



# Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Foundation, Inc.

Issue 2

## 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 competition; and to promote the game of golf to all women."*

## 2020 Goal

Reach \$100,000 in Donations

## About Us

The Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Foundation, Inc. was established in 2001 as the charity arm of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association, the second oldest women's golf organization in the United States. The initial charter of the WMGA Foundation was to provide need based scholarships to young women pursuing their college degrees. Over time the WMGA Foundation added to its mission, supporting junior girls' golf to continue to grow the great game our WMGA members love.

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## 2019 in Review

We would like to thank those who supported the WMGA Foundation in Fiscal 2019.

**Scholarships:** During 2019, we committed \$83,000 in scholarships to eleven new recipients

**Girls To The Tee** remains strong. Nearly 200 girls attended this year's clinic. Thank you to our host clubs, Westchester, Ridgewood, and Smithtown Landing, over 30 PGA Pros, who donated their days off to provide expert instruction, and Snapple, which continues to donate water and other drinks. Finally, thank you to our Met Reps, the NJSGA, MGA, Greater Newark Girls Golf and The First Tee Metropolitan New York For promoting **Girls To The Tee**.

The AJGA UHY / CELADON Junior Championship Hosted by Marina Alex was played in August at The Saint Andrew's Golf Club, Hastings On-Hudson, NY. The Girls Division was won by Fairlawn, NJ resident and WMGA Junior Member Yoona Kim! A special thank you to Marina Alex, member of USA's 2019 Solheim Cup Team and former WMGA Junior Member, for naming the WMGA Foundation as the designated charity.

The Non-Event raised over \$28,000 for the second year in a row. We could not be more grateful or proud of our membership for its tremendous support.

The WMGA Foundation was incorporated in 2001 which makes 2020 our 20th year in operation. The growth of the Foundation is due to your kind generosity. Let's make our 20th year, a year to remember.

100% of your donations go to our programs. The more funds raise equals more support to young women pursuing their dreams.

Remember to select us on Amazon Smile, participate in Swing for Scholarships during next year's Team Matches, and please remember us in your annual giving.

Volunteers are always welcome. To explore volunteer opportunities please give us a call. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of young women and girls. Thank you again and have a great winter.

Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees



# Get To Know Our 2019 Scholarship Recipients



**Brianna Watts** attends Northeastern University for Bioengineering.

**WMGA F:** Are you going to try out / play on your college team?

**Brianna:** I could not try out for my college team because I could not bring my clubs up to Boston in time.

**WMGA F:** Favorite Golf Course?

**Brianna:** My favorite golf course is at the New Jersey Country Club. The fast greens are so lovely and well kept.

**WMGA F:** What do you love about golf?

**Brianna:** I love how challenging golf can be while also soothing. The game provides an interesting mental aspect. However, the physical action of hitting the ball can be such a stress reliever.

**WMGA F:** How did you get introduced to golf?

**Brianna:** My friend in my AP Physics 1 class told me to try out for my high school's golf team because they were willing to teach new players. I made the team sophomore year, and I've been in love with it since then

**WMGA F:** Have you made a hole in one and if so where?

**Brianna:** I have not made a hole in one, but hopefully, I will one day.

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

**Brianna:** My favorite activity outside of golf is playing the clarinet with the marching band and pep band.

**WMGA F:** What is your favorite book?

**Brianna:** I have a lot of "favorite" books, but my top 3 are *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* by JK Rowling, *You Get So Alone Sometimes* by Charles Bukowski, and *The Course of Love* by Alain de Botton.



**Martha Kemp - Nelson**

attends Ithaca College, majoring in math.

**WMGA F:** Are you going to try out/ play on your college team?

**Martha :** I will be pole vaulting for the Ithaca Track and Field team.

**WMGA F:** Favorite Golf Course?

**Martha:** Turtle Point Golf Course Kiawah Island

**WMGA F:** What do you love about golf?

**Martha:** I love when you are playing well and are happy with your game, it is very satisfying.

**WMGA F:** How did you get introduced to golf?

**Martha:** I was introduced to golf through the Girls Golf program of Met NY. I started at around age 6 with my two other cousins.

