

## **The Westborough Education Foundation Awards Two \$500 Scholarships**

The end of the school year and graduation ceremonies look a lot different this year, but the Westborough Education Foundation (WEF) is happy to continue the tradition of awarding scholarships to two graduating seniors. We are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2020 WEF Scholarships are Westborough High School graduates, Adam Dapolite and Neha Prasad. Adam plans to attend University of New Hampshire majoring in Political Science while Neha plans on studying Computer Science at Northeastern University. Congratulations Adam and Neha! WEF wishes you and all the WHS 2020 graduates continued success in your studies.

The scholarships were established for Westborough High School students who exhibit strong leadership qualities, are passionate about learning, and have demonstrated creativity and innovation. These scholarships are not solely based on academic achievement but for students who go “above and beyond” and reflect the spirit and mission of WEF. Applicants were asked to describe a school-related club or program that they have been involved in that has inspired them or describe a creative and innovative program that they would like to see in the Westborough schools that would inspire students to learn and grow.

During his time in high school, Adam was involved in various groups, but being on Student Council was a highlight. His experience on Student Council helping not just the High School but the greater Westborough community has made an impact on Adam. He is inspired to “be that change you want to see in the world.” As President of the Science Club, Neha realized the need to make not just Science Club, but also science in general more fun and appealing, especially to girls. Planning the annual Science Day event was one way to show younger students how fun and interesting science is. These experiences have inspired her to incorporate leadership by focusing on driving positive changes that make a difference in the community.

We wish all the 2020 graduates the best in their future academics and endeavors.

The Westborough Education Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to fostering excellence and innovation in the Westborough public schools. WEF is dedicated to providing financial support for projects and programs that expand educational opportunities, foster and stimulate creativity and enhance the excellence of academic experiences for Westborough students. Our purpose is to support grant awards for innovative initiatives that are above and beyond the base curriculum requirements and are outside the scope of the Westborough School Department’s budget. WEF supports academic programs at all levels of education across many disciplines including math, science, literacy, the arts, technology, history, and physical education. These grants allow teachers and administrators to develop and implement innovative programs that are not covered by the regular school budget. Since its inception in 1997, WEF has awarded over \$450,000 in grants that support programs that benefit students in all grades. For more information, visit WEF’s website at [www.westborougheducationfoundation.com](http://www.westborougheducationfoundation.com)

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