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Student Life) planning events pertaining to voter registration, social justice, and community-building. In recognition of her work, Zorianna received UVM Student Life's 2024 Spirit of Service Award.

As a student at Falmouth High School (FHS) in Falmouth, MA — inspired by its 7:22 AM start time — Zorianna formed a student chapter of Start School Later in order to raise awareness of how early school start times negatively impact students. As a high school senior, Zorianna was a legislative intern for Massachusetts state representative Dylan Fernandes. It was in her intern role where she took on a project to write a later school start times bill that, if passed, would mandate all middle and high schools in Massachusetts start no earlier than 8:00 and 8:30 AM, respectively. The bill was filed in the Massachusetts Legislature in May 2022 and refiled in February 2023. Prior to the bill's filing, Zorianna wrote a policy memo explaining the impetus behind the bill which also summarized the current state of school start times legislation in the state. Since then, Zorianna has been advocating for the bill, which as of January 2024, has made it to the joint Education Committee of the Massachusetts Legislature.