John is the son of Stephen & Gloria Filippo. Stephen is a REALTOR® with Real Living Real Estate and a member of the Greenwich Association.

**Katelin Fournier** recently graduated from Glastonbury High School. She will attend Eckerd College where she will study marine biology and environmental science. She hopes to work with an organization that teaches people all over the globe how to take care of their natural resources and help to better their lives and communities. Katelin is the daughter of Kathlene Fournier Urbanetti. Kathlene is a REALTOR® with Prudential Connecticut Realty and a member of the Greater Hartford Association.

**Maxwell Freccia** is a junior at Tufts University where he is majoring in economics with a minor in entrepreneurial leadership. His career goals reflect a strong interest in finance and economics and learning to speak Spanish. He currently plays baseball for Tufts and volunteers for Big Brothers of Massachusetts Bay. Maxwell is the son of Vincent & Missy Freccia. Missy is a REALTOR® at The Real Estate Information Center and a member of the Stamford Board.

**Erin Fritz** recently graduated from East Lyme High School. She will attend Stonehill College and is considering a health sciences or pre-med program during her undergraduate study and after that she plans to attend graduate school for chiropractic studies and eventually become a chiropractor. Erin is a member of the National Honor Society, French Honor Society and a club called No Excuse for Abuse which raises awareness for women who have been abused and raises money for a local women's shelter. Erin is the daughter of William and Jana Fritz. Jana is a REALTOR® with Randall REALTORS® and a member of the Eastern CT Association.

**Michael Grasso** recently graduated from St. Joseph High School. He will attend the University of Notre Dame and plans to study chemical engineering. Michael was captain of his varsity football team, played varsity baseball, was a four year student council representative, and president of the Student Ambassadors. He is an active member of St. Joseph's campus ministry, the SADD Empowered club, helps build homes with Habitat for Humanity, helps tutor students through the National Honor Society and donates many hours volunteering with Missionaries of Charity, Operation Hope and the Special Olympics. Michael is the son of Ralph & Mary Beth Grasso. Both Ralph and Mary Beth are REALTORS® with Keller Williams Realty and members of the Greater Fairfield Board.

**Cassidy Grinsell** recently graduated from Hall High School. She will attend Villanova University majoring in chemical engineering, and plans to work in the medical or nutritional field. She has always loved biology and chemistry, and hopes to improve human health through her work. Cassidy also has an affinity for softball and was the varsity captain for four years. Cassidy is the daughter of David and Carrie Grinsell. Carrie is a REALTOR® with Keller Williams Realty and a member of the Greater Hartford Association.

**Chase Johnson** recently graduated from North Haven High School. He will attend Colgate University where he plans to major in American history and/or environmental science and will most likely find a career involving research or possibly teaching. In his advisors recommendation he wrote, "In an age of the apathetic and the prodigal, Chase's discipline and focus distinguish him. In this way, he is a young man beyond his years, a throwback to classical virtues like loyalty, independence and desire. More practically, though, Chase is a young man with varied skill and experience." Chase is the son of Gregory Johnson & Georgia Newcomb. Georgia is a REALTOR® with Sunset Creek Realty and a member of the Mid-Shore Association.

**Emily Lewson** recently graduated from Ridgefield High School. She plans to attend the University of Connecticut where she will major in biology. Her interest is in family practice, an area that would allow her to be closer to the people in her community. She plans on taking challenging courses that will help her to prepare for Medical School, but also building on her language, literature and liberal arts interests which will help broaden her knowledge and allow her to more easily relate to her patients. Emily is the daughter of Richard & Anne Lewson. Anne is a REALTOR® with Keller Williams Realty-Ridgefield and a member of the Ridgefield Board.

**Bridget Lilley** recently graduated from Wethersfield High School. She will attend The Catholic University of America and plans to major in elementary and special education. She hopes to be accepted into the 5 year program at Catholic University so she can obtain her masters before starting to teach. Bridget is also a student dance teacher for children, director of The Breakfast Club at the Mercy Homeless Shelter, treasurer of The Young Democrats at Wethersfield High, runs on the varsity cross country team and volunteers for the Special Olympics in her town. Bridget is the daughter of Charles & Patricia Lilley. Charles is a REALTOR® with Weichert REALTORS® - the Zubretsky Group and a member of the Greater Hartford Association.

