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Educating and training the next
generation of conservative women leaders



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AMELIA IRVINE

Georgetown University NeW Co-President and a winner of Red Alert Politics’ “30 Under 30” Award



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Letter from Karin



Dear Friends,

Welcome to *Enlightened Ink*. I am pleased to share that NeW has published our first book, *She's Conservative: Trials and Triumphs on America's College Campuses*, featuring the stories of 22 young women from 17 colleges about what it is like to be a conservative woman on campus.

Their personal stories tell of the challenges they faced on campus because of their conservative beliefs. Take Allison Berger of Princeton University, who shares how her effort to call for viewpoint diversity at the Ivy League school's Women's Center was met with vitriol and backlash. Or Vanessa Rivera of Florida Gulf Coast University, whose peers called her names because of her ethnicity and conservative views. There is Margaret Reid from Western Michigan University, who describes how she went from being a shy freshman to a bold senior ready to defend right-of-center policies despite the pressure and mocking she faced at her school. Or Emily Hall at Harvard College, who forged her own educational path after her professors did not teach her both sides of each issue.

These four stories and the many more in the book describe the journeys these women embarked on at their colleges, their struggles and accomplishments, their grit and determination, despite the deck being stacked against them.

Conservative women will no longer be silenced. Our opinions will be shared. Our stories will be told.

NeW supports, mentors, and champions the female students who are tomorrow's leaders. The women on the pages of *Enlightened Ink* are the next generation of women leaders.

NeW is creating a solid community of strong and courageous conservative women who advocate for liberty through speech and action — all to build a stronger America.

Thank you for your investment in conservative women.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karin Lips".

Karin Lips
NeW Founder & President



Karin with Sophie Czerniecki from Catholic University at the book launch for *She's Conservative*.



Karin spoke to William & Mary Law School students about Opportunity Feminism.



At the NeW National Conference, Karin interviewed Mona Charen about her new book, *Sex Matters*.



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ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT AMANDA ROBBINS

What have you been doing since graduation?

Since graduation, I worked at Heritage Action on the grassroots team, worked at the Office of Management and Budget for the Deputy Director, and now I recently started a new role at the White House Office of Public Liaison, handling outreach to faith leaders across the country.

What is your favorite memory as a NeW member on The George Washington University's campus?

My favorite memory was when we hosted a Gentlemen Showcase Competition on campus and nominated some of the most chivalrous gentlemen on campus.

What advice would you offer current college students? What about for your fellow NeW members entering the workforce?

My advice would be to work really hard and be willing to do tedious and unglamorous tasks in your internship or first job out of college. If you can prove yourself in the small things, your supervisors will trust you to take on bigger projects with more responsibilities. Anticipate your supervisor's needs, and learn to "manage up."

What are you reading right now?

I'm reading *City of Man: Religion and Politics in a New Era* by Michael Gerson and Peter Wehner.

Why is NeW important?

NeW is important because it helps college women learn how to become leaders, project managers, and problem solvers. It helps them understand how to coherently talk through policy topics and think through solutions to our country's tough issues. It helps bridge the gap between college years and professional life.



Amanda and fellow George Washington NeW members exhibited at the 2014 Campus Fair.



"I'm using a lot of the same skills I learned in NeW such as organizing an event, building relationships with key stakeholders, reaching a target audience, and using time-management skills to juggle a few different projects at once. I also have had the chance to tap into relationships that I made in NeW in my professional roles."

WHY I SUPPORT NeW

CLARICE SMITH • RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

When I was a college student twenty years ago, I did not want to get involved in any of the political debates held in the classroom or on campus. I did not feel equipped to confidently argue my beliefs, and I was nervous of alienating friends and angering professors.

Had NeW been on my college campus when I was a student, I would have had the support and courage to stand up for what I believe in.

This is why I am honored to be a member of NeW's Board. I am also proud that the John William Pope Foundation, where I work, recognizes the importance and value NeW brings to women on college campuses.

While there are many types of undergraduate student networks, what makes NeW stand out is how it expands the intellectual diversity on campus by fostering the education and leadership skills of conservative women.

NeW members are passionate and eager to learn how they can advocate for policy solutions that are most beneficial for everyone, not just women. It is encouraging to know that there are informed, strong, conservative women who will take the lessons they learn from NeW and apply them in all of their future endeavors.

This is why I support NeW and hope you will too.

Best,

Clarice Smith

Clarice Smith
Program Officer, John William Pope Foundation
Member, NeW Board of Directors



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NeW on CAMPUS

NeW women on campuses across the country are standing up for conservative principles. From discussing policy issues and hosting speakers to holding activism events and serving their communities, NeW members are engaging their campuses and pushing back against liberal narratives. NeW chapters brought several leaders onto campus this semester. Often, this is one of the only times these women hear from leading conservatives on the issues facing the nation. NeW brings intellectual diversity to campus and presents conservative principles in a positive way, so all can be proud to speak out as a conservative.



Campus Reform's Hannah Scherlacher joined NeW at Temple this December to talk about media bias and Title IX policy. "We had a great discussion about the future of the conservative movement and how women can make themselves a part of it," voiced Karly Matthews, NeW at Temple President.



"There's a real human need to belong to something, to feel free to express your beliefs openly within a trusted group of people."

SOPHIA CABANA
President, NeW at James Madison University



Members at the University of Wisconsin after their kick-off NeW mixer and movie night on September 25.



NeW at Emmanuel College hosted Kelsey Harkness, Senior News Producer at *The Daily Signal*. Harkness discussed the importance of conservative feminism and argued that women should not exclude other women on the basis of their political ideas. Harkness shared how she became the successful newswoman she is today, a feat she never pictured herself achieving as a timid college student.



NeW at Catholic University cosponsored *Campus Reform's* Media Director, Cabot Phillips, on November 1. With more than 40 people at the event, Phillips spoke about the dangers of "liberal privilege" on college campuses.



