

The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

SUMMER 2024

This is an abbreviated newsletter for the summer. Since we have some activities, we want to make sure that you know what is going on. You will receive our regular newsletter before the September meeting.

BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be on **Thursday, August 8 at 10 AM** at the West Windsor library.

LUNCHEON GROUP

Monday, July 15, noon
Seasons 52
Princeton Marketfair

Come join us for a summer luncheon at Seasons 52 on **Monday, July 15 at noon.**



Everyone is invited to join us. If you would like to come, please let Bonnie Larson,

bonniejlarson63@comcast.net, know by Saturday, July 13, so that she can firm up the reservation.

We will decide when and where we are going in August at our July luncheon.

MEMBERSHIP

If you know of women who would like to join our club, please contact Membership Chair, Alyce Conlon, alyce@comcast.net or 609-448-7064.

We would like to welcome the following new members:

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Attached to this newsletter is your dues renewal form and hospitality form for 2024-2025. Please send the completed forms to Marlene Gordon by August 15.

We are going to print a new directory and need to have everyone's information to put in the new directories.

JULY TRIP

On **Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 10:30 AM**, there will be a trip to Mercer County Community College to view the Mercer County Artists Exhibit of 2024. The Gallery is located on the 2nd floor of the Communications Building of the college at 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. The juried exhibit is made up of 27 Mercer County visual artists who live, work, or attend school in Mercer County.

Lunch will follow at noon at Villa Maria on Quakerbridge Rd, Hamilton.

Please RSVP Barbara at Barbe017@aol.com or call 732-742-2827 so she can make reservations for lunch. Thank you,

Barbara Rinaldo

HISTORY INTEREST GROUP

The history group is taking a break this summer and will resume again in September.

Doris Ju, Historian c: 917-520-8653, email address: dorisju@hotmail.com

HANDICRAFTS GROUP

Janet Young is reviving the handicrafts group. If you have any hand sewing, knitting, crocheting, hooking, or mending projects, come join this group. It will start in September. Please let Janet know if you are interested in participating. jnt_yng@yahoo.com

WALKING GROUP

There will be a walk on Friday, August 2 at 9:30 AM.
For details on this walk, please contact Jan Stout.
stoutnj@gmail.com.

BOOK GROUP

The book group will meet at Windrows in the Barnhart room on the lower level at 11 AM on **Friday, July 26** to discuss *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin.

We will not meet in August but will meet on Sept. 27 to discuss *The Wager* by David Grann.

In October we will read *The Women* by Kristin Hannah.

We always have a lively discussion and afterwards we go to the Café at Windrows for lunch.

All members are welcome. If you would like to participate in this group, please contact Joan Goodman, joan2larry@aol.com.

IN MEMORY OF....

We are very sad to announce that **Kay Bingeman** passed away on June 14. Kay was a long-time active member of the College Club and was on the board for many years. She was 100 years old.

Kay has donated her body to the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Rutgers University.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

This year we had 39 applications and 19 scholarship recipients. We are proud to announce that we gave \$49,000 in scholarship money to deserving students.



Below are short summaries of scholarship winners that were not in last month's newsletter.

Betaneya Tsegay

will attend the University of Richmond, with the intention of majoring in chemistry on the pharmacy track. She is highly motivated, hardworking, and compassionate, and especially sensitive to cultural diversity. Her volunteer work activities include being an officer in a local chapter of Operation Smile, creative care for post-surgical children, activity with the World Wildlife Fund which informs about endangered species and being chosen to be a Peer Group Leader.

In addition to all these accomplishments, Betaneya is involved with Building Bridges where she tutors middle school students. Betaneya's traits of self-confidence, thoughtfulness, intelligence, creativity, and empathy all contribute to her impressive successes.

Mackenzie Turner will attend Utica University in the fall, and is planning to major in biology on a premed track. Mackenzie is a member of the Hun School Varsity lacrosse and soccer teams, Black Student Union, Red Shield school tour guide group, and is a founder and club leader of the Female Athletes Network (F.A.N.) at the Hun School. She is also an accomplished violinist and a member of the Hun School of Princeton Chamber's Orchestra.