**Cara Marino** recently graduated from Sport and Medical Sciences Academy. She will attend Alvernia University and will major in occupational therapy with a focus on pediatrics and minor in art. As Cara explained in her essay "Discovering I had an interest in the medical field comes as no surprise after the life experiences I struggled through and the time I devoted to volunteering. Occupational therapy seemed a way to live my life helping others as I was helped throughout my own". Cara is the daughter of Sebastian & Carolyn Marino. Carolyn is a REALTOR® with Weichert Real Estate and a member of the Greater Hartford Association.

**Danielle Marshak** is a senior at Brown University where she is concentrating in applied mathematics - economics and hopes to pursue a career in news media. She's worked with newspapers since high school and her interests have shifted over time to the business and technological challenges in journalism. She spent last summer at the Washington Post working as a data analyst with the WaPo Labs digital innovation team, where she helped develop the Social Reader Facebook application. Danielle is the daughter of Craig Marshak and Lynn Walkoff. Lynn is a REALTOR® with William Pitt-Sotheby's International Realty and a member of the Mid Fairfield County Association.

**Adrienne Menicheschi** recently graduated from Wilton High School. She plans to attend Miami University and major in clinical psychology and hopes to open her own practice someday. Adrienne volunteers for several charities including Bon Ami/PEERvention, a program to help new students transition as smooth and comfortable as possible. She also volunteers for PROMises which helps provide dresses for teens who would not otherwise be able to attend their proms. Adrienne is the daughter of Edward Menicheschi and Dianne deWitt. Dianne is a REALTOR® with Prudential CT Realty and a member of the Mid Fairfield County Association.

**Luke Murphy** is a senior at Dartmouth College with a history major and a minor in Middle Eastern studies. He is interested in pursuing a career with the State Department following graduation hopefully continuing his study of the Middle East and international politics. This summer he has a grant to study bi-partisan conflict resolution in Israel/Palestine. Luke is the son of Thomas and Mary Beth Murphy. Both Thomas & Mary Beth are REALTORS® with Shimkus, Murphy & Lemkuil and are members of the Greater Hartford Association.

**Patricia Murphy** is a senior at Dartmouth College with a philosophy major and a minor in art history. She aspires to become a teacher in either a philosophy/religion course of study or in screenwriting. She enjoys creative writing and is looking into M.F.A. creative writing programs. She is the daughter of Thomas and Mary Beth Murphy. Both Thomas & Mary Beth are REALTORS® with Shimkus, Murphy & Lemkuil and are members of the Greater Hartford Association.

**Margaret O'Rourke** recently graduated from New Canaan High School. She plans to attend Princeton University and major in molecular biology and hopes to find a way to study all of the many subjects she enjoys from the hard sciences and math to the trends and events of history rather than completely narrow her scope of learning. She has yet to discover whether she will become a scientific researcher, medical practitioner, or a healthcare policy developer. She wants her scientific interests to continue throughout her life and help her impact others positively. Margaret is the daughter of John & Lisa O'Rourke. Lisa is a REALTOR® with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty and a member of the New Canaan Board.

**Lindsay Poulos** is a recent graduate of Bacon Academy. She plans to attend Eastern CT State University and major in criminology and political science with hopes of becoming a lawyer and eventually a judge. She was a varsity cheerleader for four years and the captain her junior and senior years. After graduating from college she plans to join the Peace Corps. Lindsay is the daughter of Christopher & Marie Poulos. Christopher is a REALTOR® with Trinity Realty and a member of the Eastern CT Association.

**Amanda Presutti** recently graduated from Coginchaug Regional High School. She plans to attend George Washington University where she will major in international affairs with an undecided concentration. She hopes to be a professor after attending graduate school or work in an embassy or governmental organization where she can apply her eleven years of experience studying foreign language. Amanda is the daughter of Christopher & Maribeth Presutti. Christopher is a REALTOR® with MLS Direct and a member of the Greater Hartford Association.

