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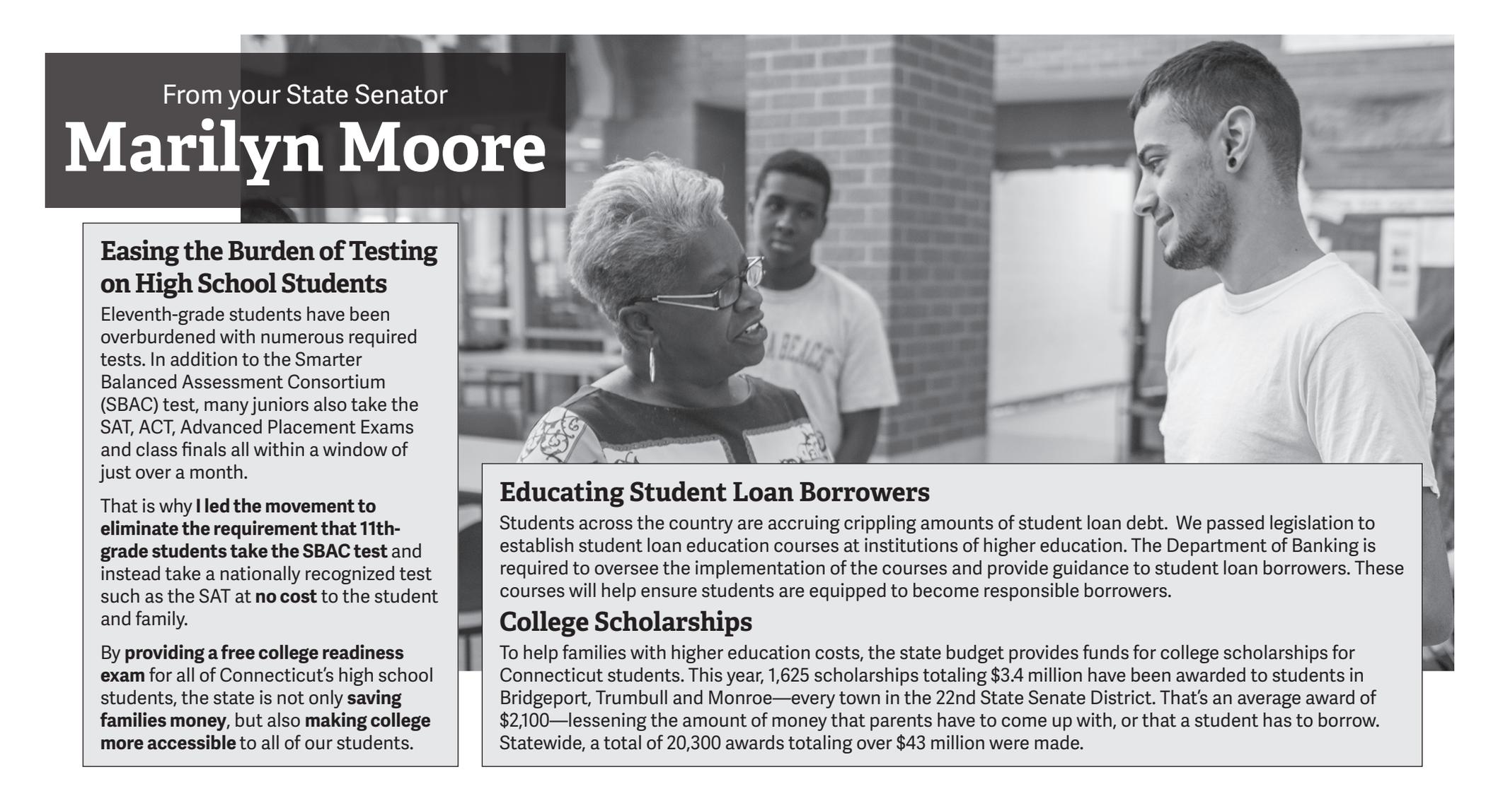
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## Easing the Burden of Testing on High School Students

Eleventh-grade students have been overburdened with numerous required tests. In addition to the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) test, many juniors also take the SAT, ACT, Advanced Placement Exams and class finals all within a window of just over a month.

That is why I led the movement to **eliminate the requirement that 11th-grade students take the SBAC test** and instead take a nationally recognized test such as the SAT at **no cost** to the student and family.

By **providing a free college readiness exam** for all of Connecticut's high school students, the state is not only **saving families money**, but also **making college more accessible** to all of our students.

## Educating Student Loan Borrowers

Students across the country are accruing crippling amounts of student loan debt. We passed legislation to establish student loan education courses at institutions of higher education. The Department of Banking is required to oversee the implementation of the courses and provide guidance to student loan borrowers. These courses will help ensure students are equipped to become responsible borrowers.

## College Scholarships

To help families with higher education costs, the state budget provides funds for college scholarships for Connecticut students. This year, 1,625 scholarships totaling \$3.4 million have been awarded to students in Bridgeport, Trumbull and Monroe—every town in the 22nd State Senate District. That's an average award of \$2,100—lessening the amount of money that parents have to come up with, or that a student has to borrow. Statewide, a total of 20,300 awards totaling over \$43 million were made.