

105th Annual Meeting  
And Scholarship Award Dinner



Echo Lake Country Club  
Westfield, NJ  
May 24, 2022

## President's Message

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Welcome to the 2022 College Woman's Club Annual Meeting and Scholarship Dinner. Tonight we present \$40,000 in scholarship awards to four hard-working young women. The continued success of our mission depends entirely on your support throughout the year, our fundraising efforts and our generous sponsors. Thank you for your donations large and small.

As we emerged from the pandemic, we continued to offer our College Prep Zoom series. We hosted seven zoom events this year: Private School Admissions, Ins & Outs of Financial Aid, Stop the Stress-Gaining Perspective on the College Admissions Process, Young Adults and Financial Planning, The Gap Year Advantage, Finding Internships and Jobs Today, How to Prepare to be a Great College Parent. Special thanks for the Zoom series goes to member Susana MacLean for her expert guidance and to Ingrid McKinley for her incredible PR skills. Attendance yielded 150 new names who have not been involved with the College Woman's Club.

In addition to the College Planning Zooms, we hosted five book club conversations with the help of Pam Shaw and Annemarie Puleio. We held our second essay contest for female sophomore residents of Westfield entitled "A Letter to My Younger Self." Congratulations go to Natalie Fitzgerald. I am happy to report that we re-launched our in-person events this year – welcome back cocktails, a lovely holiday brunch and International Woman's Day Luncheon, all at Echo Lake Country Club and of course, we are here in person for our annual meeting and scholarship awards.

We launched a new fundraiser this year: a Peloton Bike+ Raffle. This was our first attempt at this and I am happy to report that it was a big success. Our Winter Wreath and Spring Lily Sales yielded great results as did our Holiday Sip and Shop at J McLaughlin and holiday event at Mimi and Hill. On March 8, we joined forces with the Westfield Service League to host Peg Wright, CEO of The Center for Great Expectations for a luncheon at Echo Lake Country Club. Our fourth annual Trivia Night at St. Paul's Hamersley Hall was a great success and we thank all who attended. We took a more thorough approach to finding sponsorships for Trivia Night which yielded amazing results. We thank our generous sponsors for their continued commitment to education. Please see all of them listed later in our program and please support their businesses when you are making a choice among many.

I have had the great honor to serve as president for two years alongside an incredible team of hard working Board members. 2022 has been quite a year and I am proud of the impact this 105 year old organization has had on the community. We continue to walk in the footsteps of our founders Helen French and Mabel Sturgis who will be inducted into the Westfield Hall of Fame on October 7, 2022. I am thrilled that we have had the opportunity to provide more in person activities, with something that appeals to each of our loyal members. I am happy to pass the baton to Mary Ellen O'Boyle. I know she will be a wonderful president!

*Anne Wargo*

## 105th Annual Meeting and Scholarship Event Program

President's Welcome	Anne Wargo
Invocation	Pat Colbert
Call to Order and Approval of Minutes from 2021	Anne Wargo
Proposal for Change to By-Laws	Anne Wargo
Treasurer's Report	Tracey Dugan
Nominating Committee Report	Pam Shaw
2022-2023 Slate of Officers	
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Scholarship Committee Assistant Chair	Kristina Luka
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Scholarship Committee, 2nd Year	Krista Triarsi
Scholarship Committee, 3rd Year	Alice Dillon
Nominating Committee	Judy Brucia Patt Kelly Jeanne Marie Ryan
Essay Contest and Scholarship Awards	Judy Brucia
Adjournment	Anne Wargo

Thank You from the  
2022 College Woman's Club of Westfield  
Scholarship Committee

To all of our dedicated members,

We like to think that every scholarship season is special and memorable in its own unique way. You would get very little argument from anyone if you proposed that this year is one of the most unusual and challenging in our long and storied history. Through the unwavering dedication and optimism of our generous members and of the scholarship committee in particular, we once again have the privilege of honoring some of Westfield's most accomplished and determined young women. We are pleased to be able to acknowledge their accomplishments and provide support and assistance to them as they embark upon the next exciting phase of their academic life. We are proud to introduce these amazing young women and to send congratulations and best wishes their way.

