



New Hampshire student named “worlds brightest” by Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth

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Irene Pletcher, an 8th grade student at Crossroads Academy in Lyme, NH was honored today in an award ceremony with “High Honors” for her exceptional performance on the SAT/ACT and similar assessments taken as part of the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth [CTY] Talent Search, according to a news release.

CTY launches a global talent search every year where students identified as the brightest in the world are invited to undergo additional assessments and testing. CTY uses a combination of above-grade-level testing to identify advanced students and to provide a clear picture of advanced students true abilities. Pletcher was one of over 20,000 students in grades two through eight selected for testing representing all 50 states as well as more than 70 countries.

Less than 20 per cent of CTY Talent Search participants qualified for CTY High Honors Awards, achieving scores at least 4 grade levels above their own.

"We are thrilled to celebrate these students," said Virginia Roach, CTY's executive director. "In a year that was anything but ordinary, their love of learning shone through, and we are excited to help cultivate their growth as scholars and citizens throughout high school, college, and beyond," she said in a statement. "In times like these, we are reminded that the world needs leaders, educators, health care providers, artists, creators, and problem solvers, and we hope you will use your talents to find success in college and your career, serve your community, and cultivate a love of learning that will last a lifetime."