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LeAnna Basque graduates this June from The Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Luralton Hall. She will attend UConn in the fall to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Biology with the aspiration to go on to medical school and become a doctor. As a National Honor Society member with a 4.0 GPA and scoring 30 out of 36 on The ACT, LeAnna also stays busy with the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, the Milford United Indoor Percussion Ensemble, Appalachian Service Project Mission trips and the Environmental and Yearbook clubs along with holding down a part time job. LeAnna is the daughter of Lisa Basque, a REALTOR® with Property World in Milford and a member of the New Haven Middlesex Association.

Benjamin Papsun will graduate this June from North Haven High School. He will attend Vassar College in the fall to pursue a Bachelor's degree, most likely in Music, English or Political Science. While his 4.29 GPA and 2200 score on the SAT are impressive, his lengthy list of awards and extracurricular activities are just as impressive including several writing awards at the 2015 and 2016 FPSP CT State Conference, Sportsmanship Awards for Fencing and Cross Country, Varsity Cross Country Captain, Varsity Fencing Captain and Ultimate Frisbee Captain along with participating in the Asian, French and Chess clubs. Benjamin is the son of Albert J. Papsun, a REALTOR® with William Raveis Real Estate in Cheshire and a member of the New Haven Middlesex Association.

Sarah Papsun graduated from North Haven High School in 2014 and is currently attending Emerson College pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Marketing Communications with a minor in African American Studies. She hopes to one day have a career in entertainment public relations. Sarah serves as Vice President of Marketing Communications in the Public Relations Student Society of America, as a volunteer with Imagine (campus volunteer club) and is a member of the American Marketing Association, Emerson Group (student-run PR firm) and Emcomm (student-run marketing agency). Sarah is the daughter of Albert J. Papsun, a REALTOR® with William Raveis Real Estate in Cheshire and a member of the New Haven Middlesex Association.

Alexander Tiezzi graduates from Valley Regional High School in June and will attend Syracuse University in the fall to obtain his Bachelor's degree in Business. While he has not decided on a career just yet, Alexander knows that hard work will bring success in whatever field he ends up in. His work ethic has earned him high honors since 7th grade. As a part of the Steering Committee, he has raised money for the last 4 years for the class of 2016 (senior class) functions along with organizing a food drive that reached a total of 1,751 pounds of food to benefit the Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries. Alexander currently serves as Captain of the Boys Tennis Team and is also part of the Youth Action Council at school. He is the son of Lisa Tiezzi, a REALTOR® with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in Essex and a member of the New Haven Middlesex Association.

Lauren Votto will graduate from Cheshire High School this June and will be attending Marist College in the fall pursuing a Master's degree in Educational Psychology. She has been on the honor roll every quarter of high school, was Student of the Month and has received Southern CT Conference All Academic Team certificates after every sports season completed. Lauren was also the Cross Country Captain, participated in indoor/outdoor track, lacrosse, Community Service Club, Relay for Life, Peer Tutoring and Best Buddies all while working a part time job. Lauren is the daughter of Stephen C. Votto, a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Cheshire and a member of the New Haven Middlesex Association.

Alexandra Wagner graduated from Daniel Hand High School last year and is currently attending St. Lawrence University. She intends to spend the next 3 years in St. Lawrence's 3-2 Engineering Program studying Physics and continuing on to Columbia University to study Engineering. She hopes to have a career as either a mechanical or civil engineer and eventually return to school to become a patent attorney. Maintaining a 4.0 GPA, Alexandra was also on the University's Swim Team, First Year Council (Student Government) and a Relay for Life Team Captain (2011-2015). She is the daughter of Susan Wagner, a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker in Madison and a member of the New Haven Middlesex Association.