NeW at Princeton joined the Anscombe Society to hear Ethics and Public Policy Center Senior Fellow Mona Charen talk about her new book, *Sex Matters*, and the problems the hook-up culture is presenting in the #MeToo era. Members of NeW at Princeton and the Anscombe Society enjoyed an intimate dinner with Charen following the event, where they continued to ask her about how generational differences impact views of sex and gender roles.

EVENT SPOTLIGHT



How does the transition from college into the real world — a world that is not often friendly and welcoming to conservative women — work? On Tuesday, November 6, NeW at Grove City College collaborated with the college's think tank, The Center for Vision and Values, to host a "Christian Conservative Women in the Workplace" panel. The panelists, Dr. Michelle McFeaters (Assistant Dean of the Calderwood School and Professor of Accounting) and Professor Tricia Pritchard (Adjunct Professor of Communications), covered a variety of topics from working with individuals who disagree with you to work-life balance. Pritchard shared, "Don't let people who think being a conservative Christian is anti-women weaken you. Let it fuel you." McFeaters added, "As conservative women, we have an opportunity to be more of ourselves instead of being put into a liberal box."

"After this panel discussion, I was even more proud to be a conservative woman, and I felt inspired to live out my calling in the world. On an election night where the American public stated that younger women are turning away from conservatism, we were proud to dispel this notion. The next generation of conservative women is here, and our time is now. We do exist, and we will be heard."

ASHLEY WINTERS

Co-Chair, NeW at Grove City College



The NeW chapter at the College of Charleston hosted State Representative Nancy Mace on October 17. Mace talked about her experience being the first woman to graduate from the Citadel and inspired the women with her story of becoming an elected official.



"Being a conservative woman can be difficult. We feel isolated for our views and are told that we are not educated enough to contribute to pressing discussions ranging from foreign policy to healthcare. What progressives fail to recognize is that we are strong, independent, and, perhaps most importantly, well-educated women with the ability to see past the liberal agenda. We understand many of the left's policies that are created to help women actually harm us in the long run. We realize it is up to us, not the government, to use our God-given potential to lead fulfilling and meaningful lives."

TAYLOR ROTH

President, NeW at University of Florida

On October 29, NeW at Western Michigan University hosted Dr. Linda Lee Tarver, Director of Community Affairs for Michigan's Secretary of State. Tarver spoke about the history of women's rights in honor of 100 years of women's suffrage in Michigan.



NeW on CAMPUS

NeW Chapters Bond Conservative Women On Campus

In addition to hosting speakers and holding dynamic discussions on campus, NeW also brings together conservative women for community. On campus, being a conservative can feel isolating and lonely. Too often, individuals are hesitant to stand up for their principles. NeW provides a space for these women to come together for community, building relationships that will last a lifetime.



The newly launched University of Michigan chapter e-board held their first meeting on November 12 with special guest, Heather Pfitzenmaier, Vice President of NeW.

NeW at Missouri members went to the farm at Shryock's Red Barn for a fun bonding event creating community.

Tara O'Connor, a member of NeW at Missouri, said: "I'm incredibly excited about NeW because since attending college I have felt I couldn't share my conservative ideas or talk about public policy without feeling ostracized and being patronized. I look forward to having a community of women to speak freely about public policy, to be treated with respect and consideration, and to learn from other women at Mizzou."



"As a freshman, I searched for clubs and organizations on campus where I could meet people who share my same conservative values. I wanted to find something that would allow me to grow as a leader, while making amazing friends and role models. When I discovered NeW, I knew it was perfect! It combines everything I need in a group of strong female conservatives. NeW offers opportunities for conservative women. From building friendships with like-minded people, to attending national conferences, to hearing world class speakers, NeW is such a special and valuable group. As conservative women, it is important that we stick together, especially in college!"

EMMA WILENTA

NeW at Catholic University Freshman Representative

NeW members "table" on campuses nationwide throughout the year to recruit and welcome new chapter members. Tabling is a fantastic way to spread the word and make sure more women on campus learn about NeW.



NeW at Georgetown leaders Amelia Irvine and Sarah George tabled at an organization fair.



(Left) Katie Robbins tabled at the University of Virginia to introduce more women to NeW. (Right) Kate Krolicki, President of NeW at Harvard, stood up for conservative principles while tabling.



(Left) Western Carolina University e-board members tabled to recruit female students to join their chapter. (Right) NeW at Florida Gulf Coast University leaders Sophia Studer and Sara Vaubel tabled at Eagle Orientation, a fall fair for potential FGCU freshmen.



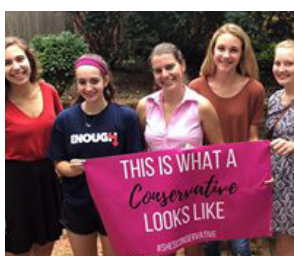
From the policy discussions to the social events to time together giving back, NeW women celebrated being conservative. NeW is proud to have so many strong, passionate, diverse women on campuses across the nation exemplifying this is what a conservative looks like.



NeW members at George Washington celebrated and shared why they are conservative during their September 10 meeting.



(Above) During a meeting on November 14, NeW at Xavier University members shared what being a conservative feminist meant to them. (Left) NeW at Georgetown proudly shared a picture with the "This Is What a Conservative Looks Like" banner.



"NeW is such a unique organization filled with incredible people. I love the opportunity to discuss and debate with so many opinions, and it's unlike any other club I have been in before."

ALEXIS WHITEFORD

Recruitment Chair of NeW at Baylor University



ConSERVative Month

New Chapters Give Back

During the month of November, NeW focuses on giving back to communities and campuses for ConSERVative Month. As conservatives, we value the role local groups and communities play, rather than relying on the government as the solution. This is our way to put our policy into action, show compassion, and make a difference. Chapters served their communities in a variety of ways.



