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School Name	Town	Present?	Recipient	Justification
1 Bethel High School	Bethel	N	Recipient1	Recipient1 is a very dedicated and hardworking student who is well respected by faculty as well as her peers. Recipient1 has the highest cumulative GPA in the class of 2017. After 5 semesters she has earned an impressive 4.523 GPA. Recipient1 has never hesitated to extend herself academically and has demonstrated her commitment to excellence by engaging in the most challenging curriculum available to her at Bethel High School including AP Human Geography in her sophomore year, and four AP's currently in her junior year: Biology, Calculus BC, Language & Composition and Physics I.
2 Bassick High School	Bridgeport	N	Recipient2	None provided
3 Central Magnet School	Bridgeport	N	Recipient3	None provided
4 Harding High School	Bridgeport	N	Recipient4	None provided
5 The Bridge Academy	Bridgeport	N	Recipient5	Recipient5 is currently ranked number two in her class; so academically she is obviously deserving. As well as her academic responsibilities in high school, Recipient5 has been enrolled in the High School Partnership Program at Housatonic Community College. The High School Partnership Program offers high school students that score high enough on placement exams, the opportunity to enroll in a college course on their campus free of charge. Recipient5 is finishing up her second college course and has performed admirably achieving an A- last semester and we are awaiting her final grade from this past semester. Aside from academics, Recipient5 currently holds the office of President of our Student Government as well as being an active member of our Action Club which was created this year in hopes to do increase volunteer opportunities as well as school spirit. Recipient5 is an excellent choice to be recognized by this year's award!
6 Brookfield High School	Brookfield	N	Recipient6	None provided

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7 Danbury High School	Danbury	N	Recipient7	Recipient7 is an excellent student who ranks 4 out of a class of 620
8 Darien High School	Darien	Y	Recipient8	Recipient8 was chosen for the Columbia Book award for her outstanding academic achievement. A member of the class of 2017, Recipient8 takes the most rigorous courses and has top grades in all.
9 Fairfield College Preparatory School	Fairfield	N	Recipient9	He is a straight A student who has also accepted the challenge of a vigorous course load. In addition to his academic success, Recipient9 is a leader in the community and on the basketball court. His dedication to academic success is admirable.
10 Fairfield Ludlow High School	Fairfield	Y	Recipient10	None provided
11 Fairfield Warde High School	Fairfield	N	Recipient11	Recipient11 excels academically and is also involved in many extracurricular activities, for example -Youth Group, Model United Nations, Newspaper Club...
12 Brunswick School	Greenwich	N	Recipient12	None provided
13 Convent of the Sacred Heart	Greenwich	N	Recipient13	Recipient13 is an extremely bright, articulate young lady with outstanding academic achievement
14 Greenwich Academy	Greenwich	N	Recipient14	Recipient14 wrote a research paper on the Black Arts Movement. She argued that the movement neglected black women in an attempt to liberate the black community but yet used the female to symbolize collective power, independence and a culture they desired. The paper was well researched and written.
15 Greenwich High School	Greenwich	Y	Recipient15	None provided
16 Marine Science Magnet High School	Groton	N	Recipient16	Recipient16 is a hardworking student who is involved in the school community. Recipient16 always challenges herself and is able to excel while taking a rigorous course load.
17 Luralton Hall	Milford	N	Recipient17	Recipient17 is one of our top students. Her intellectual promise combined with her curiosity, make for an engaged and engaging young academic. Her activities outside the classroom are equally impressive.
18 Masuk High School	Monroe	N	Recipient18	None provided
19 New Canaan High School	New Canaan	N	Recipient19	None provided

