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UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Vermont Principals' Association is proud to announce Vermont's 2025 United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) delegates. Annually, two students from each state are selected for a \$10,000 cash scholarship and an all-expenses paid week long trip to Washington D.C. While at the capitol, students learn about the inner workings of the federal government. They meet with members of Congress, the Supreme Court, and the Presidential Administration. All high achieving juniors and seniors in Vermont high schools with interest in leadership, politics, law, and government are encouraged to apply. The scholarship and program are funded by the Hearst Foundation.

This year's selected student delegates to represent Vermont are **Grey Fearon** and **Olive "Ellie" Neckers**. Grey is a senior at Vergennes Union High School. Ellie is a senior at Lamoille Union High School. Both Grey and Ellie are very impressive Vermont high school students. They submitted incredible application packets, had lots of evidence of great school and community

leadership, and had very impressive interviews with the VPA USSYP committee that made the final selections.

The USSYP committee is comprised of retired principals Dan Ryan and Meredith Voutras; current school leaders Greg Schillinger, Principal Rutland High School; Alicia Lyford, Principal East Montpelier Elementary School, Diane Reilly, Principal Hyde Park Elementary School; Kelly Dias, Principal Academy School; Rachel Reynolds, former middle school principal and current education consultant; Mari Miller, Assistant Principal Spaulding High School and, Jay Nichols, Executive Director of the VPA.

The VPA, the United States Senate Youth Program, and the USSYP Committee all encourage Vermont students who will be in their junior or senior years, and hold an elected or appointed school or community position, to apply for this distinguished scholarship and opportunity next year. Completed applications for next year will be due in October. For more information, visit VPAonline.org.