

District 1 Voice of Democracy Winner **Benjamin Berg**
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I am a Junior at Brattleboro Union High School and have lived in southern Vermont my entire life. Growing up, I have always strived to connect with people in my community and love the passionate comradery of a small town lifestyle. As I started high school, I dedicated myself to joining leadership groups and advocating for what student's need to be successful in school. I also volunteer at the Brattleboro Ski Hill, initially as a loader and now as a ski patroller. Patrolling makes me feel useful, helpful, and ready to aid whoever may need assistance. Those traits have always been characteristic of first responders and military personnel I have idolized and still dream of one day attaining myself.