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## Two New Hampshire students chosen for U.S. Senate Youth Program

**CONCORD, NH (December 3, 2024)** — Today, Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut of the New Hampshire Department of Education announced the selection of two New Hampshire students to participate in the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual U.S. Senate Youth Program – William N. Brochu of Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro and Ryan C. Casey of Bishop Brady High School in Concord.

Brochu and Casey were selected by a panel of judges who evaluated the pool of top students nominated by principals throughout the state. Both students will receive a \$10,000 college scholarship for undergraduate study, and they will represent the Granite State in an intensive, virtual study of the federal government in Washington, D.C. this coming March.

Brochu, a junior at Brewster Academy, currently serves as Class President where he demonstrates a talent for inspiring others and creating meaningful initiatives. Brochu, of Concord, plans to dedicate his career to public service where he can positively impact others. Active in community involvement, Brochu volunteers at his church's food pantry, with Special Olympics and the Miss Amazing pageant. He also served as an intern for a gubernatorial campaign, which further fueled his passion for service and leadership.

Casey, a junior at Bishop Brady, currently serves as Class President where he partners with businesses to assist with fundraising efforts. Casey, of Concord, is captain of the varsity soccer team and volunteers at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, the Sycamore Garden Club and Habitat for Humanity. He recently co-sponsored a bill, along with his sister, addressing student debt. Casey, who plans to study computer science in college, tutors and coaches middle school students in math competitions.

“The U.S. Senate Youth Program provides a unique opportunity for high school students to look inside our federal government. William and Ryan will represent New Hampshire in this highly competitive program that could further expand their leadership skills and public service endeavors, while also exploring potential studies in political science and history,” said Edelblut.

The scholarships are provided by the Hearst Foundations, which has fully funded the program since its creation in 1962. More than 6,000 students have participated, including several well-known politicians. For more information, visit the [U.S. Senate Youth Program website](#).

Anthony Henry, a junior at Pinkerton Academy in Derry, and Aubree Herzog, a senior at Stevens High School in Claremont, have been chosen as alternates for this year's program.



*Caption: From left is William Brochu and Ryan Casey – two New Hampshire students selected to participate in the U.S. Senate Youth Program.*