



League Letter

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**THE SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY LEAGUE PROUDLY
PRESENTS:**

THE 2025 SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

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When: March and April 2025

Where: Your Own Home



Left to right: Autumn, Jada, William, Mark, Kaydence

“Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs only to the people who prepare for it today.”

--Malcolm X

Realizing tomorrow begins with the success of today, we must all encourage young people to apply their abilities, explore their curiosities and celebrate their accomplishments. We're all aware of the rising costs of living and it's certainly hurting young people as they begin their journey. Since 2020, six University of Wisconsin branch campuses have closed. These actions have eliminated the cost-saving possibilities of living at home. Also, Wisconsin ranks 43rd out of 50 states in public funding of 4-year higher education. These actions all contribute to rising overhead and financial burdens. If you have ever contributed to the University League Scholarship Benefit Fund, we thank you. If you are considering making a scholarship donation, we thank you. We encourage you to contribute to our 2025 Scholarship Benefit Fund in February. Your formal invitation will be arriving soon.

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--Linda Mayfield

FROM THE PRESIDENT



The October *League Letter* highlighted seven of our nineteen Interest Groups. I hope it inspired you to join one or more groups. It's a wonderful way to stay connected and learn something new. I also hope you brought along a friend or neighbor to explore different interests with us. Non-members are always welcome to attend up to two Interest Group meetings before joining.

Autumn brings invitations to scholarship award celebrations from the various schools and colleges. I've had the opportunity to share a table with some of our very own scholarship recipients. It's a pleasure to hear their stories and receive their thanks on behalf of all our members who contribute to the League's scholarship funds.

January is the month when the Scholarship Benefit Committee is making its final preparations for this year's Stay-at-Home fundraising drive. They have created a beautiful invitation, which will be mailed to all members soon. Proceeds from this drive go directly into the General Scholarship Fund and support our most important goal: providing scholarship support to UW-Madison students. When your invitation arrives, please find the time to fill out the enclosed donation card and mail it in with your check. The students appreciate not only the financial contributions, but also the support and thoughtfulness behind them. Every donation is important!

We have two more events scheduled for this membership year. At our Spring Luncheon on March 25th Franklin Stein will speak on "Healthy Aging and Self-Regulation." Dr. Stein was the founding editor of *Annals of International Occupational Therapy* and is an engaging and entertaining speaker. At our Annual Meeting and Luncheon on May 7th, please join first-time author Brian Borland as he shares the legacy of his family and relates the heartwarming tale that he was born to tell: *Maynard 8 Miles: A Story of Family, Basketball, and Triumph in the Heartland*.

The Nominating Committee is hard at work, filling board and non-board positions for our next membership year, which begins on the first day of June. There is room for all of us, and your talents and skills are needed. We extend a warm invitation to get involved and enjoy the fun and fulfillment, the hum and buzz of being an active participant in our organization. New ideas from members, both old and new, invigorate us all. Go ahead and volunteer to help or say "yes" when asked to step up and lead. Our community depends on all of us working and playing, laughing and supporting each other. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Nominating Committee Chair Sally Lorenz at 608-273-3272 or sallylor67@gmail.com.

The falling leaves will have turned into snow swirls by the time you read this. I hope you enjoyed the holiday season. Now treat yourself to something that brings you joy each day and keeps your heart warm through University League friendships and activities.

Sincerely,

Cindy May

Cindy May, President 2024-25

NOTE: The deadline for submissions to the March *League Letter* is February 5, 2025 (Wednesday). Please send Betty Zeps (bszeps@wisc.edu) any articles, pictures, announcements, etc. about your various League and Interest Group activities by that date.

SCHOLARSHIPS



IN APPRECIATION: STUDENT FINANCIAL AID
DIVISION OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Letter from Derek Kindle, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management

Dear University League Inc,

I write to you as new and returning Badgers reinvigorate our campus with their energy and excitement. We welcome our brilliant students from all corners of Wisconsin, the nation, and the globe.

