

# SHS students awarded Superintendents Awards

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Two Southington High School (SHS) students were awarded the Connecticut Association of Public Schools Superintendents Student Awards for the 2015-2016 academic year.

On Dec. 10, Alexander Statkevich and Jessica Howe were recognized by Superintendent Timothy Connellan and the Board of Education (BOE) for their academic success and extracurricular and athletic involvement in their school and community.

The two seniors both rank in the Top 10 of the SHS Senior class. Howe ranks fifth out of 467 seniors, and Statkevich ranks eighth.



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School officials applaud Jessica Howe, left, and Alexander Statkevich, center, with the Superintendents Student Award on Dec. 10.

"This is a recognition for leadership, service to the school and community, academic prowess and

ability, and service to others," said Superintendent Timothy Connellan.

In addition to being in the top 1 percent of her class, Howe plays three varsity sports and serves as a captain for soccer and indoor track. She has been

a state qualifier for indoor track all four years, and an active volunteer for unified track.

"She is a leader in the classroom as well as on the field," said Connellan.

The senior also volunteers at her church, has served as a peer-tutoring director, and is a member of the National Honor Society.

"She is a driven and determined scholar," said Connellan of Howe, who has maintained a cumulative weighted GPA of 109.44.

Statkevich is also a member of the National Honor Society and has maintained a cumulative weighted GPA of 108.534.

"Alex is viewed by faculty as a consummate student," said Connellan, who said he has excelled in many Advanced Placement courses.

With an interest in science and dentistry, he has completed more than 80 hours of shadowing in gen-

eral dentistry and oral surgery and was selected to participate in the University of Connecticut's High School Mini Medial and Dental Medical program.

At SHS, Statekevich is active in the music program. He is a four-year member of the marching band, a brass captain this year, and a member of the jazz ensemble, jazz combo, brass music ensemble, and "Surround Sound Band."

Outside of school, he is a leader in the Youth Church Leadership at Mary Our Queen Catholic Church, where he has taken three summer mission trips and taught Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) classes in the church's educational program.

A luncheon was held last month by the Farmington Valley Superintendents Association, where the stu-

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## Land Trust is scheduling tree pickups after the holidays

Let your Christmas tree keep on giving. The Southington Land Trust will dispose of trees for Southington residents after the holiday season. They are currently accepting reservations for curbside pick-up on the following dates:

- Saturday, Jan. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 16, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For a donation of \$15 to recycle the tree will go directly to the Southington Land

Trust for the purpose of conserving land and wildlife habitat within Southington. The Christmas trees will be turned into wood chips to be used at Camp Sloper.

For more information or registration, visit [www.southingtonlandtrust.org](http://www.southingtonlandtrust.org).

**CORRECTION:** In last week's story, "Kalkowski steps down from the PZC," former PZC member Steve Kalkowski was described as the "left hand man" for PZC Chair Michael DelSanto. DelSanto went on to say, "His integrity is without match...He's done a wonderful job, and we'll miss him sorely."

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