



Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Foundation, Inc.

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2022 in Review

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."

2023 Goals:

Break \$1,000,000 in
Scholarships Awarded

Total Dollars Committed to Scholarships by Year:

2022 = \$52,000
2021 = \$98,000
2020 = \$78,800
2019 = \$83,000
2018 = \$86,400
2017 = \$42,000
2016 = \$44,000
2015 = \$48,000

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21 years and counting - we can't be more grateful for your support of the WMGA Foundation.

Scholarships: During 2022, we committed \$52,000 in scholarships to six deserving recipients; young women who are college bound with impressive resumes. These grants included the first Connie Brown Scholarship Award as well as the first Susan E. Fisher Scholarship Award and we look forward to granting the second awards for each in 2023. Total scholarships awarded during our 21-year history total \$940,000 and in 2023 we will break the \$1.0 million mark thanks to your continued support!

Girls to the Tee: Once again, the highlights of our year were our two *Girls to the Tee* free clinics. Thank you to our host clubs Baltusrol Golf Club and Westchester Country Club for donating their facilities and to all of the golf professionals for your creativity and dedication to make *Girls to the Tee* a great learning environment for the 175+ participants.

In 2022, we tried something new, an online course auction. Those that participated were extremely lucky to win rounds of golf at some of the top courses in the Metropolitan area. See the back page of this newsletter for a new installment to *Tiny Tales from the Tee* about one of our winners. Thank you to those that donated your courses and those that bid.

The "Non-Event" was back and once again you didn't have to go, you just needed a sense of humor and the desire to support young women reach their dreams. In 2023, we hope you will once again be "Swinging for Scholarships" by:

- Pledging a dollar-a-point in team matches;
- Naming the Foundation as your charity of choice on Amazon Smile; and
- In lieu of birthday gifts, do a Facebook birthday fundraiser.

Remember that 100% of your donations go to our programs. The more funds raised equals more support to young women pursuing their dreams. So remember to select us on Amazon Smile, donate during next year's Team Matches, and remember us in your annual giving.

Together, we have helped so many young women but there are still many more who need our help! Thank you again and have a great winter.

Sincerely,

The WMGA Foundation Board of Trustees



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Get To Know Our 2022 Scholarship Recipients

Demiche McKenzie attends Montclair State University with a planned major of Exercise Science.

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

I believe that there is a club golf team at Montclair State and I will definitely be trying out for it!

WMGA F: Favorite Golf Course?

Demiche: Soldier Hill Golf Course, Emerson, NJ

WMGA F: What do you love about golf?

Demiche: When it comes to golf, the thing I love the most is the euphoric feeling it gives me when I am able to see my hard work pay off. Sometimes things may be a bit of a struggle, but practice makes perfect and I tend to focus on the small victories, like swinging consistently with a new club. I truly enjoy getting out on the course and being able to have a good game with my friends just for fun. Golf is a sport that you can play for a lifetime and I love the memories I am able to make from it.

WMGA F: How did you get introduced to golf?

Demiche: I was introduced to golf my freshman year of high school by a senior who I met in a club. She played golf her entire life and recommended that my friend and I try out for the team because it truly is a great sport. She was totally right! Ever since, it has become a passion of mine.

WMGA F: Who is in your dream foursome?

Demiche: That is a pretty tough question but to be honest, I think I would enjoy a game with just about anyone. I would prefer to play games with those that I have made bonds with like my friends and previous teammates rather than one of the pros. Although, it would be amazing to share a match with someone as great as Tiger Woods or Arnold Palmer!

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

Demiche: I have recently developed a knack for baking and find myself trying out new recipes every week! I plan to make a pineapple upside down cake soon. I also really enjoy crocheting plushies!

WMGA F: What is your favorite book?

Demiche: *They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera has to be one of my top five favorite books. It is heartfelt and emotional and is definitely one that will make you cry at 3AM.

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

Demiche: Currently, my favorite show to binge watch is House. I've always enjoyed medical drama shows and in my opinion, even though it is older, it is way better than Grey's Anatomy.



Analisa Santhouse attends the University of Delaware where she is studying Human Physiology with plans to become a Physician's Assistant.

WMGA F: How did you get introduced to golf?

Analisa: My interest in golf began in my freshman year of high school, when the girls coach at my high school introduced my friends and me to the opportunities that golf provides. Shortly after we were at the driving range together learning how to hold a club for the first time. Over the next three years I played on the junior varsity and varsity team.

WMGA F: What do you love about golf?

Analisa: I love that golf is an individual sport, and the support of your teammates and competitors is unmatched compared to other sports.

WMGA F: Favorite Golf Course?

Analisa: My favorite course to play on is Darlington in Mahwah, New Jersey. The scenery of the course is beautiful, especially in the fall just before the leaves change color.

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

Analisa: Besides playing golf, I enjoy going to the beach, spending time with friends and family or binge watching my favorite show "Jersey Shore." I hope to continue to play golf as a hobby in the future.

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Kaylee Lall is attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and plans to major in Aeronautical Science (Flight).



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

Kaylee: I love sports, but I've decided not to try out for my college team because flying takes up most of my time and I'd rather put all my focus into this to get my certificates.

WMGA F: Favorite Golf Course?