(Left) On November 16, NeW at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte hiked Crowders Mountain and cleaned up all the trash. (Right) The next day, NeW at UNCC volunteered for the Angels and Sparrows Soup Kitchen, which serves nourishing meals with dignity and fosters community and a path to hope for those facing hunger in their daily lives.



(Left) On November 19, members of NeW at the College of Charleston traveled to Folly Beach to pick up trash and serve the community. (Right) The NeW chapter at Emmanuel College wrote letters to troops and sent these thank you cards, care packages, and supplies to support troops stationed in Tampa, Florida.



The NeW at Missouri e-board met to plan their first semester on campus with the help of their freedom-loving furry friend.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

Congratulations to the NeW graduating fall class of 2018! Thanks to these women's leadership and dedication to the conservative movement, more women are finding a community on their campus.

Kristen Colonna

University of South Florida
Major: Marketing
Hometown: Tampa, Florida



What are your plans after graduation?

Pursue a career in marketing hopefully within the Tampa area, focusing on promotions in the sports and entertainment industry.

How did NeW shape your college experience?

NeW gave me an outlet to express my thoughts to other empowered women on campus. It also gave me the opportunity to gain experience running an organization's social media platforms.

What is one piece of advice you would give to other NeW members?

GET INVOLVED. This is how you make the best memories.

What is your favorite memory of NeW?

My favorite memory is the NeW National Conference this past summer. It was my first time attending, and I was so moved by the speakers, leaders, and other women attending the conference.



Kristen (left) with other leaders during the NeW National Conference.

Margaret Reid

Western Michigan University
Major: Food and Consumer
Package Good Marketing
Hometown: Mason, Michigan



What are your plans after graduation?

I will be moving to Eden Prairie, Minnesota to work for Hormel Foods as a Consumer Product Sales Representative.

How did NeW shape your college experience?

NeW gave me an outlet to discuss policy and be around like-minded people in an environment that was mostly liberal. It also gave me an opportunity to develop my skills as a leader. I can take these skills with me to my new career.

What is one piece of advice you would give to other NeW members?

Take advantage of every and any opportunity thrown your way. You never know what other opportunities or experiences it can bring.

What is your favorite memory of NeW?

My favorite memory was tabling at our organization fair. It was the first tabling we had done, and it was really successful. I met a lot of people who loved what NeW is doing and wanted to learn more.



Margaret (second from right) with her NeW e-board during the 2018 CPAC conference.

Building NeW Relationships Nationwide

NeW staff members traveled across the country to strengthen existing coalition relationships and build new ones. NeW also made sure to have a presence at conferences outside the conservative movement, such as *Glamour* magazine's Women of the Year Summit, to ensure that all women hear our positive message.



Karin Lips, NeW President, attended *Glamour*'s Women of the Year Summit in New York City.



NeW Campus Program Coordinator Vanessa Rivera attended an intimate briefing of leaders at the Twitter Headquarters for the Twitter Trust and Safety Council.



Mimi Murphy from NeW posed for a quick photo in the Washington Nationals dugout during the 2018 America's Future Foundation Gala.



Heather Pfitzenmaier, NeW Vice President, on the field at the University of Utah's Rice-Eccles Stadium during the State Policy Network's Annual Conference.



Vanessa Rivera also attended the 2018 Western Conservative Summit in Denver to recruit more women from the West Coast.



Karin Lips, NeW President, with Danielle Crittenden and Christina Hoff Sommers at the Independent Women's Forum's Women of Valor Dinner.

Spreading Conservative Principles Online

This year, NeW has increased its social media presence on three primary platforms: Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. Using social media, NeW is focused on highlighting what the chapters are doing on their campuses and in their communities. Through the successful #ShesConservative and ConSERVative campaigns, NeW continued to expand its reach across the country, recruiting new women into the conservative movement. Based on feedback from members, NeW is prioritizing expansion on Instagram to effectively reach the target audience of women ages 18-35. From engaging with guest speakers to advertising the campus chapter events, NeW is committed to sharing the great work by NeW women.



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Karin Lips wrote an op-ed in the *Washington Post* arguing that the DC government should not regulate playgroups for two year-olds. After her *Washington Post* article ran, *Reason*, *Intellectual Takeout*, *FEE*, *PJ Media*, *The College Fix*, and *The New American* all quoted her article. With enough pressure, the playgroup won.

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Liz Wheeler, host of *Tipping Point* on One America News Network, shared why she is conservative and wore a NeW T-shirt for the occasion.

enlightenedwomen

enlightenedwomen Good morning, NeW Nation!!! My name is Charlotte Townsend, and I'm the President for NeW at College of Charleston. I'll be taking over NeW's Instagram for the day and I have many things in store — Constitution Week, why I'm conservative, and a NeW meeting tonight — to name a few! Be sure to tune in!

Charlotte Townsend, President of NeW at the College of Charleston, conducted an "Instagram Takeover" for the day during Constitution Week, sharing a day in her life.

Mona Charen @monacharenEPPC · 1h
Wow. Fantastic!

Enlightened Women @NeWNetwork
This week our winter book club is starting to read *Sex Matters: How Modern Feminism Lost Touch with Science, Love, and Common Sense* by @monacharenEPPC. What are you reading over the winter break?

Network of enlightened Women (NeW)
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We are so excited to announce that our book *She's Conservative: Stories of Trials and Triumphs on America's College Campuses* is COMING SOON. *She's Conservative* shares the stories of these strong conservative women and many others who have taken a stand for their ideals. Who's excited??

5,263 People Reached 1,464 Engagements Boost Post

73 3 Comments 29 Shares 2.6K Views

NeW Leader Wins

Red Alert Politics' "30 Under 30" Award

The *Red Alert Politics* annual "30 Under 30" list "highlights young, right-of-center leaders who are making an exceptional impact in their communities or on their campuses." NeW at Georgetown Co-President, Amelia Irvine, was one of the 30 individuals honored this year!

