



# Enlightened Ink

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A report of the Network  
of enlightened Women



*Educating, equipping, and empowering the  
next generation of conservative women leaders*

# Letter from Karin



Dear Friends,

Over the past few months, the world has faced a pandemic. The coronavirus became real to many students when they returned from spring break to find that their in-person classes had been cancelled and their graduation ceremonies had been postponed. They didn't even get to say goodbye to their friends.

Thanks to our generous supporters, the Network of enlightened Women met the challenges presented by the coronavirus with new online programming opportunities for our chapters and members as well as conservative women across the country. Students have been isolated, home by themselves, inundated by the progressive views of celebrities and social media influencers. As you will read throughout this issue of *Enlightened Ink*, NeW provided a robust online community for them this semester—hosting Instagram Lives and Facebook Lives, inviting chapters to host their meetings on our Zoom account, and sending our members articles on timely topics.

I personally heard from many of our women that they missed the conservative community that they had on campus and were grateful that NeW provided an online community when they needed it most.

Thank you for your dedication to educating the next generation of leaders on conservative ideas and creating a community for conservative women. Together, we are reaching young Americans across the country and will preserve liberty for generations to come.

With gratitude,

Karin Lips  
NeW Founder and President



On February 6, Britt McHenry and Tom Schillue interviewed Lips on Fox Nation's UN-PC show.



At CPAC, NeW women proudly wore their Conservative Women Vote shirts. Lips met with NeW women from Baylor University, The Catholic University of America, Creighton University, the University of Mississippi, and Xavier University.



On January 9, Lips visited the executive board members from NeW at College of Charleston.

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# Network of enlightened Women

## PRESIDENT'S CLUB AND LEGACY SOCIETY

The President's Club is a group of like-minded men and women who are dedicated to educating, equipping, and empowering young conservative women in America. By making a generous and principled commitment to NeW, President's Club members play a special role in enabling NeW to achieve its mission to train up the next generation of conservative women leaders. Our goal is to further our shared commitment to empowering young conservative women for many years to come.

Supporters of NeW who contribute \$500 or more in cumulative gifts within a calendar year are welcomed as members of the President's Club. President's Club members receive the below benefits. Most importantly, by joining the President's Club, members at all levels are welcomed into NeW's community of supporters where together we work to reinvigorate conservatism by investing in its future: young women.



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# ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT

In NeW, we believe in supporting women in college and also beyond in the workplace and as community leaders. Meet NeW alumna, Mehek Cooke, current candidate for Ohio State Representative. Following her graduation from The Ohio State University, Cooke joined the U.S. Attorney's Office on counterterrorism and criminal asset forfeiture, served as legal counsel for the Ohio Governor and the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and now owns her own private practice advising small businesses. Cooke shares how NeW made an impact on her in college and beyond.

## Mehek Cooke

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

### How has NeW impacted you?

I learned about NeW during a period of time when I was looking for a space to share my conservative views and empower others to do the same. I quickly discovered that as a conservative woman I was in the minority. I was silenced by teachers in classrooms for expressing my views, mocked by peers for my opinions, and there were times I sat alone during lunch. No, I am not sharing my memory of what grade school politics looks like — this is what I experienced in graduate and law school.

NeW offered me the opportunity and space to share my views in a respectful but unapologetic manner, overcome challenges, and encouraged me to step up as a leader in various volunteer and internship opportunities.

### What is your favorite memory from your involvement with NeW?

My favorite memory occurred on a day steeped in political discussion in the heat of a presidential election. I was struggling from facing significant adversity for my political and social views from my peers. That same day, the women in NeW reminded me to never compromise my integrity or beliefs. Their wisdom and strength reminded me to treat others with dignity even when they don't afford you the same courtesy. The courage the women of NeW surrounded me with that day continues to be a source of strength I draw from daily.

### What advice do you have for young conservative women?

I always tell women you get what you have the courage to seek. Don't allow the status quo to define who you are as a conservative. I cannot tell you how many voters I have met, since announcing that I am running for State Representative in Ohio in 2020, that tell me I do not look like a Republican because I am an Indian-born minority woman. It is time to break down the barriers and challenge the status quo. We do not all have to look alike to fight for what really matters — the American dream. I believe 2020 is a year for conservative women to step up, take on leadership roles, and create the path to victory. And as a mentor recently told me — if you decide to run, be all in — failure is not an option. This applies to any role you choose in life. You only get one life, so make it count.



In November 2009, Mehek Cooke, Karin Lips, and Ali McCormick met the hosts of the conservative radio talk show *Chicks on the Right*, Amy Jo Clark and Miriam Weaver.

***“I always tell women you get what you have the courage to seek. Don't allow the status quo to define who you are as a conservative.”***

# INTERN SPOTLIGHTS

We were thrilled to have Haley Supergan and Bri Mirabile intern with NeW. Thank you both for your hard work and dedication to emboldening your fellow conservative women.