Our steadfast commitment to recruiting and enrolling the most talented students, wherever they are, brings the state of Wisconsin to all corners of the world. We look for those who demonstrate academic excellence and for those who offer the intangibles that alchemize into a world-class institution -- those who contribute their lived experiences, unique perspectives, intelligence, and curiosities. These students are the citizens who will continue to contribute to their communities and leave positive impacts for future generations.

This past cycle, we received more applications than ever in UW Madison's history. We meet this growing demand for a world-class education by expanding our commitment to Wisconsin students with Bucky's Pell Pathway and the Wisconsin Tribal Education Promise -- which covers full financial need of the full cost to attend. We endeavor responsibly to reduce or alleviate financial barriers so our students can thrive.

This is where you have shown up, time and again. For those who have strived throughout their academic lives, pursued excellence, and overcome hardships to earn admission to UW-Madison, your generous gifts have made their top choice for higher education possible. Your support paves the path to education and service for thousands of promising young scholars.

I hope you enjoy learning about this year's recipient(s) of your fund, and please be in touch if you have any questions or we can be of help.

Thank you and *On Wisconsin!*

Derek Kindle

Vice Provost for Enrollment Management

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INTRODUCING FOUR 2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS



JOSEPH GALARZA, WINNER OF THE ANGELINA FRENSLEY LENEHAN FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Joseph Galarza was raised in South Milwaukee, WI, and is the first in his family to go to college. His mother comes from a family of five. He describes his maternal grandma as a loving woman of proud Polish heritage. His father, on the other hand, grew up in a family of twenty siblings and his parents, who are descendants from Puerto Rico, where his grandpa became a sheriff who embedded the love of law and order within his family.

Joseph, from an early age, always had an outgoing personality and a passion for communication that helped him create meaningful bonds with different people's demographics. This outreach helped build both diverse friendships and cultural knowledge. As he learned the importance of becoming part of a community, he was inspired to help people and become a voice for his community. In high school, Joseph served as class president after Covid and felt a true spark that motivated him to become active in other organizations that included Student Senate, National Honor Society, and the Wisconsin Association of School Councils at the state level. By serving in these roles

and several others, Joseph says that he learned lifelong skills of leadership and the importance of effective communication. Through these experiences, in addition to his family influence, he developed a passion for public policy, law, and communication, driving him to pursue a degree in Political Science with the goal of becoming a lawyer.

Why did he choose the University of Wisconsin? In his own words, Joseph explains,

“When I first started exploring colleges, I was quickly drawn to the diversity and ambiance that Madison embodied. Being in the heartland of a state’s capital is bound to bring public policy influence, which is what I yearn for. Following this, I did research and what really sold me on why Madison is for me is the motto the “Wisconsin Idea.” The sole purpose of influencing people’s lives further than just the classroom and leaving them with everlasting skills is that you can incorporate it into other real-world communities. Being surrounded by a college that builds its curriculum and steers student life down this path was a perfect choice for me because it gives me additional resources to help strengthen my knowledge and my passion for life.”

And what does this scholarship mean to him? Joseph goes on to say, *“Coming from a family that hasn’t had the most opportune chances in the education system, and has been limited by monetary reasons, I am beyond grateful for this opportunity because it opens a door for me that wouldn’t be possible without the kindness and admiration that you have shown. **Receiving this scholarship is more to me than just a monetary value, I see a chance, a difference, a future, and a different beginning for my family.**”*

JACQUELINE WALLIN: UNIVERSITY LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP IN PHARMACY RECIPIENT

On November 10, 2024, President Cindy May and Scholarship Chair Peggy Wiederholt attended the scholarship reception for the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy at the DeJope Residence Hall. Jacqueline Wallin is the 2024-25 recipient of the University League Scholarship in Pharmacy, which includes funds from the University League General Scholarship Fund and the University League Endowed Fund.