An award-winning activist and writer studying economics and government at Georgetown University, she led the pro-family student group Love Saxa last year through vitriolic student protests and school-sponsored hearings targeting the group's views on gender and sexuality. Amelia writes about this and other experiences as a NeW leader in *She's Conservative: Trials and Triumphs on America's College Campuses*.

What appeals to you about NeW?

NeW is a female-led conservative organization, which can be tough to find on college campuses. I love Georgetown's College Republicans chapter, but the environment of an all-women's group is such a good fit for me. I definitely consider myself an empowered woman, and it is so wonderful to have the opportunity to pay it forward by lifting up other young conservative women at Georgetown.

What made you want to start a NeW chapter?

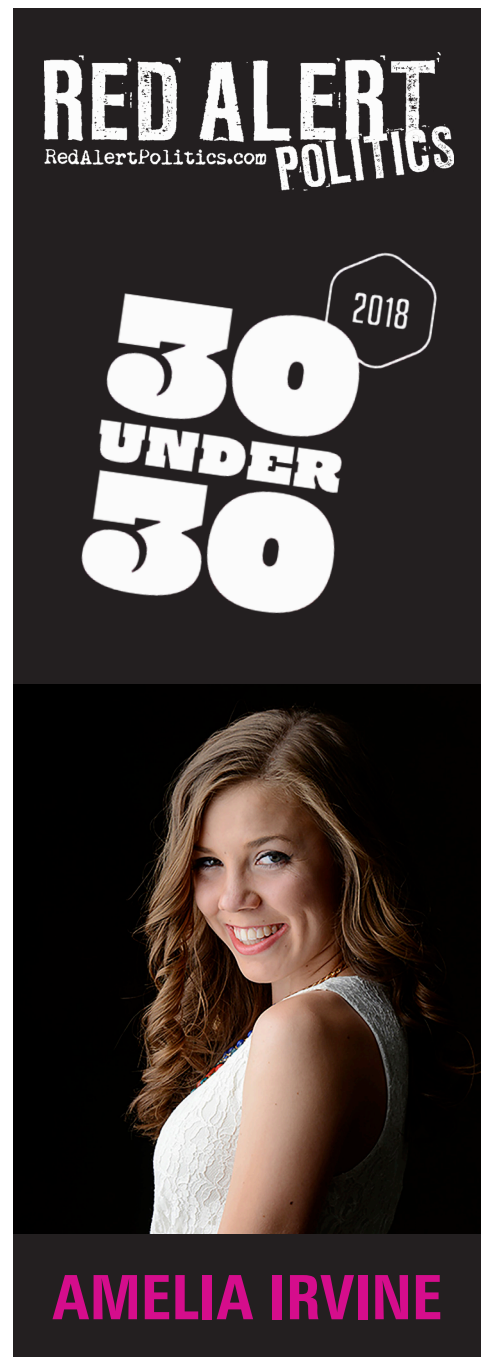
Georgetown has so many wonderful opportunities to see great speakers, develop professionally, and meet fellow students. But NeW fills a special gap because it brings together conservative women, a group of people whose mere existence is often denied by the left. Conservative women are able to better support each other and get to know one another.

Why is having a NeW chapter on campus so important to you?

We're here to let Georgetown students know that conservative women do exist! We are empowered, capable, intelligent, and ready to take the world by storm. It's such a good way to combat the stereotypes and identity politics so prevalent on campus today.

How do you benefit from being a part of NeW?

NeW has given me the chance to meet so many wonderful conservative women, not just on Georgetown's campus, but from across the USA. The opportunities that NeW provides for professional development and networking are top-of-the-line, and I'm so blessed to be a part of the work NeW is doing.



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AMELIA IRVINE

Co-President Georgetown Univ. NeW

NeW Professional Network

Providing a Community for Conservative Women after Graduation

When NeW women graduate and enter the workforce, it is important that their relationship with NeW and conservatism does not end. As is the case on campuses across the nation, big city culture is not a welcoming environment for female conservatives.

The NeW Professional Network is filling this gap by providing conservative leaders with the opportunity to connect with like-minded women in a welcoming, enriching, and fun environment.

Like NeW campus chapters, the Professional Network is a space for learning through policy events and discussion. There are also sessions centered around career advancement, work-life balance, negotiation, and more. Through these events focused on policy, networking, and professional development, conservative professional women grow intellectually, personally, and professionally.

NeW New York City Professional Network

This fall, the NeW New York City Professional Network was delighted to host two events. On September 15, members of the network gathered at Maison Kayser for a time of community and conversation. On November 14, members met for a happy hour at B Flat Restaurant for a chance to meet with Amber Downer, who leads the Professional Network. Both events were an opportunity for existing and new members to come together and meet other conservative leaders in the city. In a place like New York, the women voiced how vital this community is to be around other like-minded women and to be able to discuss their ideas freely.



The NeW Professional Network gathered in NYC on September 15.



AMY SALITSKY

NeW NYC Professional Network Member

“I’ve never had a community of women who shared the same values I did. I always had to withhold my thoughts or feelings about things because I didn’t want to stir the pot. In one happy hour, I felt a sense of belonging that I don’t think I’ve ever quite felt. If this is just the feeling I got with one happy hour, I cannot wait to see what else the New York NeW chapter will reveal.”



DC Professional Network Celebrates NeW's 14th Anniversary — and More!

This year, NeW turned 14 and celebrated this milestone with a gathering of the NeW DC community on September 27 at Sixth Engine Restaurant. It was an evening spent with NeW members from the surrounding area college chapters and the Professional Network. Karin Lips, President of NeW, spoke about the accomplishments NeW has achieved in its 14 years, highlighting the successful college chapters throughout the country and top-notch programs such as the National Conference and The Gentlemen Showcase. Attendees also heard from the Co-Directors of the NeW DC Professional Network, Krista Chavez and Rebecca Malone, who spoke about the programming the Professional Network offers, such as quarterly events, networking receptions, book clubs, and professional development opportunities.

