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*Educating and training the next
generation of conservative women leaders*



“Being part of NeW has been a truly empowering experience. I was a shy freshman who was hesitant to talk about politics with anyone. By joining NeW, I became surrounded with a supportive community of strong and intelligent women who have given me the confidence to step out of my comfort zone and to be an active conservative voice on campus. The support, the opportunities, and the courage that I gained from NeW have helped me get the most out of my college experience, and for that, I will always be grateful.”



KELLY VONENDE

Vice President, NeW at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte



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On the cover: Students from NeW at American University, NeW at The Catholic University of America, NeW at The George Washington University, and NeW at the University of Virginia enjoyed learning from Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-05) at the 15th Anniversary Celebration event in Washington, DC on September 26.

Letter from Karin



Dear Friends,

Welcome to *Enlightened Ink*. It is exciting to be celebrating 15 years of the Network of enlightened Women this year. When I started NeW as a student at the University of Virginia, I never imagined that we would be where we are today and have had such a big impact. NeW has provided an intellectual home to young women on more than 35 campuses, published a book, and been featured on Fox News this past year. You have made our work possible. Thank you for all you have done to invest in the empowerment of conservative women on college campuses across the country.

It has been a true privilege to work with inspiring young women who are not afraid to stand strong for their conservative beliefs. I started NeW because I wanted to find a community of women that I could discuss important issues with and encourage the intellectual diversity I noticed was lacking on campus. It has been an honor to see NeW grow over the past 15 years, and I look forward to seeing another 15 years (and more) of NeW educating, training, and empowering conservative women.

Throughout the pages of this issue of *Enlightened Ink*, you will see how NeW women today are championing the conservative message on their campuses. We are creating a solid community of strong and courageous conservative women, and it is a joy to see them continuing the legacy of those before them. We are connecting these women with partner organizations, so that they can become leaders in the conservative movement.

Thank you for your investment in conservative women.

With gratitude,

Karin Lips
NeW Founder and President



On November 14, NeW members met for the first annual gathering at the Federalist Society's National Lawyers Convention in Washington, DC.



At National Conference, Karin introduced keynote speaker Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (NY-21) to attendees.



At the NeW Leadership Retreat, Karin celebrates the UVA men's basketball team's National Championship win with the women from NeW at the University of Virginia.



ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT

Neetu Arnold

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Neetu Arnold graduated from Cornell University in 2018 and moved to Washington, DC to become an education and politics reporter for the *Daily Caller*. She was a featured contributor in our book, *She's Conservative: Stories of Trials and Triumphs on America's College Campuses*. Earlier this year, NeW recommended Neetu for her current position as a research associate on higher education administration and student debt at the National Association of Scholars.

What is your favorite memory from being a part of NeW at Cornell University?

I was able to build meaningful relationships with open-minded women with whom I could truly share anything.

How has being a part of NeW shaped your post-college experience?

NeW gave me professional opportunities to hone my communication skills. From writing op-eds in college to media interviews, these experiences have served me well in my career and personal interactions.

If you could offer advice to current college students, what would it be?

Keep your head high, your friends close, and your eyes on the bigger picture. The negativity others may try to push onto you will not matter when you graduate.



Why is NeW important?

NeW provides the necessary support for conservative women to build confidence in holding and communicating their stances in an unfriendly society. By gathering like-minded students together, conservative women can see that they are not alone in their views.



In 2018, Neetu received the NeW Writer of the Year award.



Neetu, Vanessa Rivera, and Maggie Horzempa were interviewed by Tomi Lahren during a town hall on Fox Nation in March 2019 about their experiences as conservative women on liberal college campuses.

WHY I SUPPORT NeW

PAT EARLE • CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

I had the good fortune to meet Karin Lips in the fall of 2004 as she was returning to the University of Virginia to begin her third year following a summer internship in Washington, DC. It was a casual meeting facilitated by a mutual acquaintance, but when I heard of her desire to form a club for conservative women students and learned why she felt this was necessary, I was immediately impressed with her reasoning and invited her to be the guest speaker at the next luncheon meeting of our local Republican Women's Club. The result was as I had hoped, with many of our members becoming some of NeW's earliest contributors.



Photo by Dan Addison, University of Virginia Communications

Pat Earle pictured with University of Virginia alumna Gloria Felicia and Earle's granddaughter, Cameron Boland.

When Karin asked me to be one of her "Why I Support NeW" contributors, I thought it would be easy to just acknowledge the pride and pleasure I experience from supporting an organization which, as others have correctly stated, is so needed today with the "politically correct" culture becoming more prevalent on most college campuses. But I soon realized that my unusual amount of pride and pleasure comes from something deeper than that.

Having been born and raised where the everyday life of the local community was dominated by Monticello, Jefferson's mountain top home, and the imposing rotunda of "his university," my growing-up years were filled with reminders of his words and deeds, undoubtedly hard-wiring my unconscious mind for the rest of my life. Karin's determination that the opinions of conservative women deserved to be heard along with the opinions of others, exemplified for me Jefferson's sworn, "eternal hostility against any form of tyranny over the mind of men" (or women!). And it was obvious to me that she held firm to the same belief as Jefferson that "difference of opinion leads to enquiry, and enquiry to truth."

Thomas Jefferson's love of books has been well documented and often quoted: "I cannot live without books." So, I am sure he would not only be proud that NeW was founded at his university, but also would take great personal delight in the fact that this outstanding, and now a national organization, had its humble beginnings as a book club.

Best,

Pat Earle

Pat Earle

Direct gifts to NeW can be given online at www.enlightenedwomen.org/donate or through the mail.