Jacqueline is from Ladysmith, WI. She is an undergraduate student in the Bachelor of Science Pharmacology-Toxicology (Pharm-Tox) Program. This biomedical science degree values research-based learning, which Jacqueline thinks aligns well with her research interests. She says that the rigor of the coursework will also prepare her for future studies in medical school. She has already been accepted in one School of Medicine but continues to fully explore all options. When asked about her inspiration to follow this career path, Jacqueline says that her sister, Makaila, is her inspiration. She goes on to explain that Makaila left their small town of 3,000 people to attend UW-Madison, pursued a Pharmacy degree and is now a successful pharmacist. This success and encouragement from her sister made Jacqueline believe that she can achieve anything.



Jacqueline's aspiration to attend medical school began while working as a nursing assistant and during her own personal experience with ulcerative colitis. She says that she was inspired by the physicians she worked with as well as the doctors who cared for her as a patient. She hopes to take those experiences and make a meaningful impact on the lives of others as a physician herself.

She has worked as a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) in a nursing home in her hometown and is a volunteer at Capitol Lakes Assisted Living in Madison. In addition, she is a member of Advocate for Alzheimer's, Delta, Delta, Delta Sorority, and the PharmTox Class Council. This year she is also taking on the role of Vice President of the Wisconsin Women Pre-Med Association. The Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery (WID) is Jacqueline's favorite place on the UW campus. She says that studying at the WID during the cold winter months allows her to study in an environment that provides happiness, helps her stay focused and turns a cold winter day into a productive experience.



SHELLY ZHANG: RECIPIENT OF A GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

As a first-generation college student, Shelly Zhang is most grateful for being selected as a recipient of the League's General Sophomore Scholarship. She describes her parents as being "ecstatic" that some of the financial burden is lifted from their shoulders.

Shelly is from Milwaukee, WI. She says that she knew within her heart that she wanted to attend an institution of higher learning to obtain as much knowledge as possible and engage in diverse ideas from all around the country. UW-Madison allows her to do just that.

She intends to pursue a challenging academic path and hopes to major in Information Science and Political Science. Her goal is to attend Law School with an interest in legal structure and the implications that policy will have on ethical and legal principles associated with Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Currently, Shelly is an ambassador for Bucky's Classroom, a statewide outreach program through UW Connect pairing 8th grade students with university student ambassadors to learn about areas of study, financial aid and campus life. Shelly finds her work with the organization rewarding, affording her the opportunity to promote UW and to meet one-on-one with young students to learn about their hobbies and interests. Shelly sincerely expresses her gratitude for this scholarship and emphasizes that the funding not only aids her financially but also encourages her to work even harder throughout her academic years at the University of Wisconsin.

AMELIA DYER: GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Gender and women's studies and psychology are majors of interest to Amelia Dyer from Oregon, WI, a recipient of the University League General Sophomore Scholarship. She describes herself as being especially passionate about advocacy since high school. In fact, she says that she chose UW-Madison because she considers it a hub of advocacy and social change. Amelia is involved with Young Progressives, a club focused on education, advocacy, and community involvement. She is also a House Fellow, which combines her interests of building community and helping others. One class of particular interest to her was the Disability and Society class that included the history of the disability movement, how ableist systems are maintained and how they can be challenged. Ableist systems are the systems of privilege and power that discriminate against people with disabilities, favoring individuals without disabilities.



Her interest in gender and women's studies and psychology support her passion for activism and equity. A new major in public policy at UW-Madison is also of interest as is pursuing a certificate in Disability Rights and Services. Her career goals include creating and revising policies to make them more inclusive and gaining knowledge that may potentially be used to dismantle ableism and make the world more accessible for everyone.

In expressing appreciation for the General Sophomore Scholarship, Amelia says it makes a significant difference to her family as her parents try to support both her educational pursuits and those of her twin sister.

Yearbook Addendum

*Indicates new member

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IN MEMORIAM

Pat Riley Koval, University League President, 2010-2011

Ruth Heins

NEWS FROM THE INTEREST GROUPS

Artiques



Visit to New Glarus

Artiques is an Interest group that gravitates towards the historical and the arts. We make visits out of town and here in Madison, enjoying the old, the new, and the very intriguing! Please join us if you have an interest. This past year we have visited several sites, both historic and artistic in nature. Below is the schedule for 2025:

*JANUARY 21st, 2025: 10:00 a.m. Luther Memorial Church, 1021 University Ave., Madison, WI. Lunch will be at La Brioche around noon (2862 University Ave.), followed by a visit to Janet's Antique Shop (3800 University Ave., Madison, WI) at 1:00 p.m.