The highlight of the evening was hearing from keynote speaker Ericka Andersen, author of the newly released book, *Leaving Cloud Nine: The True Story of a Life Resurrected from the Ashes of Poverty, Trauma, and Mental Illness*. She gave an inspiring and informative talk not only about her husband's ability to overcome adversity, but also her professional journey. Andersen encouraged the women to strive for more and understand their worth in the professional world.

Springboarding from this event, this fall, members of the NeW DC Professional Network participated in a book club on *How Women Rise: 12 Habits Holding You Back From Your Next Raise, Promotion, or Job*. As many of these professional women are looking ahead in their career, all enjoyed coming together to discuss personal career goals and how to reach them. From time management and how to use that to maximize your career to how to communicate properly in the workplace, these leaders talked candidly about their strengths and weaknesses and how to position themselves for success. At the end, all left focused, thinking about a career mission statement outlining exactly what their career goals are and how to reach them.



Women gathered at Sixth Engine for NeW's 14th Anniversary Celebration.



Shoshana Weissman talked to the DC Professional Network about how over-regulation is hurting women at the NeW Leadership Brunch on Oct. 13.



NeW DC read and discussed *How Women Rise* for the fall book club.

INTERN & FELLOW SPOTLIGHTS

NeW is training young women to be leaders in the conservative movement. Interning with NeW is a great first step in the pipeline to conservative leadership. Thank you Jaime, Johanna, Maggie, Kaitlin, and Brooke for your hard work this year.

Johanna Burke

CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE
Summer 2018 Intern

Why is NeW important?

Today's college campuses are unfriendly towards conservative ideas. Many conservative women experience discrimination because of their values. Instead of respectful and logical discourse on campuses, conservatives are often silenced by the highly emotive and single-sided narrative that is propagated by professors, students, and administrators on the left. In summary, it is difficult to be conservative on a college campus. NeW enables women to learn about political and social issues and explore what it means to be a conservative. This is crucial since the conservative perspective is simply off limits in most college classrooms. NeW gives women the social support necessary to stand firm in their beliefs while in a hostile environment. NeW is empowering women on campuses AND preparing them to be a conservative leader in whichever field they choose.



What advice would you offer to college students?

I would urge you to seek out good teachers, books, and role-models. Make yourself a student of conservatism. Become well-read, and listen with docility to those who have more experience than you. So take it into your own hands to get the conservative formation that your college campus may not offer. Set an example of how to have considerate and rational dialogue. Current political discourse is highly rhetorical, emotional, and can often devolve into personal attacks and name-calling. Take the lead on reinstating actual dialogue. Listen to others and remain respectful. Be an example of what it means to debate by always remaining patient, polite, and charitable.

Jaime Erker

COLORADO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
Summer 2018 Intern

Why is NeW important?

NeW combats the pervasive feminist attitudes among young women on university campuses across the nation. It has become extremely difficult for women to hold onto conservative values without being attacked for perpetuating the patriarchy or hindering themselves and fellow women. NeW creates a means by which young women can cultivate their conservative principles while being supported by a vast network of fellow conservative women.



What is the most important conservative issue in your opinion?

The most important conservative issues facing our nation are Constitutional literacy and a lack of understanding of the American Founding. America began moving away from the original intent of the Founders, in part, because of the manipulation of academia by progressive intellectuals. By encouraging greater Constitutional literacy, our nation can begin to regain its foundational principles and work to restrain progressive thought in government.

What advice would you offer to college students?

My greatest piece of advice would be to get to know your professors. My professors from undergrad have continued to serve as mentors and are good friends now. It was through them that I had unique opportunities inside and outside of college to grow in my knowledge and leadership.

Kaitlin Makuski

HILLSDALE COLLEGE
Fall 2018 Intern

Why is NeW important?

In a world where conservatives are mocked and stereotyped for their views, conservative groups that provide a community are absolutely necessary. NeW goes a step further and provides young conservative women a community and environment where they can learn more about what they believe and be supported in that journey. It provides a space to talk about the issues that only personally affect women or that women approach differently than men. NeW is a vital part of the conservative movement especially today, when young women are put down and pushed aside for having different opinions and ideas from the modern feminist movement.



What is the most important conservative issue in your opinion?

If I had to pick a single issue, I would say education. I think most of the division we see today, the polarization between the left and the right, is due to the lack of knowledge people have of differing opinions. High schools train students to simply fill in bubbles on standardized tests and colleges have become safe zones where students are never truly challenged.

What advice would you offer to college students?

Find a group of people that encourages you to be the best you can be academically, socially, spiritually, and physically. Whether it's through a church, sport, volunteer group, class, or other campus activity, find people who are genuine, who will stay up all night talking, be your shoulder to cry on and your support in good times and bad. Those people make all the difference between a stressful, anxiety-filled four years and a wonderful, enriching four years.

Brooke Reynolds

WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
Fall 2018 Fellow

Why is NeW important?

NeW is important for women to have an opportunity to educate themselves on what it means to be a conservative. It is also important as a woman to have the support system that comes along with being in NeW. As a member, I know from experience how it feels to have a group of friends who believe the same values you do, and it's nice to not feel alone on these issues that not everyone agrees on.



What advice would you offer to college students?

My advice to other conservative women would be to keep fighting the fight and never give up. Some days it will feel as if the whole world is against you, I promise it's not. Keep your head up because it is women like us who are going to change the world!

“Keep your head up because it is women like us who are going to change the world!”



Maggie Horzempa

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL • FALL 2018 FELLOW

“NeW is a great opportunity to connect with other collegiate women that share like-minded feelings and values. There is nothing more empowering to me as a woman than working together with other amazing women to better NeW and expose how narrow-minded progressive feminism actually is.”