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On NeW's website, online supporters can give a gift to NeW in memorial or to honor an enlightened woman in their life. Additionally, on Amazon, shoppers can choose NeW as their charity of choice through Amazon Smile and a percentage of every purchase is given to support conservative women.

NeW on CAMPUS

Spreading Conservatism on Campus

One of the best ways NeW chapters get the word out on campus about their group is tabling at fall involvement fairs. This fall, NeW chapters got off to a great start and saw amazing growth through effective recruiting.



On September 10, NeW at The Catholic University of America had an outstanding 50 women attend their first gathering of the semester, Cupcakes and Conservatives. One woman who attended shared, "I was planning on going to the College Democrats meeting after this but now I'm not going to. I want to be a part of this club!"



On September 10, NeW at Boston College welcomed new members to the group.



On August 27, NeW at the University of Mississippi tabled at the Get Involved Fair, encouraging women to join their new chapter on campus.

"It was wonderful to see yet another class of freshmen and new students be introduced to NeW. Seeing the sign-up list grow a little bit more each year is extremely encouraging, and makes me proud to be a Chapter Leader."

CHARLOTTE TOWNSEND

PRESIDENT OF NeW AT COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON



On September 6, NeW at the University of Michigan President, Ashley Heskett, handed out flyers about the chapter at Festifall.



On August 24, NeW at College of Charleston tabled at the Student Organization Fair and invited interested students to attend their first event.



On September 30, NeW at Cornell introduced women to NeW at their first meeting on campus for the fall semester.



On September 3, NeW at the University of Missouri passed out NeW swag at the Get Involved Fair.

Speakers Inspiring NeW Women on Campus

NeW is proud to present a different voice and perspective on campuses, encouraging intellectual diversity that is often lacking in the classroom. One way chapters do this is by hosting speakers who are experts in their field. This fall, chapters hosted discussions about education policy, free speech, and more.



On October 29, NeW at the University of Virginia enjoyed hearing from Emily Jashinsky, Culture Editor for *The Federalist* and NeW alumna. She joined the e-board for dinner at Mellow Mushroom and then gave an inspiring presentation about how to best advocate for conservative principles on campus. Jashinsky shared with the attendees ways to talk about conservative principles in a positive way that persuades others and welcomes more individuals into greater understanding of these values. The women thoroughly enjoyed having her speak to their chapter. The event was highlighted in the campus paper, *The Cavalier Daily*.



On August 28, NeW at College of Charleston hosted Kathy Landing, a candidate for Congress in South Carolina's 1st Congressional District. Landing spoke about navigating the professional world and leading as a conservative woman.



On October 14, NeW at Ave Maria University co-hosted an event with AEI. They brought in Dr. James Patterson, Associate Professor of Politics at Ave Maria.



On September 11, NeW at the University of Mississippi brought Nicole Akins Boyd, candidate for Mississippi Senate District 9, to campus to share about her experiences as a leading conservative woman in Mississippi politics. One NeW leader at Ole Miss interned on Boyd's campaign during the semester, helping run her communications efforts.



On October 22, NeW at Temple University had a professional development workshop with Kathryn Alford, Communications Manager for NeW, at which they discussed networking, improving LinkedIn profiles, and getting a job following graduation.



On September 25, NeW at American University hosted Lindsey Burke, Director of the Center for Education Policy and Will Skillman Fellow in Education at The Heritage Foundation, for an enlightening discussion on education policy and how it affects women specifically.

NeW on CAMPUS

Creating a Community for Conservative Women on Campus

In addition to hosting speakers and holding dynamic discussions on campus, NeW provides a community where conservative women can belong. On campus, being a conservative woman can feel lonely and isolating, which is why NeW chapters welcome conservative women through fun, social events.



On October 3, the executive board from NeW at Boston College went on an outing to get acai bowls with Vanessa Rivera, NeW Campus Program Coordinator, and discussed how they can recruit new members and grow the chapter.



On October 4, women from NeW at The George Washington University toured the East Wing of the White House.



On September 25, women in the NeW chapter at the University of Cincinnati bonded over favorite candies at their first chapter meeting.

"Each week, NeW meetings serve as an hour when I can relax and take my mind off of school work. I love spending time with these ladies who have become some of my closest friends."

LEIA FICKS

VICE PRESIDENT OF NeW AT THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY



Amanda Suarez, President of NeW at the University of South Florida, showed NeW followers around her summer internship at the AIDS Institute during an Instagram Takeover.

@new_at_usf



On September 24, NeW at the University of Virginia met for networking and a study break at Bodo's Bagels.



On September 18, NeW at Xavier University enjoyed canvas painting at a weekly meeting. It was a great opportunity for women to get to know one another in a fun environment.



On August 23, NeW at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte co-hosted the Week of Welcome Water Games. This was a "cool" way for students to escape the August heat with water balloons and water tag.

Visiting and Strengthening NeW Chapters on Campus

The NeW National team takes time each semester to visit our chapters on campus. This time gives NeW women an opportunity to meet the team personally and show off the great work they have been doing at their school.



NeW often hears from women about the desire to connect with other NeW chapters in their city or area. On October 5, NeW Campus Program Coordinator, Vanessa Rivera, hosted the Boston Brunch – the first joint-city event of the semester for chapters from Boston College, Emmanuel College, and Harvard University. The second event took place in Washington, DC in November. At both events the women had a fun morning connecting with leaders from the other chapters in the city.



