

The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

September 2021

WELCOME BACK

The Women's College Club of Princeton welcomes everyone back to a new year and a new general meeting location. The general meetings will take place at the **Stockton Education Center at Morven 55 Stockton St, Princeton.**

The building is handicapped accessible and has easy access to parking. You may park in the Morven lot or in the municipal lot which is adjacent to the back of the Education Center, with a walkway to the building.

Due to the Delta variant of COVID-19, Morven strongly recommends that everyone regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask. If you are unvaccinated, you are required to wear a mask.

Stockton Education Center, Morven

Our new meeting space:



EACH MEETING WILL BE HELD THE THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 1 PM, EXCEPT JANUARY'S MEETING WHICH WILL BE AT THE NASSAU CLUB: SEPT 20, OCT 18, NOV 15, DEC 20, JAN 17, 10 AM, FEB 21, MAR 21, APR 18, MAY 16, JUNE 20.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

September 20, 1 PM

Our September speaker, Jill Barry, Executive Director of Morven Museum and Garden, will speak to us on the topic, "Historic Morven — A Window into America's Past and Future." Beginning with an introduction of Richard Stockton, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and his wife, Annis

Boudinot Stockton, one of the first female published poets in America, she will lead us through the generations, including the three generations of enslaved, who lived and worked at Morven which became the residence of New Jersey Governors from the 1950's through 1982.

During her five-year tenure at Morven, Jill Barry has overseen the building of the \$5.6 million building where we are now meeting as well as the renovation of the permanent collection of history galleries at the Museum. The site now represents everyone who lived and worked in this historic building leading the interpretation trend in historic sites. With 25 years of cultural experience, she is an advocate for the transformational power of the arts.

MEMBERSHIP

If you know of women who would like to join our club, please contact Membership Chair, Alyce Conlon, alyce@comcast.net or 609-448-7064.

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We would also like to welcome returning members:
Peggy Brennan and Marilyn Shteir.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



We would like to wish Gerri Bowers a very happy 100th birthday. She is a past president and an active member of our club. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

LUNCHING OUT GROUP

Our luncheon, which was supposed to be at Acacia in September, has been rescheduled for October.

We are meeting at Acacia in Lawrenceville on Friday, October 22 at noon.

If you would like to join us, please contact Bonnie Larson, bonniejarson63@comcast.net or 609-655-2663.

BOOK DISCUSSION

The first book of the year will be *A Sudden Light* by Garth Stein. There will have copies to distribute at the September meeting. We will meet on Friday, Oct. 29 at 1 PM to discuss the book. We are verifying that we can meet at Windrows.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Over the summer, Carol Stawski, a very active club member, passed away. Carol was President of the club for five years, was a board member and always volunteered to do whatever needed to be done. She was a gracious lady who always had a smile on her face. We will miss her very much.

ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE

With the passing of Lynda Woods Cleary, the board made the decision that we should have a professional advisor help us manage our money. We chose Joe Flotteron of Merrill Lynch. The endowment committee will meet with Joe every six months to discuss the market and our account. We are able to log in and see our account whenever we want.

Thus far, the market has been doing very well and so has our account. We certainly hope that Joe will be watching our account very closely so that we can continue to make money for our yearly scholarships.

Bonnie Larson
Endowment Chair

WCCP 2021 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

This year we had 20 scholarship winners in June. We told you about half of the winners in June. Below are the rest of the rest of our winners. We would like to congratulate all of the girls. They all have impressive backgrounds and are worthy recipients.

Sofia Alvarez-Cabrera – recipient of a Women's Club of Princeton scholarship. Sofia, a student at Princeton High School, is an intelligent, friendly student who is willing to challenge herself. She likes the Fine Arts, took ballet lessons, was in the senior play, directed a Musical Theater short scene and a short trailer for the school play, was the Public Relation Manager of The Ivy Literary and Art Magazine. She was also a varsity cheerleader, Varsity Boys Soccer Manager and Big Sister for K-12.

She plans to attend the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

Gillian Bartels-Quansah – recipient of the Marjory White Memorial Scholarship.

Gillian is a student at Princeton High School. According to her computer science teacher she demonstrated a passion for computer science and challenging material. Her problem-solving skills and ability to learn quickly sets her apart from other students. She wants to be a change agent for diversity. In addition, she has performed as a singer in the Princeton Girlchoir Ensemble and Cantores, and in music and drama programs. She won the Prestigious Gold Key award for enhancing the greater good of the school community. She plans to attend Barnard College and is interested in Computational Biology research.

Bella Cosimina Bobb - recipient of the Women's College Club Scholarship.

Bella, a student at Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, is an excellent writer who has published poetry, a short story, an analytic essay, opinion pieces and news articles. She is proficient in 2 languages and has a basic grasp of 2 more. She did community work in Appalachia and New Mexico. She was a Teen Advisory Board Leader at the Princeton Public Library. She won the Barat award for character and compassion at her school. She plans to attend Tufts University to study political science and sociology.

Gabriella Cattani – recipient of the Women's College Club of Princeton Scholarship.

Gabby, a student at Hun School of Princeton, loves theater, was in 9 plays and had lead roles in 5 of them. She took Latin 1 and learned Latin 2 the same year, and the next year she was in Latin Honors. She completed in Certamens (Latin language, culture & history) and was cum laude with distinction in the National Latin exam. The Director of College Counseling described her as "Intellectually quirky, wickedly creative and undeniably resilient". She completed 5 AP classes and 7 Honors classes with a focus on Biology and Latin. She "has been keeping up-to-date on the latest research in the medical field as her goal in life is to pursue ways to advocate for others". She plans to attend University of Vermont in a pre-veterinary program.