## Haley Supergan

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY  
CLASS OF 2020

### Why were you interested in interning for NeW?

After attending the NeW National Conference, I felt so inspired and empowered. I knew that I wanted to become more involved with this incredible group. Because I don't have a chapter on my college campus, I thought an internship was a perfect way to combine my passions and to give back to the group that inspired me to be the best woman I can be.

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

Don't be afraid of your views. It can be difficult and scary to think differently than others and to feel controversial. You're not a bad person for thinking differently from your professors and friends; you're brave.

***“You're not a bad person for thinking differently from your professors and friends; you're brave.”***

Supergan met Patrice Lee Onwuka following her remarks at The Women EmPower Hour at CPAC.



## Bri Mirabile

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
CLASS OF 2020

### How did you hear about NeW?

I first heard about NeW during the student organization fair my freshman year. I was at the fair alone, and I went up to the booth out of curiosity because I had no idea what NeW was. To my surprise, it was a conservative organization specifically for women! From then on, I knew I had to be involved.

### What is the most important conservative issue in your opinion?

In my opinion, the most important conservative issue is actually not policy-oriented — it's branding ourselves to non-conservatives. At my university, I've discovered that young people especially have misconceptions about what conservatives stand for and why, and these misconceptions keep them away from the movement. This is why NeW is so important. It is filling a need to show others that conservative women are confident, intelligent, and present on campus.

Mirabile and other NeW members from The George Washington University celebrate NeW's 15th Anniversary.



# NeW on CAMPUS

## Advancing Conservatism on Campus

One of the best ways NeW chapters get the word out on campus about their group is tabling. This spring, NeW chapters saw amazing growth through effective recruiting by tabling on campus and hosting welcome events for new members.



On January 29, the leaders of NeW at Harvard University welcomed 45 of their peers for an evening of networking, introducing chapter representatives, and learning more about the work NeW and other clubs are doing on campus. Former NeW at Harvard University President, Grace Bannister, gave remarks along with a few faculty members at the event.



On February 3, NeW at Mercer University executive board members, Lila Fraser and Kenlee Foskey, celebrated after a successful meeting with school administration officials at which their NeW chapter was officially recognized on campus.



On January 22, women from NeW at Xavier University proudly showed off their fun NeW swag to potential members during the school's Winter Student Involvement Fair.



NeW at Baylor University chapter leaders, Greer Rutt and Bailey Jordan, tabled at their school's Dr. Pepper Hour, a spring chapter fair.



On January 25, NeW at The George Washington University leaders registered new members at the Spring Organization Fair.



On February 17, NeW at American University leaders Shannon Stillwell and Briana McCoy promote their event with Kelsey Bolar on campus.



On February 11, NeW at Emmanuel College introduced new students to the chapter at the Winter Involvement Fair.

# Female Leaders Inspiring Conservative Women

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 bringing speakers to campus who are experts in their field. This spring, chapters hosted discussions about the gender wage gap, conservative journalism, criminal justice reform, and more.



On January 28, Romina Boccia, leading fiscal and economic expert at The Heritage Foundation, spoke on the gender wage gap to a packed room of more than 50 students at The Catholic University of America.



NeW at American University brought Kelsey Bolar, senior writer and producer at *The Daily Signal* and The Heritage Foundation, to campus on February 24 to speak on conservatives in the media.



This semester, NeW at Temple University hosted two speakers on campus. (Left) On January 28, they brought in Tirzah Duren, policy analyst at the Commonwealth Foundation, and (Right) on March 11, Sarah Anderson, director of policy for FreedomWorks, joined the chapter to talk about criminal justice reform. By partnering with other conservative groups on campus, this NeW chapter was able to introduce new women to their group.



On February 20, NeW at The George Washington University brought Amber Smith to campus to share her story of being a female helicopter pilot in the Army and former Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Outreach in Public Affairs at the Pentagon.

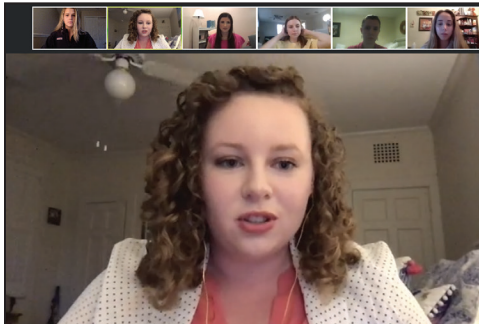


On April 30, Christina Sandefur, Executive Vice President at the Goldwater Institute, joined NeW for a conversation on Facebook Live to discuss government red tape during COVID-19 and how this has affected medical innovation.



# Preparing Women for Success After College

One area that sets NeW apart as a conservative group on campus is the professional development training we provide. Our women have said this is a big reason they want to get involved with NeW. Often there is little to no professional guidance on their campus for them to turn to. NeW has listened and is offering even more beneficial professional development trainings and opportunities to help set our women up for success after college.



Lila Fraser, Secretary of NeW at Mercer University, welcomed members to the chapter's April 8 Zoom webinar titled, "How to Find Your Dream Internship" with Alyssa Condrey, Program Director for NeW.

