

# The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

## SUMMER 2026

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We had a wonderful end of the year luncheon at Princeton Windrows on Monday, June 15. I had the salmon as a main course and I am still raving about how good it was.

We had our installation of officers fo 2026-2027 and we heard from two of our past scholarship recipients.

Thank you to Marlene Gordon, Janet Reiche, and Mary Castria for a wonderful job on setting up this luncheon. Also, thank you Chris Greges, our Scholarship Chair, for making sure that our scholarship recipients were able to come and speak.

This is the summer edition of the newsletter. I am including the rest of our scholarship winners from this year and also the activities that we are going to have this summer. We do hope that you will consider coming to these events.

Attached is your dues renewal form. Please return it as soon as possible. We will be printing a new directory this fall and want to make sure every member is in it.

**Bonnie Larson**

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*The 2026-2027 Board*

### BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be on **Thursday, August 13 at 10 AM** at the West Windsor Library.

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### MEMBERSHIP

If you know of women who would like to join our club, please contact Membership Chair LuAnn Wood, [luannwood16@gmail.com](mailto:luannwood16@gmail.com) or Laura Steinberg, [lss1421@aol.com](mailto:lss1421@aol.com).

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### LUNCH OUT



Our next lunch out will be on **Monday, July 13 at City Streets, Rt. 130, East Windsor, at noon.**

If you would like to join us, please contact Bonnie Larson, 609-655-2663 or [bonniejarson63@comcast.net](mailto:bonniejarson63@comcast.net).

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### TRIP GROUP

**Thursday, July 23, 10:30 AM**

Each summer we go to Mercer County College to their art show. We usually have at least one member, Nora Ananos, who has a painting in the show.

After the show, we will be going to Villa Maria Restaurant, 3800 Quakerbridge Rd. for lunch.

Please let Jan Stout, [stoutsnj@verizon.net](mailto:stoutsnj@verizon.net) know if you are going to join us for lunch.

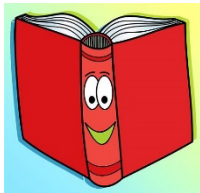
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June 18, 2026 trip to  
The Pearl S. Buck National Historic Landmark  
at Perkasio in Buck County, PA

**BOOK GROUP**  
**July 31, 10:30 AM**

*In July we will meet at our regular meeting time of  
10:30 in the Barnhart Room on the Terrace Level.*



We will be discussing *How to  
Read a Book* by Monica Wood.

On August 28, we will be reading  
*Girl at War* by Sara Novic.

After our book discussion, we go  
upstairs to the café for lunch. If you would like to  
participate in this group, please contact Joan  
Goodman ([joan2larry@aol.com](mailto:joan2larry@aol.com)).

Thanks to Mary Anne Restuccia,  
our Publicity Chair, we have a  
picture of our 2026 scholarship  
winners and a wonderful article in  
this week's edition of *Town Topics*:  
Pages 4-5

<https://www.towntopics.com/flipbook/town-topics-newspaper-june-24-2026/>

Thanks to the persistence of our  
Club Historian, Doris Ju, we have a  
wonderful article in this month's  
edition of *Princeton Magazine*. It  
includes pictures from our club  
archives. Pages 60-65

<https://www.princetonmagazine.com/flipbook/princeton-magazine-summer-2026/>

Make sure you check them out.

Doris has also found an archivist,  
Helene van Rossum, who is making  
arrangements for our archives to  
be housed at the Princeton  
Historical Society.

Helene, our archivist, is also  
working on enhancing our website  
with the information from our  
various scrapbooks, minutes,  
pictures, and newspaper clippings.

Thank you, Mary Anne and Doris!



**2026 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

This year we honored 21 young women with  
scholarships. The first ten were listed in our June  
newsletter and the rest are below.

**DEJA KELSEY**

Deja Kelsey is a senior at Princeton High School and  
the recipient of the Luna Kayser Memorial  
Scholarship.

Deja is described as persistent, kindhearted, and genuine. She is the type of student that personifies the values of Princeton High School. Deja has a quiet confidence and gets along with every group in school. If she believes something is right Deja follows through regardless of peer pressure. Additionally, Deja is quick to bring her own perspective to her academic work. She has also been described as the type of student that makes her community stronger.

Deja is very interested in psychology. This interest grew from some of her earlier experiences that helped her develop empathy and a real desire to understand what others were experiencing. She truly wants to be supportive and encouraging of others. Deja has been an active member in both the school and local community. She's worked with Operation Smile and Girl Up, an organization that trains young girls and young women to make social change and fight for equality, all this while also working to help with expenses. Deja is also interested in interior design and hopes to include that in her future endeavors.

Deja will be attending Roanoke College in the fall.

#### **APRIL KOPACZ**

April Kopacz, a senior at Princeton Day School, is the recipient of The Chowsoon Chuang Ju Memorial Scholarship. April grew up on a farm where she initially developed her love, compassion and understanding for animals. Animals, she states, have taught her how to observe, listen, and recognize subtle signals in others and the natural world.