On September 23, NeW bridged the cross-town rivalry in North Carolina when Vanessa Rivera hosted a coffee with leaders from NeW at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and NeW at Duke University.



Vanessa Rivera visited the NeW at Florida State executive board on August 23 to talk through how they can grow the chapter on campus.



On August 30, Kathryn Alford joined NeW at the University of Virginia for a pizza party welcoming new members to NeW.



On August 23, Kathryn Alford visited NeW at Baylor University for a strategizing session before the school semester started. The women planned a coffee networking event for right after the student organization fair to encourage women to get involved and plug into the chapter.



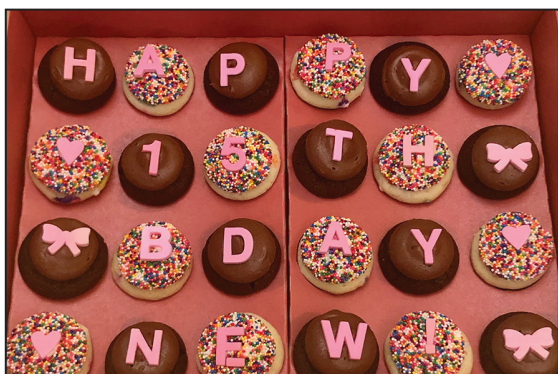
On September 6, Heather Pfitzenmaier joined Ashley Heskett, President of NeW at the University of Michigan, in handing out flyers about the chapter during Festifall.

NeW on CAMPUS

Chapters Celebrate 15 Years

NeW chapters were excited to celebrate 15 years of the Network of enlightened Women on campus. Through NeW, college women find an intellectual home that empowers them to speak out as leaders for conservative principles now and in the years to come.

The women celebrated this milestone with fun events from cupcake decorating to trivia games about the history of NeW. During this time of celebration, women shared how NeW has impacted their college experience.



On September 30, NeW at American University celebrated with custom cupcakes from Sprinkles.

“When I joined NeW, I found a group of women who ended up becoming my best friends on campus... I can’t imagine how my first year would have been without knowing them.”

KATERINA DORIAN

SECRETARY OF NeW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA



On September 23, NeW at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte decorated cupcakes in honor of NeW's 15th Anniversary.



On September 23, NeW at Baylor University hosted a birthday celebration at their biweekly meeting.

“Without NeW and the endless encouragement it provides, I would have never felt empowered to be an outspoken conservative on my campus. Being a part of NeW at the University of Florida has been one of the greatest highlights of my college career, through connecting me with other strong and inspiring conservative women who are not hesitant to stand up for the values that make America exceptional!”

TAYLOR ROTH

PRESIDENT OF NeW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA



On September 24, NeW at Temple got together to celebrate 15 years of empowering conservative women.



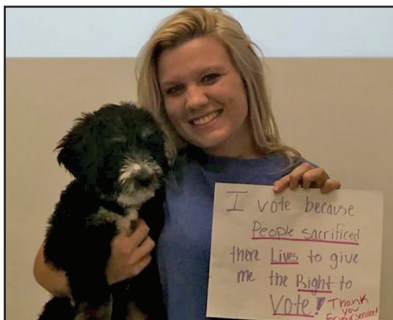
On September 25, freshmen women involved in the NeW at The Catholic University of America chapter enjoyed a Mocktails and Macaroons party featuring a trivia game about NeW.

Conservative Women Vote



Conservative women are often left out or pushed out of conversations about what women want. This year, as we celebrate the upcoming centennial of women winning the right to vote, NeW is contributing to the conversation by celebrating not only that women can vote, but that women can and do make up their own minds about candidates and issues. Conservative voices should be included in this celebration. This holiday is a victory for women of all backgrounds and political beliefs.

That's where our new campaign "Conservative Women Vote" comes into play. NeW chapter women have been proud to share why they vote as conservative and independent-minded women using the hashtag #ConservativeWomenVote and wearing the new "Conservative Women Vote" t-shirts.



Women from NeW at the University of Missouri and NeW at The George Washington University share why they vote as conservative women.



NeW leaders proudly show off the new "Conservative Women Vote" t-shirts at the Leadership Retreat.



Emma Wilenta, NeW at The Catholic University of America, Sophia Benevento, NeW at the University of Virginia, and Taryn Posch, NeW at Ave Maria University, take a photo in their new "Cose" Conservative Women Vote" t-shirts.



NeW at the White House



On November 8, students from NeW at The Catholic University of America were invited to the White House to attend a Presidential Departure on Marine One. The women had an opportunity to shake hands and take a photo with President Donald J. Trump.

On July 30, the White House organized a briefing for 27 NeW student and young professional leaders. Attendees had the chance to ask questions to high-level administration officials – Stewart Young, who works in the Office of Economic Initiatives with a focus on economic policies that impact women around the world; Hogan Gidley, Principal Deputy Press Secretary; and Jennifer Korn, Special Assistant to the President in the White House Office of Public Liaison. NeW is pleased to give young women these types of professional opportunities.



Kelly Babphavong from NeW at Harvard University, Karin Lips, Mia Steupert from NeW at Emmanuel College, and Madison Kutruff from NeW at Xavier University enjoyed learning about the work the Administration is doing for women.



NeW at the University of Mississippi leaders, Madeline Stratemann, Gabrielle Picard, and Sarah Doty attended the briefing.



NeW leaders learned from Hogan Gidley during the policy briefing.



NeW leaders pose outside of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building next to the West Wing.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

Congratulations to the Fall 2019 graduates! These four NeW women brought outstanding leadership to their chapters and the conservative movement. We are proud of them and everything they have accomplished.

