

# The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

## SUMMER 2025

This is your summer newsletter for July and August activities. In September, a full set of meetings and activities will begin. In the meantime, enjoy the summer and consider joining us for lunches, trips and book discussions.

You will be receiving your dues notice any day now. Please return it promptly. We will be publishing a new directory in the fall and we want to make sure that all members are listed.

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### BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be on **Thursday, August 14** at **10 AM** at the West Windsor library.

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### MEMBERSHIP

New members are always welcome. If you know someone who wishes to join the Women's College Club of Princeton, please contact Alyce Conlon, [alymar@comcast.net](mailto:alymar@comcast.net) or 609-448-7064 or LuAnn Wood, [luannwood16@gmail.com](mailto:luannwood16@gmail.com), 609-731-6680.

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### BOOK GROUP



For those who enjoy reading a book each month, we will meet at 11:00 AM on **Friday, July 25<sup>h</sup>** in the Barnhart Room at Windrows to discuss *Harlem Rhapsody* by Victoria

Christopher Murray.

Our August reading selection is *West with Giraffes*, a novel by Lynda Rutledge. We will meet on **Friday, August 29** at 11:00 AM, in the Barnhart Room.

After a lively discussion, we go upstairs to have lunch in the Café.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Joan Goodman, [joan2larry@aol.com](mailto:joan2larry@aol.com) or 609-799-4433.

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### LUNCHING OUT GROUP

We are going to Villa Maria on Quakerbridge Rd on **Thursday, July 10** at **noon**.

Please let Bonnie Larson know by **July 3** if you would like to join us by calling 609-655-2663, or email [bonniejlarson63@comcast.net](mailto:bonniejlarson63@comcast.net).

Check your email for the location and date for the August Lunching Out.

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### TRIPS

Princeton Summer Theatre is presenting three plays this summer. A group is going on **July 6** and **August 2**. If you would like to get more information about the plays, contact Jan Stout, 609-475-5649.

On **July 29** we will be going to the Mercer County Senior Art Show at Mercer County College in the Conference Center. We will meet at **10:30 AM** to see the art exhibit. After that, we will go to Robbinsville Bar and Grill on Rt. 130 for lunch at noon.

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### 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Above is a picture of our scholarship winners for this year. Below is a summary of the second ten recipients.

#### Hawa Baka

Hawa Baka is a senior from Stuart Country Day School and she is the recipient of the Nancy Lifland Memorial Scholarship.

Hawa's passion for technology started when she was very young and by middle school she had decided to pursue a career in Computer Science. She has excelled

at all her AP classes in the computer field, as well as the mathematics and pre-calculus courses she's taken.

She is a talented writer and has been an asset to the school's newspaper "The Tartan" where she contributed profile pieces about new faculty members. Hawa also has taken Spanish all through high school and believes that studying the historical background of the Hispanic cultures, coupled with the language, will bring her a better understanding of other perspectives and realities. She has created several websites and software for different organizations like the Black Student Union and the Sparks Robotics team, been a member of the Girl Scouts through high school and had an internship working with Girls Code the World.

Hawa is attending Wellesley College in the fall, majoring in Computer Science/Cybersecurity.

#### **Ruth Mehreteab**

Ruth Mehreteab, a senior at Princeton Day School, is a recipient of a WCCP Scholarship.

Ruth is described by a counselor as a beautiful writer, a skilled programmer and a deeply kind person. Academically, she excels in both English and STEM courses. At school, she is the co-president of a group chosen by the faculty to tutor high school students in math and also co-head of the school's chapter of the National Organization of Women.

Ruth was a gold medalist at the nationals of the NAACP Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics. Her participation in the highly selective Carnegie Mellon Computer Science program strengthened her commitment to her goal of a career in software engineering.

Ruth looks forward to attending Harvard in the fall where she will major in Computer Science.

#### **Amelia Rabe**

Amelia is a senior from The Hun School who received the Marjory White Memorial Scholarship.

She is an engaging and active student, excelling in her classes and overcoming some fraught situations (she was the only girl in a physics class of 15 boys, but she held her own and emerged as a leader in the class).

One of Amelia's most notable strengths is her leadership ability which she has demonstrated by motivating and inspiring others in her role as a peer leader. Amelia writes beautifully and is active in many extracurricular activities: Varsity swim team

captain, Janus Players (she was a lead in two productions), the Edgartones acapella group, the editor-in-chief of the Hun Literary Review and a member of the Scholars Program where she did independent research on model rocket velocity in midwinter just after an ice storm.

Amelia will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the fall, planning on majoring in Biology with the goal to go into Medicine, with a minor in Astronomy.

#### **Lillian Tuliszewski**

Lillian Tuliszewski, a senior at Princeton High School, is a recipient of a WCCP Scholarship.

When you meet Lilly her warm, mature, empathetic personality shines through. She possesses excellent communication skills both verbal and written. She is truly an advocate for individual rights. She is an Officer for the PHS Gender and Sexuality Alliance. She has met with the school Superintendent and Principal on many issues.

Lilly is also an active performer with the PHS performing arts and Choir. She is a member of the prestigious Select Choir. One of Lilly's passions is the stage. She has served as assistant stage manager, as well as performed in several plays.

She participated in the Speech and Theatre Association of NJ and competed in 3 categories. Lilly and her scene partner placed 4th in their performance scene of "The Rabbit Hole".

Lilly has been active for 11 years in Taekwondo, and she currently possesses a Senior First Degree Black Belt.