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20 New Fairfield High School	New Fairfield	N	Recipient20	Recipient20 is a junior who is ranked in the top of the Top Decile. She was selected based on her high academics (she currently is taking five AP classes, and excelling), extensive community service, good citizenship and peer leadership. She has persevered and flourished while coping with multiple family health crises. She is kind, thoughtful and always considers others before herself.
21 New Milford High School	New Milford	N	Recipient21	Recipient21 is a dedicated, diligent and superb student who on a daily basis strives for excellence in her academic endeavors. Recipient21 has enriched and supplemented her passion for learning by taking a college course each of the past two summers. Recipient21 will be an outstanding college student.
22 Brien McMahon High School	Norwalk	N	Recipient22	None provided
23 Norwalk High School	Norwalk	N	Recipient23	National merit semi-finalist, also taking classes at NCC for own enrichment
24 Joel Barlow High School	Redding	N	Recipient24	None provided
25 Ridgefield High School	Ridgefield	N	Recipient25	Recipient25 is a tireless worker and a constant volunteer for the most challenging roles in a very challenging course. Time and again, Recipient25 assumes responsibilities that sometimes double his workload, compared to that of other students. His selfless dedication to these tasks, and his gregarious personality, not only set him apart from his classmates, it also ensures the success of projects that I work hard to implement, which I certainly appreciate!
26 Newtown High School	Sandy Hook	N	Recipient26	Recipient26 is an outstanding student who has straight A's in my Honors American Literature class this year (as well as almost all of his other classes, which are also at the honors or AP level). Aside from his numerical academic achievement, he is a consummate student who is eminently organized, approaches his schoolwork with a professional demeanor, and is always actively engaged in all class activities. Recipient26 always pursues multiple drafts on his written work, the final product of which has been exemplary all year. He is a model to his peers and a fine young man.
27 Shelton High School	Shelton	N	Recipient27	Recipient27 is a stellar student and citizen. She currently ranks 9 in her graduating class of 380. She possesses an outstanding work ethic and is a responsible and caring student.

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28 Stamford High School	Stamford	N	Recipient28	None provided
29 Trinity High School	Stamford	N	Recipient29	None provided
30 Westhill High School	Stamford	N	Recipient30	We selected him due to his outstanding academic performance to date, as well as his overall personality and involvement. Recipient30 entered this school year sporting a perfect 4.0 GPA and is again excelling in a rigorous course load.
31 Frank Scott Bunnell High School	Stratford	N	Recipient31	Recipient31 is a bright, motivated and hardworking young man. Recipient31 was selected to be the Recipient of the Columbia Book award based upon his high academic achievement, and because he is a young man with unblemished character. Recipient31 comes highly recommended by his teachers across all disciplines for his achievement and intellect. Recipient31 is active in our community and is a member of our cross country and track and field teams. He sets the bar high and serves as an outstanding role model. He is well liked by staff, peers and is always kind and respectful. He truly is exceptional.
32 Stratford High School	Stratford	N	Recipient32	He's academically ranked 4 <sup>th</sup> in his class, he is involved in extracurricular activities and he is in an advanced magnet Aqua Culture program.
33 Christian Heritage School	Trumbull	N	Recipient33	Recipient33 was chosen for her outstanding academic achievement both in the sciences and in the humanities. She is enrolled in our Early University Program where she take all UCONN college classes taught by adjunct professors here at Christian Heritage. She carries a 4.72 cumulative GPA in this program.
34 Trumbull High School	Trumbull	N	Recipient34	Recipient34 was chosen because of her stellar academic performance in all subject areas. She is consistently recommended for advanced course of study. It is because of her academic excellence that she has earned a spot in the top 10% of a very large, competitive class.
35 Weston High School	Weston	N	Recipient35	None provided

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36 Staples High School	Westport	N	Recipient36	Recipient36 is a quietly conscientious young woman whose creative and critical thinking in all she does set her apart. While she might claim to be a "science kid", her strength in the humanities shows her to be a student able to make positive contributions to all fields of study.
37 Wilton High School	Wilton	N	Recipient37	She is a wonderful young lady, role model, volunteer, athlete and student. She currently has a 4.0 unweighted GPA on a 4.0 grading scale, taking many honors and AP classes. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the French Honor Society. She tutors other students in math and French, babysits and works as a lifeguard. She also coaches 3rd and 4th grade girls in basketball and works with disabled students teaching them basketball and leadership skills through the Basketball Outreach Program, along with being involved in Amnesty International, Key Club and Relay for Life. Recipient37 has also played soccer, basketball and run track.