ALIYA BYARS

Communications Manager of NeW at the University of Missouri

How has NeW impacted you?

NeW has introduced me to many more conservative women and for that I am so grateful. It makes it so much easier to be able to stand up and speak up knowing that I have wonderful women who support me.



MARY ROSE DILLON

Vice President of NeW at Emmanuel College

What advice would you give to a conservative woman starting college?

Exercising your voice is not forbidden, but it does take courage on a liberal campus. It won't be easy, and people will not always like you for it. Take the tremendous opportunity of a college education to sharpen your skills and deepen your knowledge. If you take responsibility for these parts of your education and focus your energy on learning, you will grow and succeed.



EMMA SCHAMBACH

President of NeW at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte

How has NeW impacted you and prepared you for your career?

NeW has provided me with a network of women who help guide and support one another on each of our life paths. Through NeW I have been equipped with new skills that have helped me in college and will continue to benefit me as I step out into my career! In addition to these skills, I have been given an opportunity to learn about policies that affect my day-to-day life and how to share my views on campus and in my community.



SARAH DOTY

Secretary of NeW at the University of Mississippi

What advice would you give to a conservative woman in college?

Never let the culture of your college impact your beliefs. You can and will find people who support you for sticking with what you believe in!





2019 NeW NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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Mollie Hemingway, Senior Editor for *The Federalist*, and Ameshia Cross, host of *Cross Point* with Ameshia Cross, debate the topic "Is the Media a Friend or Foe of Freedom?", moderated by retired ABC News White House Correspondent Ann Compton.

This year's NeW National Conference was a two-day leadership event that empowered, encouraged, and enlightened conservative women. More than 170 conservative women attended the 14th Annual NeW National Conference on June 20-21. A highlight was seeing chapter leaders from across the country share their similar experiences, becoming fast friends. NeW is building a community of leaders.

Attendees were inspired by Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (NY-21) as she shared about the importance of women running for office.



Women from NeW at Xavier University and NeW at The Catholic University of America enjoy hearing from Mary Katharine Ham, 2019 Empowered Woman of the Year.



Karin Lips presents Mary Katharine Ham, CNN Contributor, with the 2019 Empowered Woman of the Year Award at the conference.

Congresswoman Stefanik said this about NeW before the Conference,

“I’m excited to speak at the 14th Annual National Conference for the Network of enlightened Women, an important organization that trains and provides the tools for young women to become leaders — a mission that I firmly believe in.”

The women were challenged during a fascinating debate between conservative commentator Mollie Hemingway and liberal commentator Ameshia Cross who debated the following question, "Is the Media a Friend or Foe of Freedom?" Those in attendance left moved by CNN Contributor and 2019 Empowered Woman of the Year, Mary Katharine Ham, who shared her story of how she has overcome hardship to get to where she is today.

Women who came to the conference learned about foreign policy, capitalism, and higher education as well as professional development skills.



Brianna Mirabile and Caroline Hakes from NeW at The George Washington University with former Congresswoman Barbara Comstock following her remarks at the NeW National Conference Thursday reception.



Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (NY-21) gave an inspiring message that left women feeling empowered and excited to get involved.



“I walked away with lots of ideas for topics in meetings, ideas for speakers, places to find news articles and podcasts, and ways to appeal to a lot of different people on campus. I’m hoping to attend more NeW conferences throughout the year and would love to be a part of any opportunities NeW has.”

JULIA CANZANO

NeW AT BOSTON COLLEGE, CLASS OF 2021



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Thank you to the 2019 National Conference Speakers and Sponsors

NeW is incredibly thankful for the amazing women who took the time to speak at the conference, for all who attended the event, and for the supporters and sponsors who made the NeW National Conference possible. Thank you to our sponsors: EdChoice, Pepperdine School of Public Policy, America's Future Foundation, Capital Research Center, Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, Grassroots Leadership Academy, The Leadership Institute, Foundation for Economic Education, The Steamboat Institute, and Young Americans for Liberty. And special thanks to The Heritage Foundation and Hillsdale College's Allan P. Kirby Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship for hosting the conference.



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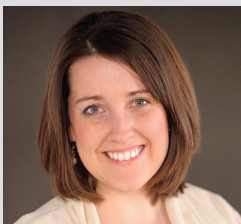
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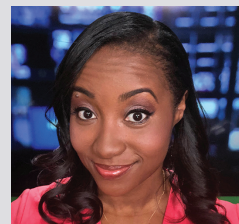
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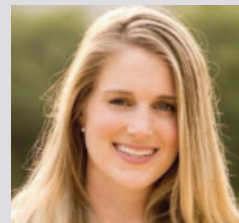
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Building Relationships to Support the Movement

Relationships with other conservative groups as well as connections in places of power, such as Congress and the White House, ensure NeW continues to provide wonderful experiences for young women and helps NeW spread our message. In addition to the featured items below, NeW President, Karin Lips, participated in a USAID briefing and also testified on the gender wage gap before the Utah Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.



On June 19, Karin Lips and Heather Pfitzenmaier met with senior staffers and NeW alumna, Amanda Robbins, who currently works at the White House, about future partnership opportunities.



On May 23, NeW staffers, Kathryn Alford and Amber Downer, attended the America's Future Foundation Gala at Nationals Park.



Krista Tomasuolo and Raegan Lehman, chapter leaders for NeW at The Catholic University of America, and Andrea Hitt, Creative Director for NeW at the University of Virginia, attended The Heritage Foundation Honors Gala on October 22.



