



May 2021 NEWSLETTER

Meet Our 2021-2022 AAUW Scholars

AAUW Milwaukee's tradition of awarding scholarships to high school students began in its earliest days. Milwaukee Public School counselors have been instrumental with this process by encouraging students to apply who have achieved academic success and volunteered within their school or community. This year, seven students will receive a \$6280.00 scholarship award for the 2021-2022 academic year. Funding comes from the College Women's Club Foundation, whose purpose is to provide first year scholarships for graduates of Milwaukee Public schools. The Scholarship Committee selected seven seniors graduating from Milwaukee public schools from 13 applicants submitted by school counselors to receive scholarships for the 2021-22 academic year:

Marchelle Bowden Marchelle, a graduate of Hamilton High School, is an accomplished student and athlete who plans to study dental hygiene and psychology. Marchelle was nominated for the National Honor Society, completed multiple AP courses, and was nominated as a Milwaukee area star student athlete for scoring over 1,000 points career points while a high school junior. With a GPA of 3.7, she has earned praise for her leadership and commitment to learning from her instructors and counselors. Marchelle plans to study at Odessa College.

Sophia Brooks When she was younger, Sophia knew she wanted to become a scientist (but she also thought about being a cheerleader). She participated in UW Madison's Great World Text Program where she had to critically analyze a world-renowned piece of literature and discuss it with UW Humanities faculty, plus students and high school teachers from across the State. She is interested in biochemistry and plans to focus her research on Alzheimer's and Multiple Sclerosis, which are diseases affecting her family. She is looking at Xavier College, Spellman, or Marquette for undergraduate study. Sophia graduated Golda Meir High with a 4.0 GPA.

Phomany Chanhara Phomany, has been interested in drawing and art since the first time she picked up a pencil. She wants to pursue design and computer science and merging those interests into video games and programming. Her interests include tutoring at a local elementary school, studying Spanish, and participating in the Upward Bound Pre-College program. A graduate of Milwaukee School of Languages with a 4.0 GPS, she is deciding between UW Milwaukee and Alverno College with plans to study design and computer science. Work in a STEM field is her career choice where she hopes to represent women in those fields.

Meng Moua Meng plans to study Mechanical Engineering at either UW Madison or Marquette. Participation in the Milwaukee School of Engineering's Catalyst for Future Success Program offered him a view of the significance of technical knowledge has for the future. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the Asian Club, and played volleyball while in Rufus King plus holding a part-time job. Playing the Qeej, (a Hmong woodwind instrument) allows him to share Hmong cultural arts with other communities. Meng is a graduate of Rufus King High International High School with a 4.3 GPA.

Buoyi Odetta With a 4.3 GPA, Buoyi plans to study healthcare and health policy, and plans to attend UW Madison. She would like to make a difference for Black and Native women to have accessible, inclusive health care. She feels passionate about improving the lives of others and not just getting a degree. She co-founded the African Student Alliance Club, been a member of the German Honor Society, and the National Honor Society. She also assisted with the annual King Ethic Fest as a volunteer plus works part-time in a local hospital. She graduated from Rufus King International High School with a 4.3 GPA.

Janae Ramos Janae, a graduate of Golda Meir High school with a 4.1 GPS, has been a member of the Student Council, National Honor Society, and Superintendent's Student Advisory Council. Her academic passions are science and math. Her first exposure to the healthcare field came by attending a "Bring your child to work day," at the Massachusetts hospital where her mother worked on the labor and delivery floor. Finding the fast-paced environment exhilarating she plans to study chemistry with a pre-med focus. She is considering Florida A&M, Xavier University of Louisiana, North Carolina A&T University, or Prairie View A&M University for her next step in her academic career.

Fardowso Shidad Fardowso plans to major in economics and international affairs during her college career. She was in Rufus King International High School National Honor Society serving as president her senior year, Spanish Honor Society, Pearls for Teen Girls, and has been a Model UN Delegate. She has collaborated with humanitarian organizations which led to her decision about her field of study and intent to do government work giving back to those facing adversity or suffering genocide. A graduate of Rufus King High School with a 4.0 GPA, she is considering Marquette, UWM, or Mt. Mary for her undergraduate work.



President's Message

This edition of our newsletter features our NCWSSL (National Conference of College Women Student Leaders) candidates plus an introduction to this year's AAUW Milwaukee - College Women's Fund scholars. We also have a member spotlight featuring Linda Keane, faculty member, mentor, writer, and environmental designer and award winner.

Did you have a teacher or instructor who made a difference for you? One continues to stand out as one of the best for me. It was my instructor for the accounting course in my MS program. She was smart and loved accounting. I had previously taken accounting courses for work so, as expected, the course covered accounting principles and rules. I think, however, our group learned more than accounting principles. You see, our instructor was deaf. We found ways to adapt to each other's communication and learning styles throughout the course allowing us to successfully complete it. I still admire the skill and courage which our instructor demonstrated with humor each class.

I never asked if she was encouraged by someone who saw her potential, but I suspect she was. Many in the field of education, no matter what level, offer their students that important gift. This past year, especially, was hard for students, teachers, and parents/caregivers/mentors for reasons too numerous to count. This newsletter offers a toast to them all for adapting learning in ways both great and small (and likely never expected!).

