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| Julia Scalmani | HHAC  | SCC All Academic Team (2022-2023)<br>Hamden Hall Sophomore<br>Citizenship Award<br>Hamden Hall English Department Award (2023-2024) | Varsity Swimming and Diving: Captain (Jr., Sr.), Rookie of the Year (So.), M.V.P. (Jr.), SCC Individual Finalist and Class M State Individual Finalist (2022-2023), NEPSAC DIII Team Runners-Up (2024-2025), NEPSAC DIII Individual Finalist (2023-2024) (2024-2025) Varsity Girls Water Polo (Fr., So., Jr.) Manager for Boys Varsity Water Polo (So., Jr.) Student Government Leader School Mock Trial Club: Vice President and Co-Founder School Girl Up! Chapter Senior Apprentice at the Eli Whitney Museum and Workshop: Weekend shifts during the school year to teach creative projects at birthday parties, community events, nursing homes, ect; summer camp counselor Lifeguarding Swim Lessons | Like many others, I am concerned about recent and upcoming NCAA changes, such as roster and scholarship limitations, that make it significantly harder for swimmers to compete at the collegiate level. These changes may soon begin to affect the number of club swimmers across the country, including in Connecticut. With fewer college spots available, younger swimmers might lose motivation to continue competing at high levels and eventually choose to pursue other sports. That being said, I want to do my part to promote the sport of swimming by advocating for the needs of swimmers on a larger scale and recognizing the importance of the sport. Encouraging more kids to stay involved and growing the swim community, even just within this state, will greatly help keep our sport alive and ensure competitive opportunities for all swimmers in the future. | I have been involved in the world of Connecticut swimming since my older sister began swimming at age 7. I joined soon after, at age 5, and have since dedicated countless hours to the sport. After 12 years, I understand how much Connecticut Swimming has evolved and how much more can still be accomplished. As a leader in many school clubs and extracurricular activities, I feel confident that I can work with a committee of my peers to successfully achieve any goals we set. Swimming has given me my closest friends and teams that will always feel like family. I truly would not be who I am today without it. If elected, I would work to create a better future for younger swimmers so they can gain everything "and more "from what this sport has to offer. |