Karin Lips spoke to 100 high school students at the University of US program on the principles of the Constitution on October 28.



NeW alumna, Mia Steupert, and NeW at American University President, Kathryn Selinger, participated in the Hertog Foundation Summer Fellowship.



Vanessa Rivera, NeW Campus Program Coordinator, and Heather Pfitzenmaier, NeW Director of Strategic Engagement, attended the State Policy Network Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado in October.



The NeW Leadership Retreat

Energizing, Inspiring, Practical, Educational, and Fun!

On August 9-11, 45 NeW leaders gathered in Atlanta, Georgia for the Leadership Retreat. It was an energizing weekend, providing inspiration and practical training for young conservative female leaders. There were representatives from a diverse group of academic institutions including American University, Ave Maria University, Baylor University, Boston College, The Catholic University of America, College of Charleston, Emmanuel College, Florida State University, Saint Mary's College, Temple University, the University of Cincinnati, the University of Mississippi, the University of Michigan, the University of Missouri, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the University of Virginia, and Xavier University. This was a chance for top NeW leaders to gain the practical skills they need to run effective chapters.

The 2019 attendees heard from a stellar line-up: Sarah Hawkins Warren, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia; Beatrice Torralba, Regional Representative, Office of United States Senator David Perdue; Kelsey Bolar, Senior News Producer, *The Daily Signal*; Katie Yoder, Content Manager for *National Review Online*; Hannah Cox, National Manager, Conservatives Concerned about the Death Penalty; and Susan Charnaux, Principal and Founder, Fairhill Ventures LLC.



Evelyn Velasco from NeW at the University of Michigan, Kathryn Selinger from NeW at American University, and Aliya Byars from NeW at the University of Missouri discuss what they learned during an op-ed writing workshop led by Hannah Cox.



A highlight for the women was hearing words of wisdom from Justice Sarah Hawkins Warren.

Attendees participated in media training exercises, professional development workshops, and event planning for their chapters for the upcoming school year.

The weekend was more than just intense trainings; the women had some fun too. When the attendees arrived on Friday afternoon, they spent time getting to know one another while exploring Olympic Park and the surrounding area in downtown Atlanta, capped off by riding Skyview Atlanta—a 20-foot Ferris Wheel offering amazing views of the city. That evening attendees dressed in their best '90s outfits, posed in the photo booth, and enjoyed singing popular songs from the era during chapter karaoke.

On Saturday evening, the group came together for a celebratory banquet where individuals and chapters were honored with the annual chapter awards, highlighting their achievements on campus from the previous school year.

The women left Atlanta energized for the year to come!



NeW members spent time getting to know each other by sharing experiences at Olympic Park and downtown Atlanta. In the evening, the fun continued during the '90s-themed karaoke event.



Women from NeW at Ave Maria University and NeW at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte learn from one another during dinner.

The 2018-2019 award winners proudly show off their honors. The NeW Annual Chapter Awards are given to chapters that excel on campus during the school year.





NeW Turns 15!

Women from American University, The Catholic University of America, The George Washington University, the University of Virginia, and the NeW DC Professional Network, along with friends of NeW came together on September 26 to celebrate NeW’s 15th Anniversary and the impact NeW has had on conservative women. Honored guest, Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-05), congratulated NeW and encouraged all in attendance to be proud of their conservative beliefs. She shared that she is seeing great hope and optimism across America right now because there is more opportunity for all than ever before and this is something women can celebrate.

Karin Lips, Founder and President of NeW, shared her story about how she started NeW as a small book club while she was a student at the University of Virginia. The growth of NeW is indicative of the need young conservative women have for an intellectual home on campus.

Throughout, the women reminisced with one another on how NeW has shaped their personal and professional goals — enabling them to stand up for their beliefs and bringing them into contact with new friends through leadership development, social events, and chapter-focused trainings.

“Looking back on my college experience, NeW is one of the top highlights for my personal and professional growth that resulted.”

ALYSSA CONDREY

FORMER PRESIDENT OF NeW AT JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY AND DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS FOR NeW



NeW staff members, Karin Lips, Amber Downer, Kathryn Alford, and Elise LaFleur celebrated 15 years of empowering women.

“I joined NeW during the summer of 2015, while I was interning on the Hill my sophomore year in college. If it weren’t for NeW I don’t believe I would’ve had the courage to stand firm in my beliefs, because I knew I had the support from like-minded women in the District.”

EVONNE HEREDIA

MEMBER OF THE NeW DC PROFESSIONAL NETWORK



Women from the NeW DC Professional Network enjoyed an evening of networking during the Anniversary Celebration.

As we celebrated this momentous achievement, women who have been involved with NeW over the past 15 years shared how NeW has impacted them as students on campus and as young professionals in the workplace.

“I often look back at all the amazing people NeW has allowed me to interact with.

The friends and leaders I have been able to learn from and grow with has been indispensable. But also, I had the opportunity to personally talk to so many incredible women leading policy debates and influencing national opinion. None of that would’ve been possible without NeW.”

ELLA BIGGINS

FORMER PRESIDENT OF NeW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA AND MEMBER OF THE NeW DC PROFESSIONAL NETWORK



It was an honor to have Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-05) attend the Anniversary Celebration and share an inspiring message to the women in attendance.



Women from NeW at The Catholic University of America joined the Anniversary Celebration.

“In school I was thankful that NeW provided an intellectual home for me to discuss ideas and perspectives often dismissed or worse, excluded, in discourse in my program. I appreciate the excellent work NeW has done to bring intellectual diversity to increasingly homogeneous conversations on college campuses.”

