

Brynn Gingras

Brynn Gingras graduated with honors from Lyman Hall High School in 2000. A varsity scholar, Brynn was also an outstanding high school athlete who captained both the field hockey and basketball teams bringing the basketball team to the 1999–2000 league championship as the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,209 points. She earned multiple all-league, all-state, all-area, and all-county honors and was a four-time team MVP.

Brynn's academic and athletic success in high school was rewarded with acceptance to Yale University where she graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in American Studies and where she once again stood out as a remarkable student athlete. A four-year starting point guard, Brynn was selected by teammates to be captain of the women's basketball team, had career totals that placed her in the top five in the program, and was honored with the Yale Athletics Outstanding Leadership Award.

Ms. Gingras paid her appreciation for basketball forward by volunteering as a coach to aspiring basketball players with the inner-city AAU program, New Heights. Her work with Bottom Line New York supporting students in under-resourced communities to achieve their higher education dreams reflects her desire to give back some of what higher education gave her.

Upon graduation from Yale, Brynn Gingras began her career as a national news and sports correspondent and an award-winning journalist. She grew in her early career as a reporter with WNBC, New York, NY, with WVIT, Hartford, CT and with KMIZ in Columbia, MO. She advanced to anchor at KMIZ before becoming a national correspondent in 2016 with CNN, where she continues as a journalist today.

Throughout her career Ms. Gingras has covered major events close to her Connecticut home including Hurricane Sandy and the Sandy Hook school shooting. She has produced live reports, investigative stories, and in-depth coverage for other major national breaking news such as the college admissions scandal and high-profile court cases including Luigi Mangione, Donald Trump, the #MeToo movement, COVID-19, and sports investigations. She has covered complex legal and social issues, including the Richard Glossip death-penalty case.

Brynn Gingras's skill as a journalist has garnered some impressive awards. She is a three-time Emmy Award winner and a recipient of the Edward R. Murrow Award. This is one of the most prestigious awards in news, recognizing local and national news stories that uphold the Radio Television Digital News Association Code of Ethics, demonstrate technical expertise, and exemplify the importance and impact of journalism as a service to the community. Brynn's reach as a national correspondent and journalist shines in a world that needs ethical reporting such as hers.

The Wallingford Education Association applauds Brynn Gingras as she enters the Class of 2026 Distinguished Alumni.