NeW NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The National Conference is an opportunity to identify college and young professional leaders who might want to start a NeW chapter or get more involved with NeW, educate them on conservative principles, and provide them with a network of like-minded peers and mentors. 175 individuals attended the 13th Annual NeW National Conference on June 21-23 at Hillsdale College's Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship.

Karin Lips awarded NeW's Empowered Woman of the Year award to Neomi Rao, Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, for her work in cutting regulation. Rao has recently been nominated for the DC Circuit Court of Appeals to fill the seat left vacant by Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

Attendees had the chance to learn from leading women, including Contributing Editor of The Foreign Desk, Lisa Daftari, on women's rights around the

world and Dawn Hawkins, Senior Vice President and Executive Director of the National Center on Sexual Exploitation, about the hidden problem of sex trafficking in America.

A highlight of the conference was a debate entitled, "Careers, Babies, and What Policies Work Best for Women," moderated by Kelsey Harkness, Senior News Producer for *The Daily Signal*, on paid leave policies between Rachel Greszler, Research Fellow at The Heritage Foundation, and Carrie Lukas, President of Independent Women's Forum. This lively debate was an important opportunity to demonstrate that conservative women care about and are willing to engage with ideas and can do so in a respectful manner.

Students also participated in training to learn tips for successfully starting or leading a NeW chapter. From these policy panels to professional development training, all attendees left more informed, engaged, and ready to lead as women in their communities.



Winners posed after accepting awards for their impact on campus and success with their chapter.

"I really admire the energy and the initiative of the founders of this organization and the chapter leaders who are all here to participate in this dialogue about public policy issues... It's great to see so many young conservative women getting involved with these sorts of issues, who are getting more engaged in making their communities a better place."

NEOMI RAO
Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

Honoring NeW Women for Their Impact

CHAPTER AWARDS

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

The **University of North Carolina at Charlotte** set the bar high. This chapter hosted successful campus events, regular meetings, and participated in all of NeW National's programming and campaigns!

EVENT OF THE YEAR

The **George Washington University** Women's Panel deserved this award for their program fighting feminism on college campuses and beyond. The panelists discussed why modern feminism and the third wave feminist movement does not speak for all women.

THE LEGACY CHAPTER

Given annually to a NeW chapter that has achieved success this year AND has been a recognized chapter of NeW for more than three years, **American University** secured its legacy. The chapter honored with this award is well-known and respected by students, staff, and the outside community.

NEW ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes a chapter that has been formed within the past academic year, and **Emmanuel College** earned it this year. The recipient of this award demonstrates growth and progress toward achieving their mission through membership and programming.

OUTSTANDING SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media is one of the most effective methods of reaching out to students in our generation, and the **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill** has been a leader online. This chapter's social media is constantly up to date, promotes the successes of the members, and also spreads conservative beliefs online.

NeW WOMEN OF THE YEAR

Bethany Davis Horyn, **Charlotte Sawyer**, and **Emily VanderBush** were awarded for their leadership of NeW DC. The growth of the Professional Network in DC is thanks to the dynamic programming and strong community they helped form for conservative women in DC.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ENLIGHTENED WOMAN OF THE YEAR

KIMBERLY BURTON

Temple University

The recipient of this award is a student who embodies an enlightened woman in every way. She speaks out about her conservative beliefs and acts as an example on her campus and in her community. Congratulations Kimberly!



ACTIVIST OF THE YEAR

JESSICA MARTINEZ

Univ. of North Carolina at Charlotte

Taking a stand on campus for conservative beliefs is no small feat. This student has put service at the forefront of her time with NeW. Thank you Jessica!



RISING STAR AWARD

MIA STEUPERT

Emmanuel College

The recipient of this award is a NeW member who, in the last year, has joined NeW and become an example on her campus and in her community. Welcome Mia!



WRITER OF THE YEAR

NEETU CHANDAK

Cornell University

The recipient of this award is a student who shared her conservative beliefs through writing this past year and has shown consistency and growth in her work. Well said Neetu!



ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

KATIE YODER

University of Virginia

For this award, NeW honors an alumna who is continuing to rise as a conservative leader after graduation and gives back. Katie spoke at the Young Women's Leadership Retreat. Thanks for your leadership, Katie!



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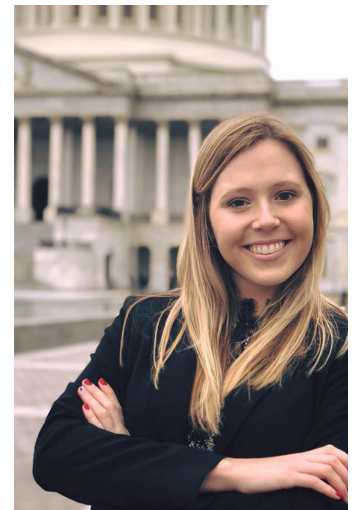


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#ShesConservative Encourages Women to Speak Out

NeW continued the #ShesConservative campaign, encouraging women across the country to voice why they are proud conservative women. Students and conservative leaders and influencers alike proudly sported their “This Is What a Conservative Looks Like” T-shirts in posts on social media using the hashtag #ShesConservative. During this campaign, website traffic from NeW social media channels increased by 450%.

Growing from the success of the #ShesConservative campaign, NeW hosted a #ShesConservative Summit in Raleigh, North Carolina this past October. Read about the Summit directly from Maggie Horzempa, Fall 2018 NeW Fellow, senior at UNC Chapel Hill, and President of NeW at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Maggie Horzempa

On October 13, 2018, a group of conservative women from NeW chapters throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia all gathered in Raleigh, North Carolina for a day full of learning, personal growth, friendship, and conservatism at the NeW #ShesConservative Summit.