In addition to all these accomplishments, she is a Languard Team member who helps to give out free meals, as well as a mentor and assistant for the Trenton Police Department's Youth Summer Camp.

Mackenzie represents personal growth, the pursuit of excellence, leadership, compassion, and service, and believes that every individual deserves access to quality healthcare.

Regina Sakar, from Princeton HS, will be attending the University of Michigan, for a degree in business. She is proud of the small business she has created, raising money for charitable purposes showing a strong empathy for others.

Regina worked on the school yearbook, is a managing editor of the Campus Life section of the yearbook, has been a contributor to Spark, the school's culinary magazine, as well as creator of PHS Make Your Mark, a club channeling her love for the arts and community.

Her hard work, compassion, initiative, and ability to do critical analysis will help her to achieve success in

her personal endeavors and in her goals in the business world.

Jessie Wang, from Princeton High School, will attend Smith College in the fall to pursue courses related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Her interest, drive to learn, and innate skills made her a stand-out student, especially in courses where she was able to master the combination of scientific theory, application and mathematical skills.

Jessie's community service includes volunteering at the Berwin Art Education Center, and tutoring at Mathnasium Learning Center. She is also fluent in Mandarin and helps children learn about their culture and mother tongue.

She is an accomplished competitive swimmer-overcoming many physical obstacles, and was chosen as a PHS team captain. With her attributes and hard work, Jessie is already a success.

Berenice Liu, from Princeton High School, will be attending Boston University where she intends to pursue Pre Med studies to prepare to become a physician, a long-held dream. During her years in high school, she has participated in a Pre-College Medical Academy summer program at Georgetown University. Berenice has also been a research intern at Front Aim Biomedicines, housed in the Princeton Innovation Center Bio Labs. Berenice has used her skills to contribute to a poster presentation at the 2023 American Association for Cancer Research. She also provides support to underprivileged students, helps English Language Learners transition to high school, and provides workshops on diversity to second graders and middle school students.

Caroline Gu, from Princeton High School, will attend Johns Hopkins University where Chemical Engineering is her intended major, with scientific research her passion.

In the spring of 2022, Caroline was accepted into Princeton University's Laboratory Learning Program where she undertook a challenging research program. She later spent eleven weeks doing intense research in the high school's Register Lab of the Chemical and Biological Engineering department. During the summer of 2023, Caroline attended an Engineering Camp in China, where she constructed a sting ray shaped robot. Additionally, she has pursued researching plastic alternatives, created an underwater robot, and mapped the "phylogeny of isopods." She has been involved in The Scientific Olympiad and the Princeton High School STEM Roots

Club which brings science to low-income children. Caroline was awarded a scholarship to attend New York City's School of Visual Arts Pre College-Spring Semester portfolio course. She has been the Visual Editor for the Tower Newspaper.

Daniela Gonzalez of Princeton High School will be attending Temple University in Philadelphia. She has aspired to become a Marine Biologist since she was seven years old. She is passionate about learning and research. She experimented on "fighting fish" and observed their aggressive behavior, which lead her to have discussions with the evolutionary biologist, Neil Shubin. A paper she wrote was recognized by the New Jersey South Junior Science and Humanities Program. She is currently building upon her studies at the New Jersey Institute of Technology's Fluid Locomotion Laboratory. Her team entered the 2021-2022 SAMSUNG SOLVE for TOMORROW competition and won the National Grand Prize. She has also won second place in the Chemistry Division of the Mercer County Science and Engineering Fair.

Valarie Navarro

We are pleased to present The Kathleen Hutchins Scholarship to Valerie Navarro of HUN School. Valerie plans to study Psychology at The George Washington University and ultimately use her skills to practice Forensic Psychology.

Valerie is a three-sport athlete: tennis, swim and rowing as the coxswain of the Boys' rowing team. She is the primary student photographer for the HUN Yearbook. She was selected for the Young Women's Leadership Council when she was a freshman. She is leader of the Hispanic and Latinx Student Union on campus. Valerie plans fundraisers in support of low-income neighbors, and teaches English as a Second Language to help nonnative speakers prepare for their GEDs.

