

5 seniors to spend semester at UNH

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A group of five West Haven High School seniors will spend the spring semester taking classes at the University of New Haven after being accepted into the college's Outstanding High School Senior Program.

This is the largest number of WHHS students to ever be accepted in one year for OHSSP, which admits a group of around 18 seniors from New Haven and WHHS annually. Last year, two WHHS students were accepted.

This year's OHSSP Westies—Jesus Yanez, Sarah Flynn, Timothy Arcadipani, Angela Riehl and Jakub Grubski—will still participate in senior activities at WHHS, but will be enrolled in four UNH classes at no cost to them as part of OHSSP.

Monique Bolt, a UNH senior admissions counselor who coordinates OHSSP, said this year's talented group of applicants from WHHS warranted additional spots for Westies.

"Normally we accept two to three students from West Haven High School, but we had very good students apply and they stood out. They gave great interviews and applications," Bolt said.

The students started classes Jan. 22 and will be able to apply credits they earn this semester toward a degree at UNH or another school they choose to attend.

Typically, students take core academic classes in OHSSP so they can start more rigorous classes in their first full year of college after they graduate high school.

OHSSP students will have opportunities to join UNH organizations and club sports, as well as use academic support and mentoring services. They will get the full college experience while still technically high school seniors.

"Because you worked so hard, that's why you're sitting here today," WHHS School

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West Haven High School seniors Jesus Yanez, Sarah Flynn, Timothy Arcadipani, Angela Riehl and Jakub Grubski celebrate with Monique Bolt (right), University of New Haven senior admissions counselor, after being accepted into the UNH Outstanding High School Senior Program. The WHHS students, along with around 13 other students chosen from New Haven, will take classes for the spring semester at UNH while still high school seniors. This is the largest group to ever be accepted in one year from WHHS.