*FEBRUARY 18th: 10:00 a.m. Book Making by Susan Carlson at Oakwood Village University Woods, 6205 Mineral Point Rd., Madison, WI. Lunch will be around noon at Vintage Brewing Company (674 S. Whitney Way, Madison).

*MARCH 18th: 10:00 a.m. Floyd Stanford, historian from Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will give a presentation on American artist and representative of Regionalism, Grant Wood. The location for the presentation will be at Oakwood Village University Woods, 6205 Mineral Point Rd. Lunch will be around noon at Bonefish Grill, 7345 Mineral Point Rd., Madison, WI.

*APRIL 15th: 10:00 a.m. ArtWorking Organization, 1966 S. Stoughton Rd., Madison, WI. ArtWorking is a Madison area nonprofit program that provides career development and support for artists and entrepreneurs with disabilities. (This was a recommendation by Samantha Crownover.) Lunch, at around noon, will be at The Green Lantern Restaurant, 4412 Siggelkow Rd., McFarland. Following lunch, around 1:00 p.m., we will make a visit to Landscape Designs Nursery Garden Center (3290 Elvehjem Rd., McFarland), where Steve Lesch, owner and president of Landscape Designs, will give us a talk. It will be their Opening Day!! 🌱

*MAY 20th: 10:00 a.m. Madison Public Art Project with founder and creative director, Jillian Talarczyk, meeting at the Monona Library, 1000 Nichols Rd. Monona, WI. Following Jillian's presentation, we will drive around Monona to view some of the completed community artwork. Lunch will be at The Great Dane (2980 Cahill Main, Fitchburg, WI) around noon. After lunch, we will drive to McKee Farms Park (2930 Chapel Valley Rd., Fitchburg, WI) to view "Wildflowers of Wisconsin", a fiber art installation, made up of oversized crocheted flora native to Wisconsin.

Environment and Climate

On Tuesday, January 7 and February 4 we're meeting by zoom at 1pm (contact carolandyp@aim.com to join). We have lively discussions and interesting videos – for example in December we learned about the Ocean Cleanup's River Interceptors which keep trash from entering oceans, and 350 Wisconsin's advocacy work to stop oil pipelines from leaking into our waterways. Members shared good news – Did you know that on Earth Day, April 22, 2024, Gov. Evers increased Wisconsin's tree-planting goal to 100 million trees by the end of 2030? Did you know that gasoline consumption in China is falling, because so many people are driving electric vehicles? More than half their sales of passenger vehicles in Oct. 2024 were hybrids, plug-in hybrids, or fully electric! Our members also bring their advice, recommendations, and questions. Kim recommended the Powerhouse TV series and told us how much she likes her Lomi Kitchen Composter. Andy recommended Keen Shoes (made without PFAS or other toxic materials), and Carol told us about reusable wool dryer balls (available at Walmart; never need dryer sheets again!) and laundry detergent sheets (the ECOS brand is sold at Piggly Wiggly). The one question which stymied us was how to recycle smoke detectors which aren't wired into a house, since they have trace amounts of radioactive material in them. Anyone else know?





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Wine Divas & Divos December 2024

The Wine Divas & Divos Interest Group met on December 12th and enjoyed a festive evening learning about wines from the Piedmont Region in Italy. Piedmont is the second largest region in Italy and produces 11% of all the wines out of Italy (the 6th largest wine producing area of Italy). The climate difference between the Alps and the Mediterranean Sea helps to set their good growing environment for the grapes. We tasted 2 white and 3 reds and almost everyone voted that the Arneis white wine was the winner. If you're interested in joining our Interest Group, contact Elaine Rosenblatt at 608-213-4958, elainer49@gmail.com.