I want to offer a very special thank you to our scholarship committee. We came together to complete the task with which we were charged in the most timely and successful manner. I feel honored to have served with such a special cadre of women. None of this, of course, would be possible without the continued generosity and support of you, our valued members. We know that we can count on you, now and in the future.

With gratitude,

Judy Brucia	CWC Scholarship Chair
Jennifer Jarulzelski	CWC Scholarship Assistant Chair
Alice Dillon	Scholarship Committee Member
Fran Faltermeyer	Scholarship Committee Member
Jackie Cash	Scholarship Committee Member

*Thank you also to our essay contest readers: Jane Curtis, Alice Dillon, Ingrid McKinley and Shirley McKeekan.*



College Woman's Club of Westfield  
2022 Scholarship Recipients

**Riley Gasson**

\$3,000 Grant in Memory of Katharine Jaruzelski  
\$6,000 College Woman's Club of Westfield Scholarship

**Rachel Kamienski**

\$1,000 Anthony James Master Builders Scholarship  
\$12,000 College Woman's Club of Westfield Scholarship

**Isabella Lagatta**

\$2,000 Past President's Scholarship  
\$7,000 College Woman's Club of Westfield Scholarship

**Payton Silverman**

\$5,000 Marjorie McCornack Scholarship  
\$4,000 College Woman's Club of Westfield Scholarship

In addition, a \$500 College Woman's Club of Westfield Award will be granted to the graduating WHS female student with the Highest GPA.



**Riley Gasson**

\$3,000 Grant in Memory of Katharine Jaruzelski

\$6,000 College Woman's Club of Westfield Scholarship

Praised by her guidance counselor for her love of learning, critical thinking and passion for social justice, Riley Gasson has used all three attributes as an advocate and student advisor for Holocaust studies. While researching her Junior Research Paper on U.S. response to the Nazi genocide, Riley visited the Holocaust Resource Center at Kean University and was deeply moved and motivated to further study this horrific event.

She was accepted to USC's Shoah Foundation William P. Lauder internship program where she was one of 40 students nationwide who tested state-of-the-art technology for Holocaust education, including a hologram-like program that mimicked conversation with a survivor. Riley channeled these experiences into her Girl Scout Gold Award project, creating a platform for high school educators to teach bias, prejudice and anti-Semitism in underfunded school districts.

Riley's academics reflect her drive to excel: she is a member of the National Honor Society and maintains a 4.0+ GPA with a challenging curriculum that includes 2 honors and 4 AP classes. She still found time to manage the WHS Girls Swim team and serve on Model UN all four years of high school. She also volunteered as an adaptive swim instructor at Children's Specialized Hospital and works at the JCC pool.

Riley became EMT certified with the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, a goal she said she was driven to achieve because the experience of learning about 6 million lost lives inspired

her to learn how to save even a single one. Riley plans to study Neuroscience at William & Mary with a possible future in medicine.



**Rachel Kamienski**

\$1,000 Anthony James Master Builders Scholarship  
\$12,000 College Woman's Club of Westfield Scholarship

Challenges beyond her control held Rachel Kamienski back during her first years at Westfield High School. However, these same challenges have provided her with a maturity beyond her years and allowed her to restart her academic career with a new-found enthusiasm. As a result, over a period of four years, her grades indicate an impressive improvement in all areas of her college prep courses.

Rachel has a passion for writing and joined school clubs where she further developed this passion. She hopes to make writing her major when she attends San Diego State University in the Fall.

She has been volunteering at an Agape center for feeding the homeless in Elizabeth and works in a local business where the manager says she excels in all areas of the business and "trusts her completely." She intends to participate in work/study courses in college.

