

Scholarship Committee Annual Report 2025

An informational meeting chaired by Chris Greges was held on December 12, 2024, at Panera Bread in Nassau Park, with the new committee comprised of Joanne May, Barbara Lawler and Rukhsana Bari. Chris provided copies of the scholarship application, and the committee went over it and approved any minor changes. We then went over the list of the scholarships that were currently available. Chris then gave a brief overview of the schedule and provided the following dates for the timetable over the next 6 months:

- Early December – Holiday cards were sent to our 2024 scholarship recipients expressing our delight at meeting them earlier in the year and suggesting that we'd love to have them come back and tell us about their freshman year experiences at our Annual Luncheon in June.
- Jan 16 – applications, cover letters and list of currently available scholarships to be sent to Guidance Counselors at Princeton High School, Stuart Country Day School, Princeton Day School and the Hun School (The Lewis School did not have any senior girls in the class of 2025).
- April 4 – application deadline to be received by the committee. They will be emailed to Chris, and she will disseminate them to the rest of the committee.
- April 22 – 25 – the Committee will meet with the applicants at their schools. The committee will meet at the earliest date after the interviews to decide on the recipients.
- May 19 – the Scholarship Tea will be held from 3-5pm at the Stockton Education Center at Morven.

Two members of the Club donated money for scholarships this year: Margaret Bartlett initiated The Bartlett Family Foundation scholarship to honor her late husband, Marshall Bartlett and Kathleen Hutchins, a 3-time former President of the Club, gave a contribution to the endowment fund which will fund a scholarship in her name each year.

In early April we received 29 applications in total (10 from Princeton High School, 5 from Princeton Day, 5 from Stuart Day and 9 from Hun). They were emailed to Chris, and she disseminated them to the other Committee members. We personally interviewed 28 applicants in the span of 3 days in late April and made our decisions on April 25th. One of the applicants decided to go to school outside of the United States so she was taken out of the running. In total, we awarded \$51,700 in scholarships.

The scholarship recipients are below:

Kathleen Hutchins Memorial Scholarship	Elizabeth Duff (Hun)
Barbara A Hillier Memorial Scholarship	Sophia Troiano (Hun)
Florence Bell Hillier Memorial Scholarship	Alexis Colvin (PHS)
Luna Kayser Memorial Scholarship	Makena Graham (PDS)
The Bartlett Family Foundation Scholarship	Amanda Guadalupe (SDS)
The Bartlett Family Foundation Scholarship	Sara Ruiz-Mitchell (Hun)
Chowsoon Chuang Ju Memorial Scholarship	Jaila Lampley (Hun)
Nancy Lifland Memorial Scholarship	Hawa Baka (SDS)
Mary Lincoln Memorial Scholarship	Bengu Bulbul (PHS)
Carol Stawski Memorial Scholarship	Nyla Flamer (SDS)
Marjory White Memorial Scholarship	Amelia Rabe (Hun)
WCCP Scholarship Award	Maya Todorov (PHS)
WCCP Scholarship Award	Lillian Tuliszewski (PHS)
WCCP Scholarship Award	Julia Escobar (PDS)
WCCP Scholarship Award	Ruth Mehreteab (PDS)
WCCP Scholarship Award	Ana Sofia Ramirez (PDS)
WCCP Scholarship Award	Devyn Martin (Hun)
WCCP Scholarship Award	Nala Verlus (PDS)
WCCP Scholarship Award	Neena Williams (Hun)
WCCP Scholarship Award	Elizabeth Chorba (PHS)

The Scholarships were awarded at a tea held at the Stockton Education Center on May 19th from 3-5pm. Refreshments were supplied by the Board and Barbara Rinaldo and Marilyn Gonyo coordinated the table setup. The recipients' bios were read and they were each awarded with their check, a certificate, and an orange rose.

In addition to our members, parents/guardians and friends of the recipients, our guests included Bob Hillier, Margaret Bartlett, Eliana Waite and Angela Wang from Princeton Day School, Cindy Michalak from Stuart Day School and Anupa Wijaya from the Hun School. It was a very nice turnout. It was suggested at the Board meeting after the tea that members and guests at the tea be asked to hold off going for refreshments until after the recipients had had their group photo taken and returned to the meeting room so that they could have first dibs on the food and drink.

Three students from the class of 2024 came to our Annual Luncheon on June 16 – Caroline Gu (PHS – Johns Hopkins), Lea Jade Richards (PDS-Wake Forest) and Michaela Pestano (Hun-Rensselaer). Michaela and Lea-Jade were accompanied by their mothers, but Caroline's mom was not able to attend. Meals for all were paid for by the Club.

The girls gave us detailed accounts of how their freshman years had gone – and shared their highs and lows during the year – coping with full loads of STEM classes and studio time and being away from home. All three expressed their gratitude to the WCCP for the scholarships they received. Several Club members who chatted with the girls were able to give some advice about contacting people they knew who might be available to provide internships or other career advice.

Submitted by Chris Greges, Scholarship Committee Chair
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