KENDALL WOLFSON

NeW ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER AND FORMER MEMBER OF NeW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

“NeW has been the best thing to happen to me in my undergraduate experience. It has been my favorite club, my best network, and has given me opportunities I never thought I would experience such as being a book contributor and doing interviews for CBN.”

SOPHIA CZERNIECKI

PRESIDENT OF NeW AT THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA



Current students and alumna from NeW at The George Washington University had a great time reconnecting and reminiscing.



Supporters and friends of NeW had the chance to meet current NeW students and young professionals and hear their stories.

The NeW Professional Network

This year, NeW is thrilled to see the Professional Network thrive from a growing chapter in Washington, DC to new chapters in Columbus, Ohio and the Twin Cities in Minnesota. Each chapter has hosted events focused on professional development discussions that are important to women. From learning how to have a strong voice to wrestling with how to balance career and family, women in the Professional Network are finding a community of like-minded women they can have these challenging and thought-provoking discussions with.

WASHINGTON, DC

The NeW Professional Network's flagship chapter in Washington, DC hosted five incredibly successful events this year.

- ◆ **January 31** — Ashley Rooney on *Improving Your Impact with Time Management*
- ◆ **April 3** — Emily Dunham on *Negotiating Like a Pro*
- ◆ **May 22** — Rachel Bovard about *Owning Your Seat at the Table* (Co-hosted with DonorsTrust)
- ◆ **July 10** — Sabrina Schaeffer gave a *Real Talk on the Gender Wage Gap*
- ◆ **November 5** — Ann Fitzgerald on *Leadership Lessons: Advice from a Female Founder*



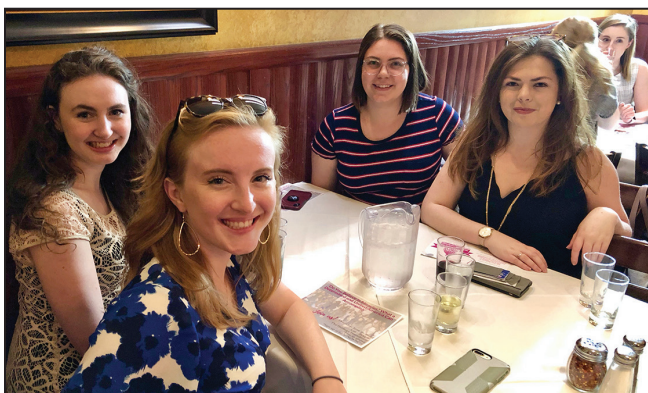
A full room gathered on July 10 to hear from Sabrina Schaeffer about the gender wage gap in Washington, DC.

COLUMBUS, OH

In Columbus, the NeW Professional Network has started to find its place in the community. On May 30, the women enjoyed a social happy hour, giving them the opportunity to connect with one another. On July 23, the chapter hosted Heather Pfitzenmaier, from NeW, for a discussion on women in the workplace. Additionally, on October 16, the women partnered with the AFF-Columbus chapter to host Romina Boccia, Director of the Grover M. Hermann Center for the Federal Budget at The Heritage Foundation, for an enlightening discussion titled *Siren Song of Socialism, The Resurgence of Anti-Capitalism* on why millennials are drawn to socialism.



The Columbus chapter hosted a great event with America's Future Foundation and learned a lot about the growing interest in socialism amongst millennials from Romina Boccia.



Women from the NeW DC Professional Network appreciate the community and friendships NeW offers.



On July 23, women from the NeW Columbus Professional Network enjoyed dinner and a conversation with Heather Pfitzenmaier on balancing work and a personal life as women.

NEW YORK, NY

The NeW NYC Professional Network continues to be a community where conservative women can connect in a place that is not friendly to their beliefs. On September 19, the chapter hosted Allison Lee Pillinger Choi for an engaging talk about the importance of ensuring women have a seat at the table and a voice in the discussion in the workplace. On December 3, the chapter hosted Vanessa Mendoza, Executive Vice President of the Manhattan Institute, for a conversation on *How to Kill it at Work and Get the Job You Want*.



The women in New York City are drawn to the Professional Network because NeW provides a place where they can have a free exchange of ideas and share different perspectives on the trials they face in their workplace.



Women from the NeW NYC Professional Network discuss the ideas they learned from Allison Choi at dinner on September 19.

“I breathed a sigh of relief when a friend introduced me to NeW. At last I had found an environment where it felt safe to discuss being a professional woman as well as wanting to make time for family, including the family I hope to have someday. As conservative women with careers, we often find ourselves caught between two sides: pressure to embrace a traditional stay-at-home wife and mother role and pressure to advance our careers no matter what. The amazing women at NeW have helped me grapple with finding that balance.”

MAIREAD MCARDLE

CO-LEAD OF THE NeW NYC PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

NeW Twin Cities Professional Network Launch

TWIN CITIES, MN

In August, NeW spread to another state, opening a new Professional Network chapter in the Twin Cities, Minnesota, led by NeW alumna Margaret Reid. After facing intense criticism for her conservative beliefs following the 2016 election, Margaret discovered NeW and set out to start a chapter at her school, Western Michigan University. She quickly got plugged into the NeW network, starting an active chapter. In December 2018, Margaret graduated, but wanted to continue her involvement with NeW. After moving to the Minneapolis-St. Paul area to start her new job, Margaret was eager to find a similar community of like-minded women in her new town. Since starting, the chapter has hosted two excellent events on leadership and amplifying conservative voices.

