

Welcome to New England



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THREE WEST SPRINGFIELD HIGH SENIORS AWARDED THE 2018 BIG E SCHOLARSHIP

Eastern States Exposition awarded scholarships to three 2018 West Springfield High School graduates. The Big E Scholarship is given annually and was established by Eastern States Exposition to benefit graduates of West Springfield High School who intend to further their education. The three \$1,000 awards were presented in May.

Wylee Candon achieved academic honors all four years of high school, is a four year recipient of the Renaissance Award, a member of the National Honor Society and Academic Honor Guard, as well as the Key Club. Candon played soccer and was a member of the Division 1 Western Mass., and State championship teams. She was captain of varsity and club soccer teams and received the Varsity Soccer “Legacy” Award. She also ran Track and Field and served as the team manager for three years. Her extracurricular activities include serving on the Rachel’s Table Teen Board, camp counselor of Pantuosco Soccer Camp, soccer referee, and playing in the Baystate Summer Games and on the Western United Pioneers Futbol Club. Candon also volunteered at Santa’s House, the Yule Tree Jubilee Festival, the West Springfield Lions Club concession at The Big E, Rachel’s Table can drive and the Tatham elementary School Book Fair. She plans to attend American University in Washington, DC, to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice.

Haley Dover is a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, Drama Club, Irish Cultural Club and is an athlete playing Varsity Field Hockey and Softball, where she served her team as captain, each for two years. Dover was a Girls State Representative and Graduation Grand Marshall in 2017, and was an MIAA Student Ambassador and Baystate Games Ambassador for two seasons. She is a peer mentor for incoming freshmen and a tour guide for parents and incoming freshmen. She has amassed a long list of extracurricular activities including volunteering at: Baystate Medical Center; Rainbow Supper Club; Red Cross blood drive; Read Across America; Yuletide Jubilee Tree Festival; and WSHS Clean Up. Dover also served as a Lady Wildcats Softball Clinic assistant, a Park and Recreation basketball coach and Winter Carnival Kiwanis craft volunteer, as well as a sixth grade math tutor. She plans to attend Wheaton College to achieve a Bachelor’s Degree in Neuroscience and continue on to medical school to become a Pediatric Neuropsychologist. She will also play Field Hockey at Wheaton.

Shelby Merrill is a member of West Springfield High School’s National Art Honor Society where she participates in art-related community service. She is active in the Baystate Springfield Education Partnership for two years and the Rainbow Supper Club in her junior and senior years. She served three years as president of the Conservation Club where she worked within the school and community to improve sustainability, promote recycling, clean up litter and grow a variety of crops and flowers. For four years, Merrill was also a Dance student as well as a member of the Drama Club. She will attend UMass Amherst to study nursing for a future in the medical field.

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The Big E takes place Sept. 14-30, 2018 and will be jam-packed with food, fun, and so much more! For more information on activities and events happening throughout the Fair, visit TheBigE.com, join our mailing list, or connect with us on social media.