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**Fifth Graders Across the State Prepare to Vote for New Hampshire's Kid Governor®**

MANCHESTER, N.H. – As adults prepare for Election Day on November 5, New Hampshire's 5<sup>th</sup> graders are heading to the polls November 4-12 for the second annual statewide election for New Hampshire's Kid Governor!

New Hampshire's Kid Governor® (NHKG) is a national award-winning civics program for 5<sup>th</sup> graders led by the New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education (NHICE) and the New Hampshire Institute of Politics (NHIOP), created by The Connecticut Democracy Center (CTDC). This groundbreaking approach to civics education immerses students in learning about state government, elections and voting, and civic participation through a real-life election for their state's Kid Governor. The annual program offers schools across the state an opportunity to nominate a student candidate and prepare classmates to vote in an authentic statewide election.

NHICE and NHIOP are proud to announce this year's Statewide Election candidates and their platforms:

- Ameya – College and Career Awareness
- Calvin – Pollinator Loss
- J.T. – Save the Sea Turtles
- Kasey – Bullying
- Nina – Catie's Closet
- Patrick – Underage Tobacco Use
- Suzy – Children's Health and Time Outdoors

Each candidate has prepared a short campaign video outlining:

- Why they want to be NHKG
- Their leadership qualities and skills
- A community issue that they want to address and why it is important
- A three-point plan that will help 5th graders across New Hampshire make a difference on that issue

The candidates' videos are available for public viewing at [NH.KidGovernor.org](http://NH.KidGovernor.org). The Statewide Election begins on Monday, November 4 and ends at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

"The New Hampshire's Kid Governor team is thrilled to announce the final candidates for this year's Statewide Election," said Luane Genest, the program's state coordinator. "Kid Governor showcases the inspiration and civic-mindedness of our state's young people and provides a platform to make their voices heard. These 5<sup>th</sup> grade candidates have developed meaningful platforms and have demonstrated their passion for important issues that affect their communities and our state. We know that students and adults across New Hampshire will be cheering on these candidates as we head into the Statewide Election. We wish everyone the best of luck!"

The winning student will serve a yearlong term as 2020 New Hampshire's Kid Governor, succeeding 2019 Kid Governor Lola Giannelli. He/she will be inaugurated at the New Hampshire State House in January. The Kid Governor will work with the NHICE and NHIOIP team to promote their platform online, meet and speak with their constituents, and participate in programs across the state. The student will also attend and lead meetings of the New Hampshire's Kid Executive Council, comprised of the other finalists from the Statewide Election who will spend the year carrying out their own platforms and supporting the elected NHKG.

**ANNOUNCING THE FINAL CANDIDATES FOR  
STATEWIDE ELECTION  
2019** **NOV. 4-12**

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S  
KID GOVERNOR  
2019-20

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**About New Hampshire's Kid Governor®**

New Hampshire's Kid Governor® (NHKG®) is led by the New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education and the New Hampshire Institute of Politics and is a state affiliate of Kid Governor®, an award-winning civics program created by the Connecticut Democracy Center (CTDC). The free, in-class program teaches fifth graders about state government, elections, and the importance of civics engagement through a real-life election that's timed to coincide with Election Day in November. NHKG inspires students to be lifelong agents of change, active participants in our government, and registered voters when they turn 18. For more information on New Hampshire's Kid Governor, visit [NH.KidGovernor.org](https://www.nhkidgovernor.org) or find us on follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).

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