Lilly plans to attend Loyola University and major in Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences.

#### **Ana Sofia Ramirez**

Ana Sofia, a senior at Princeton Day School, is a recipient of a WCCP Scholarship.

Ana Sofia has sought to challenge herself with several AP courses where she excels in her strong field of interest, Art History. Her Fine Arts instructor describes her work as way beyond the high school level.

Ana Sofia was selected by faculty as a Peer Group leader, is Co-Head of the Latinx Student Union, and is Student Life Representative in the Student Government.

Outside of school, Ana Sofia volunteers at the Princeton Arts Council, the Salvation Army, Home Front and Special Olympics.

Despite her family responsibilities, she has many hours of community service and particularly enjoys working with children.

In the fall, Ana Sofia will enter Lehigh University where she plans on majoring in Art History.

#### **Sara Ruiz-Mitchell**

Sara, aka “Gabby”, is a senior at the Hun School who is the recipient of one of The Bartlett Family Foundation Scholarships.

Academically, she is outstanding – she has taken the most rigorous courses offered at Hun and achieved multiple academic accolades. Gabby considers herself a changemaker. To get some personal experience in the political world, she was a summer intern at the office of a local county executive and was introduced to the power behind local efforts for change. She then went on to work for The Opinionated, a small media house run by 4 women under the age of 21 where she recruits diverse voices for their blog.

Gabby facilitated Hun’s MLK Leadership summit and attended the American Civil Liberties Union’s Summer National Advocacy Institute. Her extracurricular activities also include the presidency of the Gender and Sexuality Alliance, guiding tours of Hun through the Red Shield Society, a member of the Honor and Discipline Board, acting in several Janus Players plays and the Peer Tutor program.

Gabby will be attending Barnard College in the fall with a double major in Political Science and Classics/Ancient Greek.

#### **Maya Todorov**

Maya Todorov, a senior at Princeton High School is a recipient of a WCCP Scholarship.

Maya has outstanding grades in her classes and has excelled in AP especially in Micro and Macroeconomics. Her mathematical skills have led her into tutoring middle school math students.

Tennis was and is an integral part of her life. She began playing at 5 years old. She has managed the PHS Tennis Team of 20 girls providing both instruction and guidance.

Maya has studied the violin since the age of 5 and now has also mastered the viola, which she plays in the school’s orchestra.

As the football team’s videographer, Maya attended all the games and captured all the plays which she then edited as a tool for the team’s analysis.

She also gives back to her community working with PHS Paws and Food Aid. She has shared her artistic talents with the PHS Art Council providing projects and workshops and fostering leadership.

Maya plans to attend Rutgers University and study Economics.

#### **Sophia Troiano**

Sophia Troiano, a senior from The Hun School, is the recipient of the Barbara A. Hillier Memorial Scholarship. She is an excellent student receiving high grades in 5 AP classes her senior year.

Sophia was intrigued by constructing functional objects to help someone’s need. She constructed a soft-wall hyperbaric chamber to help in her mom’s recovery from illness.

Sophia discovered her passion for creating spaces for others while attending a two-week in-person architecture course at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Her goal is to create environmentally based architecture combined with visually aesthetic-based architecture.

Sophia is also a varsity softball player, worked on her class’s yearbook, and was a Red Shield guide for prospective students who come to visit the school.

During the summer, she works at a local camp which she also attended when she was young.

Sophia will be attending Rensselaer and majoring in Architecture.

#### **Nala Verlus**

Nala Verlus, a senior at Princeton Day School, is the recipient of a WCCP Scholarship.

Academically, she is a strong student who has enjoyed a challenging and balanced curriculum, with math being her favorite subject.

In addition to Nala’s impressive scholastic achievements, including Accelerated Calculus, she is captain of the volleyball team, participates in the Teacher Assistant Program, and is a tour guide for prospective families at Princeton Day School.

Outside of school, Nala’s passion is dance. She won The World of Dance New Jersey competition and placed third in the USA. One of her counselors at

school describes her center stage performances as “powerful experiences.”

Nala also volunteers in several organizations teaching dance, leading discussions and organizing events.

Nala is looking forward to attending Howard University to obtain a degree in accounting to enable her “to work with organizations making a positive impact on society.” She also plans to minor in Dance.

#### **Neena Williams**

Neena is senior at The Hun School and received a WCCP Scholarship. She is an exceptional student academically and a “born leader”.

At Hun, she was a Hun Review Club Editor, a Black Student Union Representative, Captain of Majesty (the Hun Step Team) and a member of the winter and spring season track teams for 4 years.

Most of all, Neena is a dancer. She has been studying dance of all genres since she was three and has competed in team and now solo competitions nationally. The rigor of competition provided constant challenges and gave her the resilience to persevere which she was able to apply to her academic studies as well.

Neena is planning on attending Howard University in the fall to pursue a major in Kinesiology/Sports Medicine.

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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>Lunching Out</b>	<b>July 10, Noon</b>
<b>Trips</b>	<b>Contact Jan Stout</b>
<b>Book Discussion</b>	<b>July 25, 11 AM</b>
<b>Trips – Art exhibit</b>	<b>July 29, 10:30 AM</b>
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>August 14, 10 AM</b>
<b>Book Discussion</b>	<b>August 29, 11 AM</b>
<b>August Luncheon</b>	<b>TBD</b>



# PICTURES FROM OUR JUNE 16, 2025 ANNUAL LUNCHEON At PRINCETON WINDROWS



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