By speaking to and learning from one another in break-out discussions, attendees created plans to take back to campus to grow our voices and impact. Discussions where we talked about what it means to be conservative, how we go about positively interacting with the liberal student body,



Attendees took notes throughout the day and gathered ideas to use on their own campus.

and how we continue to create learning opportunities on our campuses left us with a deeper understanding of where we fit into the big picture of conservatism in America — and that is something we don't get on our campuses.

Panels and trainings conducted by conservative leaders like Jenna Robinson of the James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal and Mitch Kokai of the John Locke Foundation provided us with information and an environment where we could ask questions and grow from each other. Robinson talked to us about the trends of liberalism and the problems we are facing with the institution of higher education, something that conservative collegiate women live through every day. Kokai provided us with spokesperson training, so that we can present arguments and interact with media in the strongest way possible.

For one day on a Saturday, I was able to learn from the best of the best, challenge myself, connect with other like-minded women, and come out feeling more confident and ready to grow my chapter on my college campus with a mindset stronger than I had ever had before. This experience was priceless, and I am so grateful to the NeW staff for this opportunity.

— by Maggie Horzempa



NeW leaders came together for a group shot during the Summit.

Women Voice **Why** They Are **CONSERVATIVE**



An excerpt from Kelsie's essay printed in *Red Alert Politics*

"I don't expect anyone just to sit there and agree with me — that's not their job."

As one of the only conservatives at a small liberal arts school, Margaret Thatcher's words precisely mirror how I feel. It is quite normal for me to be the only student rebutting a liberal argument. My world history class could only spend a limited amount of time on her, but we were able to watch her 1980 address at the Conservative Party Conference, more commonly known as the speech where she powerfully said, "The lady's not for turning." Her poise and wit, even with hecklers, deeply interested me, but the content of her speech was what truly captivated me. Thatcher encompassed the core values of conservatism very eloquently into one speech: merit, freedom, and lower taxes.

Kelsie Scarim

TROUTVILLE, VIRGINIA

WINNER:

#ShesConservative

High School Category

Community High School of Arts and Academics

What inspired you to enter this essay contest?

I was inspired to enter the essay contest because the theme was interesting and related to me personally. Also, the prize money could really help me afford college.

Have you experienced a lack of intellectual diversity on your campus or in your community?

My school campus has very little intellectual diversity due to its small size, but my local community is very diverse. People from all backgrounds and values live and work there.

What do you think should be done to promote more intellectual diversity?

Intellectual diversity can be promoted by inviting speakers with differing ideals to campuses and introducing spaces where talking about different values is safe and calm.

What role do you think NeW plays for women?

NeW allows women a space to explore all sides of the political scale in order to make informed decisions. NeW is there during a time of personal change in most women's lives and offers a judgement-free sanctuary.



NeW's #ShesConservative Essay Contest, which asked women to write why they are conservative and what book, podcast, or other media most influenced their political philosophy, had a record number of applicants this year. Many women wrote about being inspired by Margaret Thatcher. It was challenging to choose just two winners, but ultimately, Kelsie Scarim was selected as the winner of the High School Category, and Vianca Rodriguez won the College Category. The announcement of these winners was made when their essays were published by *Red Alert Politics* of the *Washington Examiner*. Congratulations Kelsie and Vianca, and thank you for articulating conservative principles so eloquently!

Vianca Rodriguez

TEMPE, ARIZONA

Arizona State University

WINNER:
#ShesConservative
College Category



What inspired you to enter this essay contest?

What inspired me the most to enter this contest was the question at stake, which was to explain why exactly one is conservative. It got me really thinking that I have never actually sat down to analyze or explain why I believe the things I do, and why I am so passionate about the movement. I thought it was a great opportunity to finally do so.

Have you experienced a lack of intellectual diversity on your campus or in your community?

I believe there is a definite, hidden intention to suppress certain minority voices, including those that concern the conservative ideology. This mostly comes from students and professors alike, although the ones playing a more active role tend to be students toward other students. Instead of lifting each other up in a learning environment and becoming accepting of different viewpoints and opinions, they aim to tear other peers down, and it's frankly disappointing.

What do you think should be done to promote more intellectual diversity?

I believe students should continue to keep up the good fight and get more involved in student organizations that promote this type of healthy environment. But if there aren't enough organizations that uphold these values, they should definitely take the initiative to form their own.

What role do you think NeW plays for women?

Historically, women are so often undermined in many roles, especially those that involve politics. NeW is a tremendous organization that can combine like-minded females to fraternize, talk about historical and current issues, as well as address these concerns amongst each other. This ultimately allows for fruitful conversations to take place, giving women the acknowledgment that they are not alone in their feelings and the confidence to take action.

What encouragement would you give to other women like you who are conservative but worried about saying so?

I would say don't be afraid and speak up. I know for a fact there are many women out there that think just like you but are too afraid to speak up. Be the leading voice that paves the way for other young women to find courage in their beliefs. And if you feel like you need to "start from scratch," or are new to school/college, find the like-minded voices of those already established within student organizations. It is a quicker way to meet other women to help form a support group and build friendships that could last for the rest of your life. You are never alone, always remember that.



NeW Identifies and Trains the Next Generation of Leaders

On July 26-29, NeW had the pleasure of hosting a wonderful group of women from all over the country at Bryn Mawr College for the Young Women’s Leadership Retreat. The Retreat was a weekend filled with incredible speakers such as Pennsylvania State Representative Kate Klunk, journalists Emily Jashinsky and Katie Yoder, Americans for Prosperity State Director Beth Anne Mumford, and author and former press secretary for Nancy Reagan Sheila Tate. In addition to the speakers, the attendees participated in career development sessions on updating and perfecting their resumes and cover letters. The Retreat was an unforgettable weekend with inspiring women who want to stand for conservatism on their college campuses. All left ready to return to campus and take on the liberal narrative as more informed, passionate conservatives.