Britney Chia – recipient of the Woman's College Club Scholarship.

She is a student at Princeton Day School. An active learner, Britney conducted an independent study with National Book Award Poet Ada Limon. At the end of her junior year, she was granted the Zaininger Award, an endowed grant to assist in a potentially life-changing summer experience. Britney chose to research neuroscience and healing. She was also the School Representative at the National Association of Independent Schools Student Diversity Leadership Conference in her senior year. She was a Surgical Care Volunteer at Penn Medicine Princeton Health Hospital. She plans to attend Vanderbilt University to study Clinical Psychology and Latin American Studies.

Skylar Diaz – a recipient of the Peterson Book Award/Women's College Club Scholarship.

She is a student at Princeton Day School. According to her English teacher Skylar is very creative and wants to achieve academic excellence. While working to master the art of literary analysis, she made consistent inquiries of character motivation, author's style and themes. She loves theater, was in many productions, and had a lead role in her senior year. She chose a different community service each of her school years, including Bernardsville Public Library, Operation Smile, and Think Pink, a breast cancer organization. She has been active in racial and gender equality designing posters, spreading awareness on social media, marching in peaceful protests, and making donations. Because she found fashion to be focused on models who are skinny, tall and white, she plans to major in Apparel Merchandising at Iowa State University.

Ella Jackson – a recipient of the Hillier Prize.

She is a student at Princeton Day School. Ella takes the initiative when she sees it. She saw art work on social media, and knew she wanted to work with the artist, Slexandra Grounds. She wrote and asked if she could assist her in the summer. She got a summer internship with this artist. She applied for a position online and secured the commission to illustrate a children's book by the self-published author Niki Morris. Although she spent years in ballet, was a student/dancer at the American Repertory Ballet, and was a participant in the Washington Ballet Summer Intensive, she ultimately decided she liked visual art better. Ella took weekend art classes in Philadelphia, spent time on

photography and working on painting. She plans to attend Pratt Institute.

Amanda Jenkins – a recipient of the Katherine Ness Memorial Scholarship. She is a student at Hun School of Princeton. A gifted student, she was inducted into the Cum Laude Society and winner of the Wellesley College Book Award for academic and personal excellence. She was given the opportunity to enroll in a Spanish class at Princeton University. She initiated the establishment of the National Spanish Honors Society local chapter at her school. Amanda built a telepresence robot, under the guidance of her engineering teacher, which has the ability to recognize speech and carry out basic motor functions. In her church community she founded and led a youth chapter to provide academic assistance to young students. She introduced STEM initiatives and wrote an interactive science children's book "The Journey of Purple-Eyed Germa" to teach the community children about immunology, which was praised by her science teacher. Amanda plans to attend Columbia University's School of Engineering.

Morgan John – a recipient of the Women's College Club of Princeton Scholarship. She is a student at Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart. According to her history teacher, Morgan is one of the 5 best students she has had in 20 years of teaching. She has exceptional skills in critical thinking and is a confident fluid writer. Morgan has been involved in many extracurricular activities and was a leader in many of them. Diversity issues are very important to Morgan. She was a student representative to the Student Diversity Leadership Conference, and worked with the Director of Campus Ministry to build initiatives into her school's activities. According to the Director of Counseling, "she played an integral role in our Her-Story production during Black History Month," and served as "liaison between the student body and administrators. She was a lead planner for an Upper School assembly on the topic of microaggressions, etc. and collected data afterward." Then Covid-19 hit, and Morgan single-handedly reached out about the surveys and revived the work they had been doing. In additions, she volunteered for Homefront family Campus Homeless Shelter for 3 years, at the Urban Challenge at the Romero Center Ministries, at Brandywine Assisted Living in Pennington, and the

World Leadership School in Belize. Morgan plans on attending William and Mary.

Rosemary Martinez – a recipient of the Women's College Club of Princeton Scholarship. She is a student at Hun School of Princeton. According to the associate director of college counseling, Rosie was born in Mexico, moved to Trenton, NJ, moved to Honduras, then back to Trenton, NJ. Rosie wrote that we began our lives in the US, clueless, but took every opportunity that we had. She grew up never letting any challenge get the best of her. She was VP of the Gender and Sexuality Club and the Latin American and Hispanic culture club, VP of talkin' art club, on the Executive board of GEM club and involved in musicals, dance and the spring play. She is an excellent math student and has good grades in all subjects. She was on the Student Honor board and was inducted into the Spanish Honor Society. She has been an advisor to the headmaster regarding diversity. She travels an hour back and forth from school each day and her biggest extra-curricular activity is babysitting her four siblings. She dreams of being a social worker or educator. She plans to attend the University of Richmond.

Below is a thank you note from one of our 2021 scholarship winners.

Sunday, June 20
To the ladies at The Women's College Club of Princeton,

I would like to say I am so grateful for The Women's College Club of Princeton, as the scholarship I was presented with really opened up opportunities for me and helped to ease the burden of my first year out of state tuition at the University of California, Irvine.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration, and I really would like to emphasize that without your generous donation it would be even more difficult for me to pursue a higher education.

Sincerely,
Faith Neo

WCCP Board Slate for 2021-2022

We will be voting on this slate at the September meeting.

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