

Scholarship Committee Annual Report 2026

The formation of the 2026 Scholarship Committee took a while to be formalized this year. Alice Mass, a former member of the committee, had not been able to commit to joining the 2026 committee at the end of 2025, but asked to be included on the committee in 2026. She replaced Rukhsana Bari and joined Joanne May and Barbara Lawler on this year's committee. In December, Alice informed me that she was unable to be on the committee as she was planning on moving to Philadelphia and anticipated not being around for the application and interview process. Melanie Goldstein was chosen as the newest member of the committee, and she met with Chris at the end of January to go over the goals and procedures for the committee. Meanwhile, Chris provided copies of the scholarship application, the list of the scholarships that were currently available and 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 2025 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 22 – 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 2026).
- 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 27-30 – 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 18 – the Scholarship Tea will be held from 3-5pm at the Stockton Education Center at Morven.

At the April Board of Directors meeting, it was suggested that two Bartlett scholarships could be presented this year and when the idea was presented to Margaret, she gave her consent. Marilyn Gonyo renewed her \$1,000 scholarship award.

In early April we received 21 applications in total (9 from Princeton High School, 4 from Princeton Day, 4 from Stuart Day and 4 from Hun). They were emailed to Chris, and she disseminated them to the other Committee members. We personally interviewed 21 applicants in the span of 3 days in late April and made our decisions on April 28th. We awarded \$52,000 in scholarships.

The 2026 scholarship recipients are below:

Scholarship

Barbara A Hillier Memorial Scholarship
Florence Bell Hillier Memorial Scholarship
Luna Kayser Memorial Scholarship
Kathleen Hutchins Scholarship
The Bartlett Family Foundation Scholarship
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Chowsoon Chuang Ju Memorial Scholarship
Nancy Lifland Memorial Scholarship
Mary Lincoln Memorial Scholarship
Carol Stawski Memorial Scholarship
WCCP Scholarship Award
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Marjory White Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Marilyn E. Gonyo Aspiring
Educator Award

Recipient

Quinn Gallagher
Arianna Malave
Deja Kelsey
Nina Barnes
Ashley Batz
Gabrielle Kratee
April Kopacz
Naomi Lygas
Valeria Trujillo-Monroy
Gabriela Maldonado
Brynn Dandy
Genevieve Gambone
Zuri Graham
Andrea Gregorio
Aolani Harris
Rowan Lacy
Layla Saint-Pierre
Taylor States
Joslyn Winslow
Kirsten Brenya

Leila Hernandez-Lewis

The Scholarships were awarded at a tea held at the Stockton Education Center on May 18th 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 and a certificate. Only one of the recipients, Leila Hernandez-Lewis, was unable to attend (she had an orientation interview at Temple), but her counselor, Cindy Michalak recorded Chris reading her bio and shared it with Leila.

In addition to our members, parents/guardians and friends of the recipients, our guests included Bob Hillier (donor of two scholarships), Margaret Bartlett (donor of two scholarships), Cindy Michalak from Stuart Day School and Stephen Del Vecchio and Julie Washington from the Hun School. The guests were asked to hold off from partaking of the refreshments until after the scholarship recipients had their group photo taken and they did! The refreshments provided by the Board were plentiful and appreciated by everyone.

Two scholarship recipients from the class of 2025 came to our Annual Luncheon on June 15th - Jaila Lampley (Hun-Tufts) and Nyla Flamer (SDS-Smith), both accompanied by their mothers. Meals for them were paid for by the Club.

The girls gave us brief accounts of how their freshman years had gone – and shared their highs and lows during the year – like coping with being away from home and dealing with the pressures of classes and exams as well as making new friends and being exposed to interesting classes and experiences. Both expressed their gratitude to the WCCP for the scholarships they received. After their talks, several Club members chatted with the girls. Chris received thank-yous from both girls the following day.

Submitted by Chris Greges, Scholarship Committee Chair
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