**WMGA F:** Have you made a hole in one and if so where?

**Martha:** Unfortunately, I have not made a hole in one, but I know there is one in my future.

**WMGA F:** What is your favorite book?

**Martha:** *Dibs in Search of Self* by Virginia Maxline

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

**Martha:** I love trying new restaurants, can't beat some good grub.

## Total Dollars Committed to Scholarships by Years:

2019 = \$83,000

2018 = \$86,400

2017 = \$42,000

2016 = \$44,000

2015 = \$48,000

2014 = \$41,600



# Get To Know Our 2019 Scholarship Recipients (Continued)

**Paige Diecidue** is attending Monmouth University this fall and majoring in nursing.

**WMGA F:** Are you going to try out / play on your college team?

**Paige:** I am playing for my college team.

**WMGA F:** Favorite Golf Course?

**Paige:** My favorite golf course is Kaluhyat at Turning Stone Resort.

**WMGA F:** What do you love about golf?

**Paige:** I love the feeling of hitting a golf shot just right.

**WMGA F:** How Did you get introduced to golf?

**Paige:** I was introduced to golf when I enrolled in a junior golf camp with my older brother.

**WMGA F:** Who would be in your dream foursome?

**Paige:** My ultimate foursome would be Jordan Spieth, Phil Mickelson, and Justin Thomas.

**WMGA F:** Have you made a hole in one and if so where?

**Paige:** No, unfortunately I haven't made a hole in one yet!

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

**Paige:** Outside of golf, I love to listen to music and go to concerts.

**WMGA F:** What is your favorite book?

**Paige:** My favorite book would be *Of Mice and Men*



**Sharon Daio** is attending The College of New Jersey as an economics major.

**WMGA F:** Favorite Golf Course?

**Sharon:** My favorite golf course is Hanover Golf Club in Wrightstown, NJ!

**WMGA F:** What do you love about golf?

**Sharon:** I like the gracefulness of golf. The game can be especially competitive, but calming at the same time.

**WMGA F:** How did you get introduced to golf?

**Sharon:** My uncle took me golfing in Florida, and I immediately signed up for my high school team.

**WMGA F:** What is your favorite outdoor activity?

**Sharon:** I'm a musician! I love to play piano and sing.

**WMGA F:** What is your favorite book?

**Sharon:** *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

**Juliana Frieberg** is attending SUNY New Paltz and majoring in Psychology and Sociology. You know her as Juli. She has worked for the WMGA's Golf Works Intern program for the last three summers. Juli loves that golf is the camaraderie, patience and determination that it teaches.



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**Sisters:** This year at **Girls To The Tee** we had over 30 sets of sisters attend the events. Rita (8 years), and Goretti (15 years) attended the Ridgewood event. This was the second time Goretti attended **Girls To The Tee**, having attended Westchester in 2015 (Rita was there but too young to participate). Their father, long - time Montclair Golf caddie, "Tony E", signed them up after seeing the poster on the Junior Golf Bulleting Board at the club. Rita said she learned how to be a better golfer and that her best shot is the full swing. Goretti said she learned "posture" and her best shot is the pitch shot. Both had fun with Rita adding that "she really liked the golf ball lip balm!"



## DID YOU KNOW?

WMGA Junior Member and member of the WMGA French - American Team, Megha Ganne pulled off a trifecta in 2019 qualifying for the US Women's Open, US Girls' Junior and the US Women's Amateur. After not making the cut in her first two 2019 USGA events, not only did she make the match play field of 64 at the US Women's Amateur, she fought her way to the Semi-Finals losing on the 19th hole.

The WMGA Foundation was proud to provide her modest stipends to offset the cost of competing in these national events. The WMGA Foundation also provided support to three other WMGA Junior Members to offset the cost of attending the US Junior Girls Championship in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.



## 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. Designate funds to a specific program or establish a scholarship in your name.
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