**Madeline Rahmy** is a senior at the University of Connecticut pursuing a major in human development and family studies with a minor in Spanish. She is interested in family court social work or family law, helping underserved populations. Madeline is currently a Peer Coach for the UConn Connects Program for students who need help on time management, stress management and study skills, along with motivation and goal setting. Madeline is the daughter of Barry & Tara Rahmy. Tara is a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker and a member of the Greater Hartford Association.

**Stefan Rehr** recently graduated from Weston High School. He is planning to attend Emerson College where he plans to study marketing and communications with an emphasis on the business side of the music and entertainment industries. His goal is to develop artistic, talented and professional musicians and actors. Stefan is the son of Lawrence & Deborah Rehr. Deborah is a REALTOR® with Camelot Real Estate and a member of the Mid Fairfield County Association.

**William Seggos** recently graduated from Wilton High School. He plans to attend Miami University where he will major in Economics. William has skied as an alpine racer since the seventh grade and has also participated on school golf, lacrosse and tennis teams. His counselor wrote in his letter of recommendation, "Sports have provided him with learning beyond the actual playing including insight into his own personality and strengths." William is the son of E.P. Seggos, who is the Designated REALTOR® with Excel Realty and Donna Karnes, a REALTOR® with William Pitt Sotheby's. Both E.P. & Donna are members of the Mid Fairfield County Association.

**Avery Silverstein** is a senior at Brown College pursuing a business economics degree with a concentration in COE (commerce, organizations and entrepreneurship). The concentration focuses on the formation, growth and organization of firms, while placing an emphasis on financial markets. She has taken a partial interest in the real estate business and has an internship at a real estate investment bank in New York City this summer. Avery is the daughter of Steven & Nancy Silverstein. Nancy is a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker and a member of the Greater New Haven Association.

**Christopher Vallerie** recently graduated from Norwalk High School. He is planning to attend the University of Massachusetts where he will double major in finance and economics graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He would like to pursue a career in the Investment/Financial Analyst field. His counselor writes, "As a father of three young boys, I can only hope that my boys model the same personal qualities that Chris embodies. He has been a key contributor with our Peer-Tutoring program and is one of the kindest and most sincere young men that I have encountered." Christopher is the son of Mark & Melinda Vallerie. Melinda is the Designated REALTOR® of Option REALTORS® and a member of the Newtown Board.

**Meaghan Walsh** recently graduated from New Canaan High School. She plans to attend Santa Clara University to pursue a degree in communications. One of the reasons she chose to attend this university is because it's in close proximity to Silicon Valley and the many companies that are located there. These companies offer excellent internships that will enable her to explore the many available opportunities from Marketing to Social Media. Meaghan is the daughter of John & Rebecca Walsh. Rebecca is a REALTOR® with William Pitt Sotheby's International and a member of the New Canaan Association.

**Steven Wang** recently graduated from Loomis Chaffee. He is planning to attend Carnegie Mellon University where he will study economics and decision science. He was accepted into Carnegie Mellon's Quantitative Social Science Scholars Program which only 10-15 freshmen are accepted into each year. Steven's career goals remain open but narrowed down to policy management, law and business. Steven is the son of Ray & Jenny Wang. Ray is a REALTOR® with Executive Real Estate, Inc. and a member of the Greater Hartford Association.

**Robert Winsor** recently graduated from Wilton High School. He plans to attend Miami University where he will study sports communication. He would like to work in the field of sports in the areas of media, public relations, management or business. His counselor states that "He loves sports and everything to do with sports. He has played lacrosse, football and on a recreational basketball league. Beyond school sports, Robert has worked at the local YMCA as a camp counselor. These things have helped develop his leadership and communication skills." Robert is the son of Robert & Lorraine Winsor. Lorraine is a REALTOR® with Realty Seven and a member of the Mid Fairfield County Association.

**Timothy Woodfield** recently graduated from Naugatuck High School. He plans to attend Central State University and work on a double major in civil engineering and construction management. He has been involved in sports since he was 3 years old and was dedicated to the NHS football team the past four years. Outside of school, Timothy has participated in the YMCA basketball league and baseball. He has also volunteered many hours to the community of Naugatuck. Timothy is the son of Jeffrey & Susan Woodfield. Susan is a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker Realty 2000 and a member of the Greater Waterbury Board.