“Minnesota is usually a liberal and progressive state, which is why I think having a chapter here is necessary. During our Twin Cities launch event, I already experienced the impact our chapter had on the women who attended. They were excited to be around like-minded professionals. Conversations between people who agree are just as important as those between people who disagree. It is so important to have diversity of ideas in the world and I hope the NeW Twin Cities Professional Network will help bring this diversity to Minnesota.”

MARGARET REID

NeW ALUMNA AND FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE NeW TWIN CITIES PROFESSIONAL NETWORK



NeW Twin Cities Professional Network leaders thank special guests Kristen Sheehan and Kirsten Kukowski for speaking at the chapter's launch event on August 23.

The NeW Essay Contest

The 2019 NeW Essay Contest celebrated the upcoming historic centennial of women winning the right to vote. This was a chance for participants to feature conservative women leaders. Participants were asked to write about a woman they believed had a great impact on American history and what we can learn from her. With the help of our co-host, the *Washington Examiner*, we were proud to select Xaviera Lee as the winner of the high school contest and Jaime Fields as the winner of the college category out of nearly 300 submissions. Their essays were published in the *Washington Examiner* on August 26, Women's Equality Day.

2019 HIGH SCHOOL CATEGORY WINNER

XAVIERA LEE

Dallas, Texas

Excerpt from Xaviera's Essay:

"Women can learn from [Susan B.] Anthony that efforts always pay off even if they seem out of reach, as they will benefit future generations. We can also learn to devote ourselves to what we want to change, and although it will be a difficult process, Anthony's work shows it will all be worth it in the end.

"We as women can help support others around the world by networking with each other and with organizations that share our same beliefs. We can also mentor each other and younger women because no matter what age, women need to be enlightened and uplifted."



2019 COLLEGE CATEGORY WINNER

JAIME FIELDS

Portland, Oregon

Excerpt from Jaime's Essay:

"Although they have not always had the same rights as men, women across the country shaped history from the very beginning. From Sacagawea to Harriet Tubman and Amelia Earhart to Rosa Parks, the story of our nation is full of women who have changed it for the better. But

the woman who has made the biggest difference in our nation's history is not really a woman at all.

"Nearly every person in the world has seen her face or heard her name, but she can't even move from her stand. She's known by many labels, but the most common of these is simply the Statue of Liberty. I claim this not to belittle real women and their achievements; rather,

I do not think it is fair to any of those women to try to pick the single most influential of them.

"[Women in America] need to be welcoming, to help other women no matter where they are from or how different they are from us. We must stand tall and strong, knowing that together, we can weather any storm."



To read the essays in their entirety, please visit: bit.ly/19HSEssayWin and bit.ly/19COHSEssayWin

INTERN SPOTLIGHTS

NeW was thrilled to have Katerina Dorian and Elise LaFleur intern with us. Thank you both for your hard work and dedication to helping empower your fellow conservative women.

KATERINA DORIAN • UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CLASS OF 2022



Why were you interested in interning for NeW?

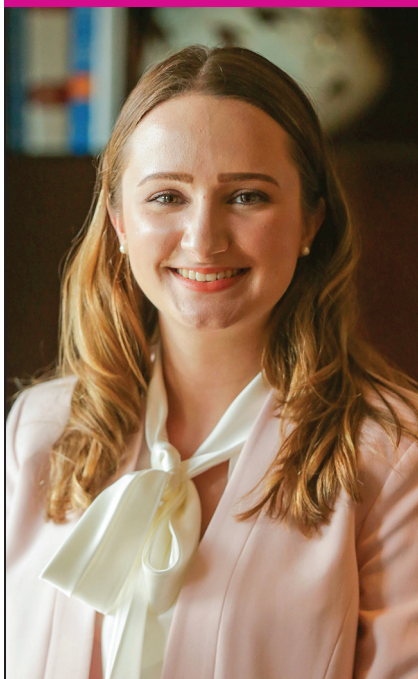
I was interested in interning for NeW because I wanted to give back to the organization that has already provided me with so many benefits after just one year of being a formal member. Additionally, I wanted to strengthen my knowledge of conservative values and expand my commitment to the conservative movement.

If you could offer advice to a new college student, what would it be?

Attend your school's club fair and join some organizations! You don't need to be a part of 10 different clubs, but if you can find a few groups where you feel like you've really found your niche, your college experience will end up being so much better. When I joined NeW, I found a group of women who ended up becoming my best friends on campus. Besides attending social events together, we were also able to engage in lengthy discussions about our political viewpoints, and we helped each other with social networking and career planning.



ELISE LaFLEUR • THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA, CLASS OF 2020



Why is NeW important?

NeW is crucial to the conversation on college campuses today because it solidifies the notion that there is a place for conservative females to be heard and that their voice matters. NeW is an organization that promotes collective discussion around current topics that are of utmost importance when considering their impact both now and in the future, and NeW reminds young women why they should care.

If you could offer advice to college students, what would it be?

Do what you are most passionate about and get involved on campus – whether you're a full-time student, part-time, commuter, or transfer. Find what inspires you and make time for it in college. Don't just graduate with a degree – graduate with memories, experiences, and friends to last a lifetime.



