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Congratulations to Ms President US senior award recipients Ellie Carter, Natalie Esikumo, and Kara Meenan, each of whom has served as mentors throughout the girls' civic leadership program.

Ms Carter, Ms Esikumo, and Ms Meenan all made a significant contribution to the success of the Ms President US program by consistent and ongoing support of the girls enrolled. Ms Meenan assisted with nearly every session handling attendance, and was among the first to arrive and last to leave. Ms Carter was not only a Mentor but also a session presenter, leading the debate prep during the Federal Leaders session, as well as handling Zoom technicalities. Ms Esikumo engaged the girls in a Vision Boarding exercise that quickly became a favorite session activity, and is working towards starting her own Ms President US Boston Chapter.

Ellie Carter, RHS Class Speaker, received the League of Women Voters of Ridgefield award, and will be attending the dual degree program between Columbia University and the Paris Institute of Political Studies. As for her time as a mentor, Ellie says "Ms President US allowed me to grow as a leader and I loved working with so many talented and passionate young girls. The participants in the program give me hope for the future of politics and I am so proud to have been part of this organization!"

For Natalie Esikumo, winner of the ABC award, "being a Ms President US mentor has given me full gratification. Not only have I used my experience and skills to influence and guide the mentees but I've also learned to be a leader in my community and help other young girls follow their goals and dreams." Natalie is headed to Boston College and getting her degree in Childhood Education from the Lunch School of Human Development and Education.

Kara Meenan, winner of the Ms President US award, has been a mentor since the program began in her 9th grade. She will be attending Loyola University Maryland as a marketing major. Kara mentioned that "Ms President US has been one of the greatest parts of my high school career. It has allowed me to grow as an individual and has given me the chance to become more confident in all aspects of my life."

Ms President US is a girls' civic empowerment program motivating and preparing girls to aim for the highest civic leadership positions, and is a non-partisan, non-profit, community-based 501(c)(3) organization. For more information about the *Ms President US* program, participant/mentorship opportunities and enrollment applications, please visit MsPresidentUS.org or email info@mspresidentus.org.

Senior Scholarship Awards sponsored by League of Women Voters of Ridgefield

Honoring senior mentors who exemplify civic engagement and leadership:



Ellie Carter

Junior Board Co-President
3-year Mentor
National Merit Scholar Semifinalist
Captain: Mock Trial and Debate Teams



Natalie Esikumo

Junior Board Co-President
3-year Mentor
ABC Ambassador
Ms President US Intern



Kara Meenan

Junior Board Secretary
4-year Mentor
Girl Scout Presidential Award
Girl Scout Bronze Award



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