



Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Foundation, Inc.

Issue 6

Mission:

"The mission of the WMGA Foundation is to provide scholarships to deserving young women attending an institution of higher learning who have an interest in golf or golf activities; to foster girls' junior level involvement in golf and competition; and to promote the game of golf to all women."

2024 Goals:

Grow *Girls to the Tee*

Total Dollars Committed to Scholarships by Year:

2023 = \$56,000
2022 = \$52,000
2021 = \$98,000
2020 = \$78,800
2019 = \$83,000

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2023 in Review

The first two scholarships were awarded by the WMGA Foundation in 2003. They totaled \$5,000. We are happy to report that with the \$56,000 commitment to the six members of the class of 2023, the Foundation has broken the \$1,000,000 barrier in total scholarships awarded, helping 150 scholars reach their dreams.

The 2023 grants included our first STEM Scholarship endowed by a former WMGA Board Member and the second Connie Brown Scholarship and second Susan E. Fisher Scholarship Awards. If you would like to contribute to one of these funds, please add a note in your online donation or with your check.

Congratulations to Tiya Chowdary, 2022 Scholarship Recipient, for her 2023 WMGA Stroke Play and 2023 WMGA Match Play wins and being the WMGA "A" Player of the Year!

Girls to the Tee: Once again, we held two free *Girls to the Tee* clinics with our partners Baltusrol Golf Club and Westchester Country Club, who donate their practice facilities for the afternoon. A huge thank you to the LPGA and PGA professionals for your creativity and dedication as well as our volunteers who make *Girls to the Tee* a great learning environment for the participants.

The timing of the 2023 Non-Event was a little later in the calendar year. We want to thank those of you who took the time to "attend." If you didn't have time in late September or early October, take the time now. All you need is sense of humor and the desire to support young women reach their dreams.

Have a wonderful winter and please remember the Foundation in your annual giving. We hope you will once again be "Swinging for Scholarships" in 2024 by:

- Pledging a dollar-a-point in team matches;
- Hold a 50/50 closest to the pin contest at your club; or,
- In lieu of birthday gifts, do a Facebook birthday fundraiser.

100% of your donations go to our programs; more funds raised equals more support to young women pursuing their dreams. Together, we have helped so many but we can do more!

Sincerely,

The WMGA Foundation Board of Trustees



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Get To Know The 2023 Scholarship Recipients

CHLOE BARTON and **LUCY BARTON** (yes, they are twins) are attending Gettysburg College and both plan to major in Health Sciences. Both Chloe and Lucy were recruited by Gettysburg to play, and are playing on, the women's golf team.

WMGA F: Favorite Golf Course?

CHLOE: My favorite golf course is my home course, Panther Valley.

LUCY: My favorite golf course is Teeth of the Dog in La Romana, Dominican Republic.

WMGA F: What do you love about golf?

CHLOE: I love being able to meet new people from all over. Even in college, so far I have met so many really great girls from different states and countries and talking to them about their lives at school and with golf is always really interesting and fun.

LUCY: I love playing golf because of the people I have met over the years and that I have continued to meet.

WMGA F: How did you get introduced to golf?

CHLOE: My grandfather, who is 96, introduced me to golf when I was about 6 years old. He really wanted me to try and take lessons for fun and I ended up loving it.

LUCY: I started playing golf when I was around 6 and a half. My mom asked me what sport I wanted to play and I chose golf because my grandpa played and he wanted to teach me. He is still my biggest supporter and is the reason I started playing.

WMGA F: Who is in your dream foursome?

CHLOE: My dream foursome is Lexi Thompson, Brooks Koepka, and Rickie Fowler.

LUCY: Justin Thomas, Rickie Fowler, and Lexi Thompson.

WMGA F: What is your favorite activity outside of golf?

CHLOE: My favorite activity outside of golf is working out at the gym or going for a run with my friends!

LUCY: My favorite activity outside of golf is going to the gym with my twin sister.

WMGA F: What is your favorite book?

CHLOE: Any of the Harry Potter books.

LUCY: I actually don't have a favorite book but my favorite genre is drama and fiction.

WMGA F: What is your favorite show to binge watch?

CHLOE and LUCY: My favorite show to binge watch is definitely *Grey's Anatomy*.



Chloe



Lucy

Volunteer Opportunities

At the WMGA Foundation, in addition to the Board of Trustees, we have volunteer opportunities on our Scholarship, Communication, *Girls to the Tee* and Fundraising Committees. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to the WMGA office.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

- Annual donation
- Sponsor a Scholar: Multi-year pledge to support one or more scholars throughout their four years of higher education.
- Wills and Trusts: Name the WMGA Foundation in your Will or Trust.
- Tax Free IRA Gift: Make an annual tax-free gift directly from your IRA.
- Stocks/Securities: Donating securities held for over one year is a tax efficient way to support and grow our endowment.
- To donate online go to: <https://www.wmga.com/wmga-foundation/>

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LIV JENKINS attends Virginia Tech University and plans to major in finance.