Charlotte Townsend, a sophomore at the College of Charleston, summed it up well, “This year’s YWLR was self-defining. I had attended the previous YWLR not knowing the importance of my own voice. After a first full year on a college campus, I realized the impact that a conservative voice makes. Having more of a role in this year’s YWLR, I was able to encourage other women just like myself to speak up, creating a much louder voice that’s not just my own. I realized my role as an individual in the conservative movement.”



Sheila Tate signed copies of her book, *Lady in Red: An Intimate Portrait of Nancy Reagan*.

Thank you to the 2018 Young Women’s Leadership Retreat Speakers

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Retreat Provides Education, Inspiration, and Community



Two sets of sisters attended the Retreat: Alicia and Ashley Winters and Emily and Katherine Hall.



Students took notes throughout the weekend to bring back to campus what they learned.



Brittany Slaughter, Alexis Bailey, and Abigail Lundmark posed for a picture before dinner.



NeW women from across the nation bonded at the retreat.



Vanessa Rivera, NeW Campus Program Coordinator, reviewed Destney's resume.

“YWLR was awesome! I was so stunned to be around so many young enlightened women. I got the chance to network, meet new people, and create a strong bond with the interns. The speakers did a great job and answered all of our questions. I was happy to get the opportunity to get to hear from a large number of speakers on all different subjects.”

DESTNEY JOHNSON

Freshman at the University of Georgia

“YWLR was the first time I was surrounded by so many women that share such similar college experiences as my own, valuing the same things that I value and having been outnumbered in academia for doing so. During the Retreat, I felt so much bliss and empowerment being lifted up so high. In meeting such outstanding women and discovering a myriad of conservative opportunities I didn't know existed, I really felt the ‘network’ of Network of enlightened Women.”

LAUREN KAYLOR

Junior at DePauw University

NeW IN THE NEWS

NeW women spoke out and spread conservative principles by writing op-eds and participating in interviews for publications such as Fox News, *Washington Examiner*, *USA Today*, and CBS News. NeW provides a counter to modern feminism and makes the case for conservative policies in the news to reach more women with conservative ideas. In the past six months alone, NeW has received more than 30 mentions in print media and had seven students published. Additionally, five NeW students and alumnae have been interviewed on TV speaking on the national issues of today, as well as breaking stories taking place on their campuses.

STUDENT PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Washington Examiner – Red Alert Politics

Being a conservative woman in college is like being a part of ‘Fight Club’

BY MAGGIE HORZEMPA, JUNE 29, 2018

“We are targeted and forced to hide in the shadows on college campuses in order to save face, sometimes for the sake of grades and other university-sponsored opportunities and honors. We aren’t encouraged to speak out by anyone but ourselves.”

“College is supposedly a place that fosters learning and thought, which used to teach you how to think. Instead, it has grown into an institution of indoctrination. Female college students are no longer united as women, but separated by labels of progressive and conservative feminism. True feminism is enlightening and empowering other women no matter what side of the political spectrum you find yourself on.”

The Philadelphia Inquirer

If feminism is about choice for women, why can’t I choose to be a conservative?

BY KIMBERLY BURTON, AUGUST 23, 2018

“As someone who runs a conservative club for women on campus, I’ve experienced firsthand the hate that feminists unleash on women who don’t think the same way they do. I’ve been told I’ve been ‘brainwashed’ into my beliefs by my father or significant other. Women have claimed I’m ‘anti-women’ because I am pro-life. Girls in class have told me that I must hate myself for not being a feminist. Even professors have tried to tell me I don’t understand my gender or women’s history in the United States. They’ve said there is a patriarchy that still needs to be fought, and that I’m just blind to it.”

“I wish that the feminists of today would take the time to get to know conservative women and understand that we aren’t so different after all...If the modern feminist movement wants to succeed in empowering all women, feminists should value dialogue (even with people with whom they disagree) and intellectual diversity. Not only would feminism be more inclusive, but a conservative perspective could generate new solutions to tackling divides between men and women. Conservative women contribute a different, but valuable, perspective on social issues. We also bring drive and leadership skills that could inspire others. Before modern feminists discount conservative women, they should realize that we are more than just stereotypes. Just like them.”



Maggie Horzempa, President of NeW at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, discussed her experience speaking out as a conservative woman on *Fox and Friends*.

NeW Campus Coordinator Vanessa Rivera Featured on *CBS This Morning*



This August, *CBS This Morning*, in partnership with Refinery29, interviewed NeW Campus Program Coordinator Vanessa Rivera about the involvement of millennials in politics, a new poll on what issues millennial women care about, and what motivates women to take action.

On the air, Vanessa shared, "People just think that because I'm young, a woman, and Spanish, that I just check the box to think more of a liberal point of view and that just is not the case... I got called a 'Hispanic-hater,' a 'brainwashed Baptist,' and that just made me feel like I just wasn't being heard."

Vanessa continued, "I know of a ton of college students that tweet and post online about their outrage about what their Congressman, their Senators, or the President are doing, but they didn't even vote in the last election. [However] when I look at young women today, I feel optimistic." NeW shares Vanessa's optimism.

As Campus Program Coordinator, Vanessa proudly leads the campus chapters across the country. By hosting meetings and events on campus, NeW leaders are positive ambassadors for conservative principles, ready to welcome women of all backgrounds to the conservative movement.



Vanessa Rivera, NeW Campus Program Coordinator, was featured in a *CBS This Morning* segment on the involvement of millennials in politics.

Throughout the segment, Vanessa's story was highlighted side-by-side with a millennial woman involved in a Democratic campaign. Vanessa finished the segment saying, "To a young woman more connected to the Democratic Party, I would tell them listen to us, chat with us, talk to us, and try and see our point of view."

This message is something NeW continues to share with college campuses across the country. We work to provide the resources needed to empower our chapters to encourage their professors, administrators, and peers to be open to discussion and engagement.





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