WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

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2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2025, through your generosity, we granted scholarships to seven young women, including our third STEM Scholarship, endowed by a former WMGA Board Member, and the fourth Connie Brown Scholarship.

With the support of our partners Baltusrol Golf Club, Westchester Country Club, and our area professionals, we again held our free ***Girls to the Tee*** clinics. This was our 16th clinic at Westchester and our 5th year at Baltusrol.

We cannot thank you, our fellow WMGA members, Foundation Benefactors and partners enough for you support in making 2025 a success.

Remember, if you would like to contribute to one of the named scholarship funds or earmark your donation to support ***Girls to the Tee***, please add a note in your online donation or with your check.

$1.2 million in Scholarships Awarded Since Inception

Supporting 165 young women pursue their dreams

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."

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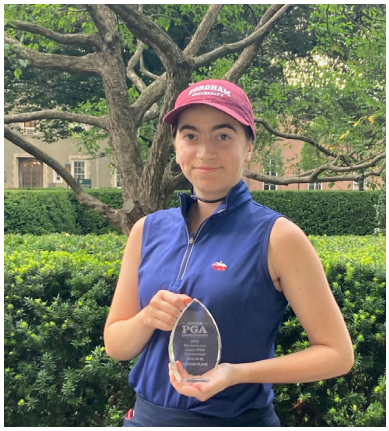
GET TO KNOW 2025 RECIPIENTS

LORELEI REY – 2025 Connie Brown Scholar – Fordham University – Lorelei plans a double major between Math and Economics and Visual Arts. This fall she won the Girl Scout Gold Award and this spring she hopes to start a club golf team at Fordham.



WMGA F: Favorite Golf Couse? **Lorelei:** Sleepy Hollow CC
WMGA F: What do you love about golf?
Lorelei: There are so many things I love about golf but, in particular, I love the feeling of accomplishment and power I get whenever I play to the best of my ability.
WMGA F: How did you get introduced to golf?
Lorelei: When I was 9, City Parks Foundation had a golf class in Chinatown that was canceled. They referred me to the Jr Golf Academy in Brooklyn, and I spent the next 9 years falling in love with golf as I learned to play.
WMGA F: Dream foursome? **Lorelei:** Bella Ramsey, my coach Bob Sorenson, Nelly Korda.
WMGA F: What is your favorite activity outside of golf? **Lorelei:** My favorite activity is drawing.
WMGA F: What is your favorite book?
Lorelei: Phillip Pullman's series: His Dark Materials.
WMGA F: What is your favorite show to binge?
Lorelei: 'Friends'

ANGIE LUDENA – Columbia University – Angie's planned major is Biochemistry. She plans to join the club golf team.

WMGA F: Favorite Golf Couse?
Angie: Powelton Club
WMGA F: What do you love about golf?
Angie: I love how golf allows me to relax from my academic responsibilities while still stimulating my cognitive skills through swing techniques.
WMGA F: How did you get introduced to golf?
Angie: My high school had a golf team, where they competed against other schools. I joined during my sophomore year.
WMGA F: Dream foursome? **Angie:** Millie Bobby Brown, Sabrina Carpenter, Susan Rodriguez, Rory McIlroy.
WMGA F: What is your favorite activity outside of golf? **Angie:** Playing classical music pieces on my clarinet.
WMGA F: What is your favorite book?
Angie: "What's not to love" by Emily Wibberley and Austin Siegemund-Broka
WMGA F: What is your favorite show to binge watch? **Angie:** "The Summer I Turned Pretty"

Ashley Collins – Monmouth University – Ashley plans a double-majoring in Music Industry and Business Marketing. This spring she will be joining the club golf team.
WMGA F: How did you get introduced to golf?
Ashley: My grandfather introduced me to golf.
WMGA F: What do you love about golf?
Ashley: Playing in high school team provided me with great memories and taught me patience, focus, and teamwork.
WMGA F: Favorite couse?
Ashley: Weeburn and Longshore.
WMGA F: Dream Foresome? **Ashley:** Scottie Scheffler, Jordan Spieth, and Nelly Korda.
WMGA F: What is your favorite activity oustice of golf? **Ashley:** my biggest passion is music.
WMGA F: What is your favorite show to binge watch? **Ashley:** my favorite show I rewatch every fall is "Gilmore Girls"

CATCH UP WITH CURRENT AND FORMER RECIPIENTS

Jaylynn Czornomor, WMGA Foundation class of 2019, graduated with her Master's Degree in Teaching/Special Education from Montclair State University this spring. She began her career in September as a 2nd grade special education teacher.

Karina Mangru, Foundation class of 2023, attends Vassar College pursuing studies in Chemistry, Biology, and the humanities on the pre-med track. She participated in the Vassar College Choir and competed with the Vassar fencing team, which has helped her stay grounded and active. This summer she worked in a biology research lab studying eukaryotic initiation factor 3 (eIF3) and its role in protein synthesis. "Gaining hands-on research experience has strengthened both my laboratory and analytical skills, which will be valuable for my upcoming coursework."

Nicolette Garaci, Foundation class of 2024, continues to make progress toward her Business Management major. She earned a spot on the Dean's list last Spring. While taking 9 credits over the summer, she continued working at the Huntington Country Club Pro Shop (her 4th season), where she served as a co-manager. This role has allowed her to develop leadership and management skills while overseeing day-to-day operations. She also continued coaching junior golf clinics for children ages 4–12, which has been a rewarding way to share her love for the game.

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/

GIRLS TO THE TEE

WMGA Foundation Frequently Asked Questions

How did the WMGA Foundation get started?	Legend has it that two women sharing some laughs and a bottle of wine after a round of golf came up with the concept of raising money to help college-bound young women. While that could be true, the official story is that the WMGA Board of Directors recognized the importance of having a charitable arm, similar to most other state and regional golf associations, in order to give back to the golf community and grow the game of golf. This initiative was led by Brigid Lamb (President 1999-2000) and Nancy Paton (Vice President 1999-2000 and President 2001-2002).
How does the Foundation determine how much is available to be awarded in a given year?	The Foundation maintains a base endowment and reserves funds for all outstanding scholarship commitments. The current year grants are based on how much is raised in the prior year. Named scholarships are funded and granted separately.
Does the Foundation provide scholarships for high school girls who need assistance with tournament expenses?	The Foundation Fellowship program reimburses WMGA related tournament expenses to Junior Independent Members and College aged Independent Members. They apply for the Fellowship Program in connection with applying for the Independent Membership.
Is the Foundation Audited and does it file tax returns?	Yes. The Foundation's financial statements, which are prepared on a modified cash basis, are audited. The Foundation files an IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax.
Do all recipients actually play golf?	No, some work at our local clubs in pro-shops or caddie. In addition, some recipients are children of employees of our local clubs. When the Foundation first began granting scholarships, many of our recipients played golf but not at the college level. That dynamic has changed as we see more and more young women applying that are playing in college and need additional assistance beyond their college scholarships.
Why does the Foundation have a Non-Event v. hosting a golf outing?	Non-Event donations actually equal or exceed what the Foundation used to "net" from golf outings and 100% of Non-Event donations are tax deductible.

Volunteer Opportunities	2025 WMGA Foundation Board
At the Foundation, in addition to the Board of Trustees, we have volunteer opportunities on our committees; Scholarship, Communication, ***Girls to the Tee*** and Fundraising. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to the WMGA office.	Valerie DePiro, Chair; Alison Van Raaphorst, VP Secretary; Maggie Pizzone, Treasurer; Judy Cuttone; Paige Diecidue; Dana Fleming; Dale Kramer; Katie Renoff; and, Kate Platt.

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