Academically, April is a strong student who has deepened her interest in Chinese culture by studying Chinese since her freshman year. She is also deeply interested in Chemistry. In addition to academics, April is a leader of the Science Club, and an actor, dancer, and choreographer for PDS's theater community. Ballet and figure skating have been major passions and activities for April since she was very young.

In the fall, April plans to attend Franklin & Marshall College where she wants to major in Chemistry and continue with dance.

#### **GABRIELLE KRATEE**

Gabrielle Kratee, is a senior at Princeton Day School and is the recipient of a Bartlett Family Foundation Scholarship.

Gaby is described by a counselor as fiercely independent, self-motivated and optimistic. She and her mom moved from Minnesota in order for Gaby to attend PDS.

Academically, Gaby is a strong student with a love for history, government and psychology. She has taken AP courses in Comparative Government and Politics and United States Government and Politics. As a junior, Gaby was awarded the Gwen Reed Promise Award which is presented to a student dedicated to building and sustaining a culture of belonging in the school community. Gaby chose Chinese as a language course because of its importance in foreign affairs. Additionally, she was able to study in Taiwan for a month which broadened her interest in international relations. Gaby has held leadership positions in Student Council, the Mental Health Awareness Club, and the Black Student Union.

Gaby plans to focus on course work in political science and psychology in the fall and will be attending George Washington University.

#### **ROWAN LACY**

Rowan Lacy is a senior at The Hun School and is the recipient of a WCCP Scholarship.

She has achieved academic success taking many AP classes and receiving A's. She discovered a passion for the human brain after taking an AP Psychology Class. She then became a volunteer tutor her junior year. She has found success and interest in American Sign Language and believes it assists her in studying the human brain and has considered pursuing a career with deaf children.

Rowan is a volunteer member of the Hun Community Service Club and Homefront. She participates in Softball, and has played all 4 years and now serves as Captain. She is a member of Weightlifting, the Young Woman's Leadership Cohort, and the Peer Leadership Program.

Rowan plans to attend The University of Rochester in the fall and study psychology and brain and cognitive science.

## **NAOMI LYGAS**

Naomi is a senior at Princeton High School and also a recipient of the Nancy Lifland Memorial Scholarship.

Naomi has been described as one of the most accomplished and admired students to come through PHS. She is an extraordinary student and nationally recognized volleyball athlete. However, it is the depth of her character that grounds her and sets her apart. Naomi has also been noted for being as committed to service as she is to her academics and sports.

Naomi has been interested in healthcare from an early age. Some early personal experiences and complicated athletic injuries have given her a clear picture of how she wants to serve. Naomi attended Hindi school, as the only non-Hindi-speaking student for 10 years. She has also taken Spanish for 11 years. Naomi personally learned how difficult and confusing it can be to try to communicate when speaking different languages. At this time, Naomi is hoping to become a multilingual sports physical therapist that patients feel heard by, cared for and safe with.

Naomi will attend Tulane University in the fall and pursue her studies in Spanish and public health.

## **ARIANNA MALAVE**

Arianna Malave, a senior at Princeton High School, is the recipient of the Florence Bell Hillier Memorial Scholarship.

Ari has been an exceptional student at PHS, maintaining a high average throughout her four years. While in school she was a varsity cheerleader captain who led practices, and choreographed routines (she was also a competitive dancer for many years), the president of the MSAN (the Multi-cultural Student Achievement Network), a nationwide club whose mission is to improve access, opportunity and achievement for people of color and PULSE, a women-empowering club that donates clothes and care kits to women in the Princeton area. In her junior year she earned a "Gold Key" award which is a combination academic and service award.

In addition to her academic achievements and community involvement, she shows her entrepreneurial side by creating an online business called Edens Jewels, where she sells handcrafted bracelets and necklaces.

Ari has been playing competitive flag football since elementary school and currently plays on an all-girls travel team in Pennsylvania. Her team recently returned from the ESPN Flag Football World Championships where they ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the world.

Ari will be attending Marymount University in the fall where she plans to study nursing and was invited to play flag football for the school.

## **GABRIELA MALDONADO**

Gabriela Maldonado, a senior at Princeton High School, is the recipient of Carol Stawski Memorial Scholarship.

Gabby started her scholarship essay with a quote from Benjamin Franklin – "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest", and she has spent her time in high school achieving high grades and stowing away what she has learned in her academic studies and applying that knowledge to her curiosity about human behavior. She assists in the ESL classroom, providing support to her peers and makes sure that they have the tools they need to succeed.

In her extracurricular activities her leadership abilities and exuberance make her an asset to any cause or project. She spearheaded a blood drive at school and through organizations like PULSE and WOWY, she has orchestrated successful fundraising events to support various community initiatives. As a varsity cheerleader, she has raised school spirit and demonstrated her commitment to teamwork and collaboration.

Gabby will be attending Penn State and majoring in psychology in the fall.

## **LAYLA SAINT-PIERRE**

Layla Saint-Pierre, a Princeton High School senior, is the recipient of a WCCP Scholarship.