Kaylee: Some of my favorite golf courses were Paramus Golf Course and Twin Willows the par 3 that we used to have competitions on, but I have yet to get a tee time at a course here in Florida.

WMGA F: What do you love about golf?

Kaylee: I love that golf is a very laid-back game where it's really you verse yourself. Also, it doesn't take much to enjoy yourself and little corrections can take you a long way, and each hole is a reset to do better than the last.

WMGA F: How did you get introduced to golf?

Kaylee: I was introduced to the sport through my high school (PCTI), and my coach (Lawshe) taught me everything I know.

WMGA F: Who is in your dream foursome?

Kaylee: Right now, I'm in for some fun and laughs, so my dream foursome would be my 2 siblings and 1 with my dad. First, I have to teach my siblings how to swing.

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

Kaylee: My favorite activity out of golf is flying! I fly and train on a Cessna 172 almost every day here in college.

WMGA F: What is your favorite book?

Kaylee: I'm not really a book person, but one I'm diving deep into now is the pilot's handbook.

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

Kaylee: Some tv shows I like to binge watch are Outer Banks and Selling Sunset!

WMGA F: What it means to you to receive the WMGA Foundation Scholarship?

Kaylee: Receiving the WMGA Foundation Scholarship means the world to me, I love golf and I will always have it with me through my career and it just shows how much my hard work has paid off, so I thank you so much. The funds are helping me with my college cost, assisting me to get my credits. Again, I thank you so much!

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Last year we told you about how Emily Renoff, daughter of Katie Fisher Renoff, after hearing about the Ingoglia Scholarship Fund decided to give back and honor her grandmother Susan Fisher, a long-time member of the WMGA and past board member. The Susan E. Fisher Scholarship Fund was born and friends and family pledged support based on birdies made by Emily throughout her 2021 golf season. Well, 2022 was no different. Working through a swing change didn't slow Emily's resolve to meet her goal. Emily made 53 birdies and through one-time donations and pledges reached her goal of \$10,000. The Foundation could not be prouder to be the beneficiary of her endeavor. Thank you again for all of you who supported Emily and we look forward to awarding the second Susan E. Fisher Scholarship in May 2023.

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/>

Catching Up with Recipients

Kerry Kline is in her junior year at Sacred Heart University (SHU). Kerry is quite busy keeping up with the demands of being a nursing student and playing on SHU's Division 1 Golf Team. In addition to keeping up with her school work and studying for exams, Kerry is also practicing her golf skills five days a week. She has also started her clinical rotations at Yale hospital where she is shadowing nurses on the psychiatric unit. Kerry feels that she learned a great deal about the science of psychiatry and appreciates the need to support those with mental illness. Kerry exemplifies the type of young women the WMGA Foundation looks to support. She is hard working, well-rounded and grateful for the WMGA Foundation's financial assistance throughout her college career.



Janeyce McCray is a junior at Occidental College in California. With a pre-med major, Janeyce has a busy course load which includes three lab courses and an additional required course. Once these demanding courses are completed, she will begin preparing for the MCATs. The start of golf season saw soaring temperatures, over 100 degrees, but that did not hinder her from practicing, playing, and conditioning. As an upperclassman, Janeyce will step into several mentoring roles in various clubs. Janeyce is so grateful to the Foundation for the continued support and for helping her pursue her dreams.

Sydney Nethercott is in her junior year at Fairfield University. Sydney gained a sense of what she wanted to do as a career path during her sophomore year and is now focusing on media and marketing with the intent to pursue a career in the sports industry. Sydney has started applying for internships in the industry. Last spring, Sydney did a great job with managing her course load, the demands of practicing golf, and traveling for the team. Even with a busy summer on the course which included carding a sub-par tournament round, Sydney worked at Millbrook CC where she helped run golf events and assisted with the junior golf camp. Managing demanding schedules both on and off the course exemplifies a WMGA scholarship recipient.



Kathryn-Alexa Kennedy is in her senior year at Princeton University working toward her degree in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. She is also pursuing a minor in Robotics and Intelligent Systems. She is Captain of the Women's Varsity Rugby Team and Vice President of the Tiger Inn (a social club/dining hall for upper classmen). She is also a Peer Academic Advisor on campus, providing academic guidance to incoming first-year students as well as rising sophomores. Kathryn-Alexa is currently in the process of nailing down her senior thesis topic which will likely revolve around green technology. This past summer, she was fortunate to have an internship at Ford Motor Company working for the group that designs the features in Ford's vehicles. She also played a good deal of golf with her father. Kathryn-Alexa is an impressive young woman, who certainly makes members and donors of the WMGA Foundation proud.

Tiny Tales from the Tee

Mary Browning, Glen Ridge Country Club, supported the WMGA Foundation by purchasing a threesome at Quaker Ridge Golf Club in our auction this year. We planned our fall day of golf on September 29 and the day did not disappoint in many ways. It was a splendid sky-blue day, the foursome was super congenial, and the course was great. We played a match of Sixes so we all could compete with a new partner. We had a couple of birdies, then low and behold on the par 5, #14, Tillinghast's classic Sahara, Mary hit a huge drive and beautiful second shot that landed on the green. After looking for a minute, one of the players said, look in the hole, I saw it roll on and then it disappeared.

That's where we found it, bottom center of the hole. 2 on a par 5 for a double eagle!

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