Jean Kruehl

Member Spotlight – Linda Keane

AAUW Milwaukee recognizes Linda for being named a Chicago 2021 AIA Fellow this Spring – an honor for which only 3 percent of AIA (American Institute of Architects) members have been recognized. Linda has been an AAUW member since 1998 and a Branch member for about two years. In 1984, she received an AAUW National Grant for Graduate School, and she is a Fulbright Scholar studying in Turkey. She currently serves as a Professor of Architecture and Environmental Design (a program she initiated), at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

During a recent interview, I learned she grew up in Indiana where her mother's love of houses, gardens, and teaching influenced Linda's love of art, math, animals, and science. This led her to study architecture at the new College of Architecture and Planning (CAP) at Ball State University where she was the only female in her class. Most of us think of architecture as the design of structures. However, the CAP curriculum combined landscape, architecture, environmental design, and urbanism. She was the first female intern hired by both Orus O. Eash and Woollen Molzan, who became mentors and lifelong friends. Linda studied in London for a semester and joined annual fieldtrip weeks where she was introduced, as she puts it, "to the architecture of people, place, and potential."

A career highlight for Linda was her first commission as an architect to design a Center for Children and Adults with Disabilities for Anderson County, Indiana. Rather than offer a single, large building design, she and her team proposed a campus with classrooms for children and adults, a multipurpose gym, a factory for work training, and an Administration building centered around a house for social development and skills training. The group also got the County to rename it the Hopewell Center to honor the Hopewell Native Americans who had settled in the area.

As an e-learning entrepreneur, she and Mark Keane created NEXT.cc Eco Web connecting youth with the places they live and learn. Bridging urban and rural, water and land, technology and energy systems is her passion, especially for students in K-12 schools.

Her top priorities are being a mother and partner of Mark. As for the future, she would like to work with schools to provide a "learning landscape" in science, art, architecture, math, art, and technology.

Herstory



Mable Pin Hua Lee was born in 1896 in Guangzhou, China. The Lee family moved in 1905 to Chinatown in New York City. Mabel attended Erasmus Hall Academy in Brooklyn, New York becoming involved in activism and women's rights very early on. By the time she was sixteen years old, Lee helped to lead a suffrage parade on horseback in New York City. Held on May 4, 1912, the parade started in New York's historic Greenwich Village and was attended by almost ten thousand people.

By 1917, women in the state of New York were granted the right to vote. Three years later, the 19th Amendment was passed that gave women the right to vote across the country. However, Lee and many other women of color still could not vote. It would take another almost twenty-five years for Lee to be granted the right to vote with the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act in 1943.

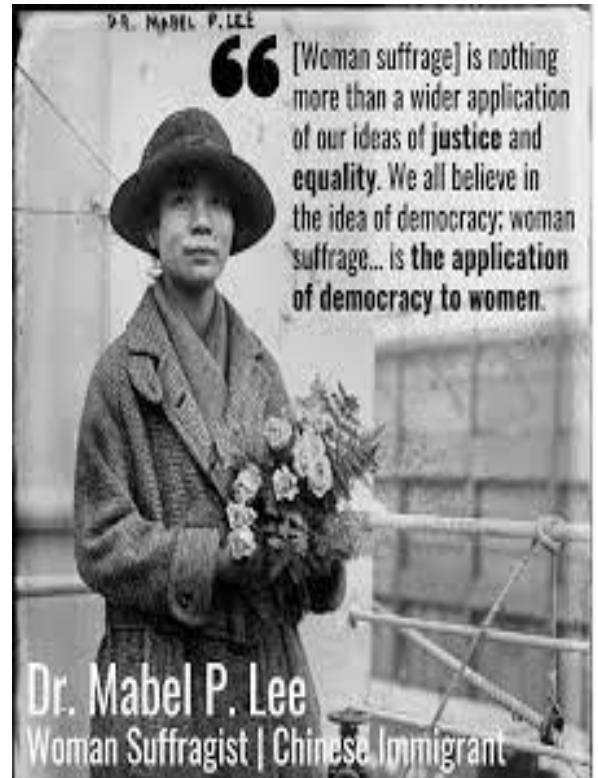
Lee graduated from Barnard College and went on to receive her master's degree in educational administration from Columbia Teacher's College. She decided to continue her studies and attended Columbia University to pursue a Ph.D. in economics. In 1921, Lee became the first woman to obtain a Ph.D. from Columbia University.

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCWSSL)

AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) is where hundreds of young women come to turn a moment into a movement. Each year, we bring together hundreds of college women from around the country for three days of leadership training, inspiration and networking. The workshops, panels, speakers and activities provide endless opportunities to learn from experts and make lifelong connections.

The Milwaukee branch of AAUW awarded 5 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) scholarships to students attending local colleges. All NCCWSL scholarship recipients were from MSOE, and include:

- Rachel Ulrich, Junior, Nursing
- Lolita Obolenskaya, Junior, Nursing
- Grace Zehnder, Junior, Nursing
- Gemini Oland, Senior, Nursing
- Claire Fagan, Senior, Nursing and Business Administration



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