SPREADING CONSERVATIVE PRINCIPLES ONLINE

Social Media In Action

Madison Kutruff • 1st
Intern for the Global Energy Institute at U.S. Chamber of Commerce
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Thank you Network of Enlightened Women for hosting another amazing National Conference & for inviting me to tour the White House with other conservative, female leaders. NeW has opened so many doors for me, and I'm so grateful to be a part of such an impactful organization!



lauracoxkaplan • Following
Washington, District of Columbia

lauracoxkaplan Honored to join @enlightenedwomen for their #renew019! Such a wonderful gathering of women. Big kudos to CEO/founder @lauracoxkaplan for her leadership and the powerful example she sets for others! You can listen to Karin on an earlier episode of @shesaidpodcast episode 42

enlightenedwomen Thank you @lauracoxkaplan for coming to speak to our women!

Liked by ashleestrong and 37 others
8 DAYS AGO

NeW National Conference speakers, including Laura Cox Kaplan, were proud to be part of the inspirational event and shared about their involvement on social media.

Elise Stefanik @EliseStefanik

Thanks to @NeWNetwork for the opportunity to speak to passionate, young women who are interested in running for office! #GOPWomen #EPAC 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌



After she spoke at the NeW National Conference, NeW received great praise from Congresswoman Elise Stefanik on Twitter.

Charlotte Townsend
May 30

This afternoon, I had the opportunity to witness Mollie Hemingway, senior editor at The Federalist, receive the Salvatori Prize for American Citizenship from The Heritage Foundation. Because of Network of Enlightened Women (NeW) and The Federalist, I had my first big break in politics, appearing in The Federalist and on Fox & Friends. It was a wonderful experience being able to thank Mollie in person.

Thank you to NeW, The Federalist, and The Heritage Foundation for helping young leaders like me advance the conservative movement. — in Phoenix, Arizona.

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enlightenedwomen NeW women across the country have been enjoying With All Due Respect, the new book by @nikkihaley. Take a look at a few of the NeW chapters that have also had the great opportunity to attend her book tour this past week.

#STRONGWOMEN 💕

Nikki Haley, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, shared and commented on a post by NeW on Instagram featuring students who attended her book tour in Washington, DC and Charleston, NC.

mas_8845 • Following

mas_8845 Thanks NeW for giving this scared 20 year old a voice two years ago. Y'all are world changers @enlightenedwomen #NeWNC19

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According to a Pew Research Center poll in 2019, 76% of Americans aged 18-24 use Facebook and 75% use Instagram on a regular basis. Because of these staggering statistics, NeW focuses on growing our presence on Facebook and Instagram, the platforms where our students are spending time. In 2019, NeW had 246% growth in people who visited our Facebook page. This in large part comes from our increased use of Facebook events to get the word out about events NeW chapters are hosting on campus, Professional Network events, and NeW National events. On Instagram, we also saw impressive growth with more than 600 new followers this year.

 **2,649**
Instagram Followers

 **12,212**
Facebook Page Likes

 **7,697**
Twitter Followers

NeW IN THE NEWS



On July 12, CBN featured Grace Bannister, a senior at Harvard University, during a piece on conservative women on college campuses.



Sophia Czerniecki, a senior at The Catholic University of America, shared about her experience as a conservative woman in college during a piece by CBN.



On May 23, Karin Lips was a special guest on the Chicks on the Right radio show to talk about the work being done by NeW on college campuses across the country.

NeW is pleased to be a resource for members of the media when they are looking for the female conservative student perspective and voice. This standing allows NeW the opportunity to support our women who are interested in pursuing a career in media or simply want to get media experience.

During the fall semester, four NeW chapters were featured by campus publications for the great work they are doing on campus and the successful events they have hosted to bring intellectual diversity to campus.

At a national level, NeW students Sophia Czerniecki, from NeW at The Catholic University of America, and Grace Bannister, from NeW at Harvard University, were featured in a story by the Christian Broadcasting Network about conservative students on college

campuses. In the piece, Bannister shared, "You have to be more articulate, more well thought out than your liberal peers because your words will be scrutinized, they will be examined, they will be held up in front of everybody. But your friend that's liberal will get the benefit of the doubt if they say more or less anything."

"The NeW organization on my campus, that I am so honored to be president of, has really created this sense of community on campus for me and so many other girls across the nation to really provide this upbringing and group of like-minded individuals who really want to come together and help strengthen and embody the conservative message."

SOPHIA CZERNIECKI

appearing on behalf of NeW on the CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK

Below is a partial listing of the many news media outlets, (TV, radio, print, and online) that recently reported on NeW.

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| <i>Baylor Lariat</i> | <i>Daily Signal</i> | <i>My Journal Courier</i> |
| <i>Campus Reform</i> | <i>Daily Wire</i> | <i>Princeton Alumni Weekly</i> |
| <i>Cavalier Daily (UVA)</i> | <i>Detroit News</i> | <i>Real Clear Education</i> |
| <i>Chicks on the Right</i> | <i>Finger Lakes Times</i> | <i>The News Record</i> |
| <i>Christian Broadcast News</i> | <i>Independent Women's Forum</i> | <i>The Tower (CUA)</i> |
| <i>College Fix</i> | <i>Inside Sources</i> | <i>Washington Examiner</i> |

STUDENT MEDIA FELLOWSHIP

This fall, NeW launched the Student Media Fellowship. During the semester, four women from NeW at Baylor University, NeW at The Catholic University of America, and NeW at the University of Mississippi, received personal mentorship from the NeW team as they wrote op-eds, press releases, and learned more about job opportunities in communications. Through the Fellowship, one Fellow had her op-ed about conservative women in Hollywood published by *The Daily Wire*.



Fall 2019 Student Media Fellows — Gabrielle Picard (University of Mississippi), Michaela Hebbeler (The Catholic University of America), Alexis Whiteford and Jordan Davidson (Baylor University)



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