Layla, a California transplant, came to PHS in the fall of 2024. Despite the challenges that came with having to adapt to an entirely new social environment and set of academic expectations, she embraced her new setting with enthusiasm, passion and resilience. Layla has meaningfully contributed to the PHS community through her work with the school's cultural initiatives. She has contributed to the PHS newspaper, the Tower, and created a fashion club blog, called Campus Couture. She is a

proud member of MSAN (the Multicultural Student Achievement Network) a club whose objective is to give students of color a voice and to advocate for inclusion at the school and district levels.

Layla is an avid and talented writer – her poem entitled “Is the World Capable of Saving?” a work which shed light on inequalities and unfortunate events throughout the world, and the urgency to come together and combat them. As a member of World of Work for Youth (WOWY), a local mentorship organization, she has helped prepare students for college.

Layla will be attending Kean University in the fall and majoring in Journalism.

### **TAYLOR STATES**

Taylor States is a senior at Stuart Country Day School and is a recipient of a WCCP Scholarship.

Taylor is described as someone who is generally excited to learn and loves to test out new abilities and knowledge. Additionally, Taylor is described as someone who is thoughtful and warm, whether she knows someone or not. She has consistently taken a rigorous schedule, proving she is always up for a challenge. At SDS she has played on the varsity volleyball and basketball teams and is active in the Black Student Union and the Yearbook staff. She’s looking forward to going to Appalachia next month on a service trip.

Taylor spent time in a hospital setting as a young teenager. The experience taught her a lot about herself and what others often go through medically and emotionally when hospitalized. As a result, she is committed to a career in nursing.

Taylor will be attending St. John’s University in the fall.

### **VALERIA TRUJILLO-MONROY**

Valeria Trujillo-Monroy, a senior at Princeton High School, is the recipient of the Mary Lincoln Memorial Scholarship.

Valeria is an outstanding student, achieving high marks in her all her AP classes. She has a knack for languages – she is tri-lingual, speaking English, Spanish and French. At school she is a powerhouse of leadership and spirit. Valeria is a founding member of Latinos Unidos and PULSE where she

celebrates culture, empowers her peers and leads by example. She is a proud varsity cheerleader (now captain) and was honored as an All American Cheerleader. She is also one of the few girls on the wrestling team.

As a member of the Princeton Youth Advisory Committee, Valeria has actively contributed to civic conversations on critical issues ranging from mental health access to environmental justice and educational equality. Her guidance counselor summed her up like this “Valeria is a rare kind of leader: One who listens first, serves always, and never loses sight of the greater good.”

She will be attending Rutgers University and taking courses in psychology, sociology and neuroscience with the aim of a career in medicine.

### **JOSELYN WINSLOW**

Joselyn Winslow, a senior at Princeton High School, is a recipient of a WCCP Scholarship.

From the get-go, Joselyn let us know that she wanted to be a registered nurse. Her scholarship essay stated the “Nursing isn’t just a career choice for me – it’s a calling rooted in advocacy, service and making sure people feel seen, heard and respected, especially those from under-resourced communities.”

In school, she was a change-maker and advocate – when cultural celebrations like Black History Month and Hispanic Heritage Month performances were cut by the administration, she co-wrote an appeal and worked with school leaders to bring the programs back. It showed how fiercely she believes in representation and justice. Joselyn is an avid and accomplished athlete. She was a 4-year varsity cheerleader and manager of the wrestling team. In her junior year, she made the brave decision to join the wrestling team and compete despite few other girls being on the team. Joslyn has been a volunteer with the School to Work program and Princeton Mutual Aid, where she demonstrated a deep empathy and social awareness.

Joselyn will be attending Delaware State University and working toward a degree in nursing.

## Dates to Remember

Lunch Out Monday, July 13, noon  
Trip Thurs. July 23, 10:30 AM  
Book Discussion Friday, July 31, 10:30 AM  
Friday, Aug. 28, 10:30 AM  
Board Meeting Thursday Aug. 13, 10 AM

## END OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON

### Photos

June 15, 2026 at Princeton Windrows

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and Bonnie Larson



Special guest speaker: Nyla Flamer, Stuart Country Day School, now at Smith College, majoring in Psychology and Religion. 2025 recipient of the Carol Stawski Memorial Scholarship.



Special guest speaker: Jaila Lampley, The Hun School, now at Tufts University majoring in Psychology, recipient of the 2025 Chowsoon Chuang Ju Memorial Scholarship.



Special guest speaker: Jaila Lampley with her mother, and Scholarship Committee Chair, Chris Greges and other club members.

Club members at the luncheon.



Attendees at the Annual Luncheon.





## HOSPITALITY SIGN-UP SHEET FOR 2026-2027

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 2026-2027 year. Contributions are requested for sandwiches, salads, veggie platter, 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, SALADS, VEGGIE PLATTER	DESSERTS	COLD BEVERAGES
Monday, September 21, 2026			
Monday, October 19, 2026			
Monday, November 16, 2026			
Monday, December 21, 2026			
Monday, January 18, 2027			
Monday, February 15, 2027			
Monday, March 15, 2027			
Monday, April 19, 2027			