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Ellington High School Student Joins Ellington's Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee

Daniel Joy, a junior at Ellington High School, has been appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve on the Ellington Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee as its first Student Representative.

The Student Representative committee membership designation is designed for youth, ages 14-17, to have a voice in, and provide assistance with, the various activities and projects that the Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee is involved in. The program was initiated by members of the Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee in order to "provide a public platform where our young people can voice their opinions and ideas. They have much to say," stated Wilson Flynn, chairman of the Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee. "This program connects these future leaders with those of us willing to *listen*."

Mr. Joy will be assisting the other members of the committee in the organization of Ellington's Memorial Day observance and parade, as well as the annual Wreaths Across America program.

"This has been a dream come true," stated one member. "Our hope is that other young people, and their parents, will follow Mr. Joy's lead and become involved in what we do."

When Daniel turns 18, he will be eligible to become a full voting member of the Patriotic Committee.

To find out more about the Ellington Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee or Student Representative committee membership, you can contact the Office of the First Selectman at (860) 870-3100 or email at info@ellington-ct.gov or contact the Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee at ellingtonpatrioticcommittee@gmail.com.