WMGA F: Are you going to try out/play on your college team? **LIV:** I am planning to try out for my school's club team in the spring or next fall.

WMGA F: Favorite Golf Course? **LIV:** My Favorite golf course I have ever played at was the Ritz Carlton Golf Club in Orlando.

WMGA F: What do you love about golf? **LIV:** My favorite thing about golf is that you are in a competition with yourself to get better every time you play.

WMGA F: How did you get introduced to golf? **LIV:** My parents introduced me to golf when I was five years old.

WMGA F: Who is in your dream foursome? **LIV:** My dream foursome is Tony Romo, Jordan Spieth, and Michael Jordan.

WMGA F: What is your favorite activity outside of golf? **LIV:** My favorite activity outside of golf is watching sports with my family or friends.

WMGA F: What is your favorite book? **LIV:** *The Great Gatsby*

WMGA F: What is your favorite show to binge watch? **LIV:** *One Tree Hill*



GINA PELOSI received the WMGA Foundation's first STEM Scholarship and is attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, planning to major in Biomedical Engineering.

WMGA F: Are you going to try out/play on your college team? **GINA:** Soccer and club basketball.

WMGA F: Favorite Golf Course? **GINA:** Darlington

WMGA F: What do you love about golf? **GINA:** I love that it is a mental game against yourself.

WMGA F: How did you get introduced to golf? **GINA:** My dad played and both of my parents thought it would be a good life long sport to get into.

WMGA F: Who is in your dream foursome? **GINA:** I honestly don't have one but probably some of the girls from my old team at PCTI because it was always a lot of fun on the course with them.

WMGA F: What is your favorite activity outside of golf? **GINA:** Soccer.

WMGA F: What is your favorite book? **GINA:** This is a great question, because it changes every time I read a new book. So, I guess I would have to say *Song of Achilles* because that is the last book I read.

WMGA F: What is your favorite show to binge watch? **GINA:** *Friends*

LAURA SCHROEDER is a sophomore year at Sacred Heart University Welch College of Business & Technology and plans on majoring in Management & Marketing with a Minor in Italian in the Honors Program.



WMGA F: Favorite Golf Course? **LAURA:** Sandwich Hollows

WMGA F: What do you love about golf? **LAURA:** I love golfing because it's a way for me to relax and take a break from school while simultaneously improving a skillset.

WMGA F: How did you get introduced to golf? **LAURA:** My college hosts free golf lessons at the course next to our campus for students in the business program, so I started taking lessons in the fall semester of my freshman year.

WMGA F: Who is in your dream foursome? **LAURA:** Anna Sitar, Aaron Judge, Lily He

WMGA F: What is your favorite activity outside of golf? **LAURA:** My favorite activity outside of golf is reading.

WMGA F: What is your favorite book? **LAURA:** *Little Women*

WMGA F: What is your favorite show to binge watch? **LAURA:** *Gilmore Girls*

Catching Up With Our Scholars

In 2022, **TIYA CHOWDARY** was the first Susan E. Fisher Scholarship recipient. Tiya is from New Jersey and attends New York University, majoring in economics with a minor in mathematics. 2023 was a strong year on the golf course for Tiya. First, she was the 2022-23 UAA (University Athletic Association) Rookie of the Year and placed 36rd in the NCAA Division III Championship. She followed that up this summer by winning the WMGA Stoke Play Championship and the WMGA Match Play Championship resulting in being the WMGA "A" Player of the Year.



LIZZY TIRANDO was the first Connie Brown Scholarship Award recipient. Lizzy's connection to golf and the WMGA is her father Ralph Tirando, who is the Director of Golf Operations at Fairview Country Club in Greenwich, CT. Lizzy has worked at Fairview as a caddie and in the pro shop. Lizzy is in her sophomore year at SUNY Binghamton University where she is on the swimming and diving team.

REMI SHANDELL is a senior at Emory University. In 2020, Remi was awarded the Kathryn Ingoglia Scholarship, which was funded by the kind donations of Fresh Meadow's members in honor of Kathryn Ingoglia, mother of the then Fresh Meadow's golf professional, Joe Ingoglia. Remi anticipates receiving a Bachelors of Arts in Biology and Political Science this spring. She is a member of the university's club golf team and is president of the club this year.

JULIANA FREIBERG is in her final semester at SUNY New Paltz, graduating in December 2023. You may remember "Julie" as the WMGA's Golf Works Intern from 2017 to 2019. Julie is graduating with a degree in Sociology.

Scenes from Girls to the Tee