It is clear that Rachel will persevere, excel and thrive as she goes forward.



**Isabella Lagatta**

\$2,000 Past President's Scholarship

\$7,000 College Woman's Club of Westfield Scholarship

Isabella's incredible passion for reading and writing has driven many of her successes both inside and outside the classroom. Her senior year, she took AP Literature, AP Latin 4 and Journalism 3. Excelling in all of these classes, she also won the National Latin Exam Silver Award.

Isabella wrote for the HI's Eye and managed the website and social media. She eloquently wrote in her college essay of her love of reading and how reading evokes a feeling of accomplishment and fosters discipline. For her Girl Scouts Gold Award Project, Isabella shared her love of reading by collecting 3500 books and soliciting donations to set up a library for an inner-city school. The school's principal wrote that the project has forever changed the school for the better. In addition to receiving the Gold Award, she received the Girl Scout Heart of NJ Change Maker Award and President's Volunteer Service Award.

Isabella is also an Equestrian on a highly ranked team as well as is a Junior Instructor and Hunt Club Second Lieutenant. She is a member of the WHS Concert Choir and won the National Federation of Music Club honor all four years of high school. She is a Library volunteer and Teen Book reviewer, performs on various service projects through her church, and is a member of the Latin and Book Clubs at WHS.

Her guidance counselor wrote about how friendly, thoughtful, and kind she is. He went on to say how honest and respectful she is, and her optimism and determination helped her handle both struggle and success during her high school years. Isabella will be attending Skidmore in the Fall and would like to get her Master's Degree and become a writer or journalist. We are excited to follow Isabella's future endeavors!



**Payton Silverman**

**\$5,000 Marjorie McCornack Scholarship**

**\$4,000 College Woman's Club of Westfield Scholarship**

Payton is an extremely capable young woman who has been described as intelligent, hardworking and positive. A straight A student, the work she has created is organized and thoughtful, showing a high degree of maturity. Honors that she has achieved include the National Honor Society, the Distinguished Honor Roll and the New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy (Spanish).

While maintaining a high GPA (4.0), Payton was also involved in a multitude of other activities. She has helped mentor incoming freshmen as a leader for the Transition Project and has worked to end discrimination as an active member of the No Place To Hate Club. She has also made items for hospitals as a member of the Fashion Designers Club and volunteered to help the elderly and disabled in our community as a member of WAYVE (Westfield Area Youth Volunteer Experience).

Tennis has been one of Payton's favorite extra-curricular experiences. An avid and talented player, she is a member of the WHS varsity tennis team and served as captain this year. Her former tennis coach was so impressed by her ability and dedication that he hired her to be one of his instructors. She will be teaching tennis to children, ages 7-14, this summer.

Payton will be attending Providence College where she plans to major in science due to her interest in biology and chemistry. The College Woman's Club wishes her well and is happy to support her on the path to achieve her goals.

The College Woman's Club of Westfield funds its Scholarship Program through voluntary donations of individuals. We extend our deep appreciation to the following:

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*"In bestowing charity, the main consideration should be to help those who will help themselves; to provide part of the means by which those who desire to improve may do so; to give those who desire to rise the aids by which they may rise; to assist, but rarely or never to do all."*

**Andrew Carnegie**

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to CWC's Class of 2022!

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For 2021-2022

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Given in recognition of exemplary service during the current CWC year

Jackie Cash

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Given in recognition of sustained commitment and service to the CWC

Phyllis Triarsi

RUTH HOUGHTON NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION AWARD

Given in recognition of outstanding commitment and dedication to the CWC.

Tracey Dugan

CWC PRESIDENT'S RECOGNITION AWARD

Given in recognition of overall service to the CWC.

Fran Moum

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non-profit organization in 1962.

Our mission is to further the higher  
education of women and serve the general  
interests of the community

CWC awards scholarships and grants  
annually to outstanding young women  
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Please join us!

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