Of great significance, as a 10th grader, Valerie won the KIEFER COMMUNITY AWARD for saving the life of a classmate who had passed out on the mall in Washington, D.C. She used her training and skills and calmly acted. She was celebrated as an "UNSUNG HERO" in the community, in recognition of her kindness, character, honor and integrity. We congratulate Valerie Navarro on her achievements and wish her continued success as she pursues her dreams

Lea Jade Richards or L.J. from Princeton Day School is a recipient of a Women's College Club Scholarship. She will attend Wake Forest College where she will take a double major in English and politics and

international affairs in her goal to become an attorney.

As a member of Jack and Jill of America for 14 years, L.J. learned about black history and culture. When she realized that only 5% of attorneys are black, she decided she wants to join the percentage and, in her words, "make it grow". Going to the Student Diversity Leadership Conference in Texas her junior year further inspired her to reach her goals.

In school, L.J. was a peer leader, mentoring 9th grade students. As co-head of the Student Life Council, she helped plan bonding activities such as school dances and movie nights.

She was also a member of the varsity field hockey team, loves Latin and studied digital photography.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Trip	Tues. July 9, 10:30 AM
July Luncheon	Mon., July 15, noon
Book Discussion	Friday, July 26, 11 AM
Walking Group	Fri. August 2, 9:30 AM
Board Meeting	Thurs. Aug. 8, 10 AM
August Luncheon	TBD

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FROM OUR HISTORY:

Charlotte Gipson saw this page at the scholarship awards meeting and was excited to spot her daughter, Priscilla Smith, a WCCP 1979 scholarship recipient. She asked her daughter to write something up—an update about herself.



From: Priscilla Wainwright (Priscilla Smith in the 1979 newsclip, standing on the right, from PHS going to Howard)

Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 8:48 AM

To: doris ju

Subject: RE: A Page from a WCCP Scrapbook

Mom was thrilled to see the scrapbook page. She called me right away!

I loved **every minute** of my Howard experience. I met people from a variety of nations and countries, made lifelong friends, learned the skills to start a career in journalism and cemented a commitment to lifelong learning. After several years, I took a position in public relations at a regional university, Middle Tennessee State University. While at MTSU, I pursued a Master's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in marketing. An ordained minister, avid reader, proud mother of two grown sons and member of an organization of women executives in Corrections, I now serve as Director of Contracts Administration for the Tennessee Department of Correction, overseeing procurements for services such as medical and behavioral health services for incarcerated offenders. Last year I was honored for 30 years of service in Tennessee State government.

Mom always lets me know when she has been to one of the WCCP luncheons and enjoys talking to the scholarship recipients about their plans and aspirations. I am so grateful for the investment WCCP made in my education and my future, and continues to make in the lives of young women.

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PICTURES FROM THE JUNE LUNCHEON



NAME _____

TOTAL \$ _____

COLLEGE(S) _____

HOSPITALITY SIGN-UP SHEET FOR 2024-2025

Dear College Club Member,

The Board appreciates the involvement of our members and looks forward to another successful year of great speakers, programs and of course, delicious refreshments. Because of the generosity of our Club members, we have enjoyed everyone's contributions at our monthly Morven meetings. We hope you will continue this tradition by signing up for the 2024-2025 year. Contributions are requested for sandwiches, desserts, or cold beverages.

Please sign up for two dates when you will be able to provide refreshments. If enough members volunteer, you will be called only once. The Hospitality Chairperson, Barbara Rinaldo, will email or phone you to confirm what you are bringing.

If you prefer not to bring refreshments, we would very much appreciate a small donation to the hospitality fund. This would cover the purchase of supplies.

Please fill out your name, telephone number and email. Then fill in the chart below specifying the date and item you will be bringing. **Return this form with your dues payment.**

NAME _____

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

DATE	SANDWICHES	DESSERTS	COLD BEVERAGES
Monday, September 16, 2024			
Monday, October 21, 2024			
Monday, November 18, 2024			
Monday, December 16, 2024			
Monday, January 20, 2025			
Monday, February 17, 2025			
Monday, March 17, 2025			
Monday, April 21, 2025			