On March 26, Kathryn Alford, NeW Communications Manager, and Sophie Czerniecki, a senior at The Catholic University of America and NeW Campus Program Fellow, led a webinar on tips and tricks for how to effectively work from home. After colleges closed down for the semester, students were asked to continue their course work online. This was a big adjustment for many of them, so NeW, as a remote team, took the time to share advice with the chapter women on how to be successful and productive while working from home. The webinar had more than 820 views and reached more than 1,900 people on Facebook alone.



On February 4, NeW at Baylor University hosted an internship panel during a chapter meeting to share advice and strategies for how to get an internship.

**"Thanks for doing the Facebook Live! It was definitely helpful as there are so many things I'm trying to adjust to right now."**

**CHARLOTTE TOWNSEND**

PRESIDENT OF NeW AT COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON



Spring is an important time for students to apply for summer internships. NeW at College of Charleston wanted to prepare their members for this and led a Resume Rehab event on March 11. At the event, the leaders talked through different ways to design a resume to make it stand out from other applications and the importance of picking which content is most relevant to the job.

## EVENT SPOTLIGHT

How does one differentiate themselves as the most ideal candidate for a job and set themselves up for professional success? On February 3, Kathryn Alford, NeW Communications Manager, visited NeW at the University of Virginia to lead a professional development workshop to address this very question. Throughout the workshop, she covered a number of topics, including refining resumes, writing cover letters, utilizing LinkedIn to grow a professional network, and standing out as a stellar potential employee during an internship. The event brought in women who had never attended a NeW meeting before, and attendees left excited to get more involved in the chapter. Prior to the evening workshop, Alford met with some of the chapter members one-on-one to answer their specific questions about resumes, job searching, and LinkedIn profiles.



**"I found the professional development workshop especially helpful in the way that Kathryn taught us effective tools to use, including navigating LinkedIn. As a graduating student looking for a job, I also appreciated her resume advice and input. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of NeW and have an experience like this that better prepares me for finding a job and shapes my professional development."**

**SOPHIA BENEVENTO**

VICE PRESIDENT OF NeW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA





NeW chapters provide a community where conservative women can truly belong. Being a conservative woman in college can feel lonely and isolating, which is why NeW chapters recruit conservative women through fun, social events. During the spring semester, chapters enjoyed hosting events on campus and online around The Gentlemen Showcase, Galentine's Day, Women's History Month, and celebrating their graduating seniors.

On February 25, the NeW chapter at the University of Cincinnati put on a Mardi Gras event at which they introduced new women to the chapter and participated in the well-known Mardi Gras tradition of searching for the baby in a King Cake.

# CREATING A COMMUNITY for Conservative Women on Campus



Women from NeW at College of Charleston met on February 2 to enjoy crepes in celebration of Groundhog Day. One of their e-board leaders, Jordan Mercer, previously lived in France and wanted to share this French tradition with her fellow chapter members.



On March 2, NeW at Emmanuel College hosted an engaging policy discussion on the voting rights of incarcerated peoples. This meeting brought in interested students from other conservative groups on campus.



On April 18, NeW at American University hosted a virtual bake night on NeW's Zoom account. They sent out a list of ingredients a couple days beforehand and then connected over Zoom as chapter president, Katy Selinger, led attendees step by step through her favorite chocolate chip cookie recipe.



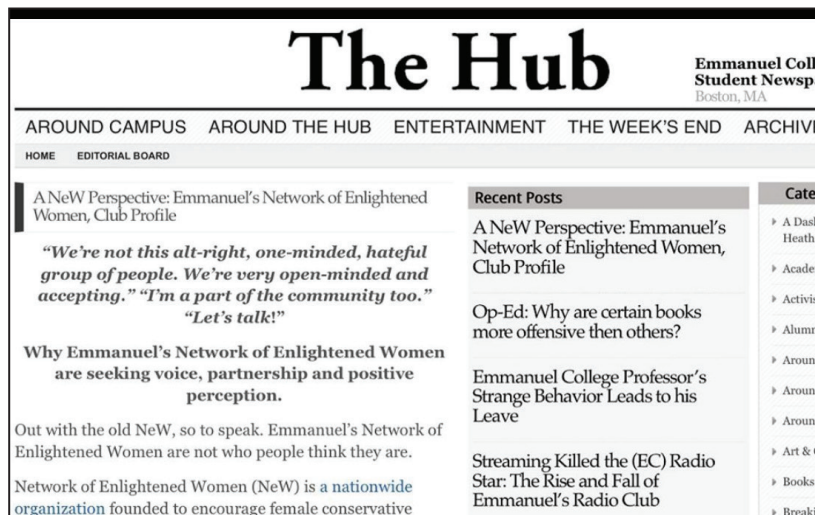
On February 19, the women of NeW at Boston College celebrated Galentine's Day together and welcomed new members to their chapter over acai bowls at a campus favorite, Playa Bowls.



In celebration of Galentine's Day, the women of NeW at Xavier University got together to decorate cookies and watch that week's episode of the popular romance show, the Bachelor. During this event they also strategized and planned more events for later in the semester.

# NeW Chapters in the News

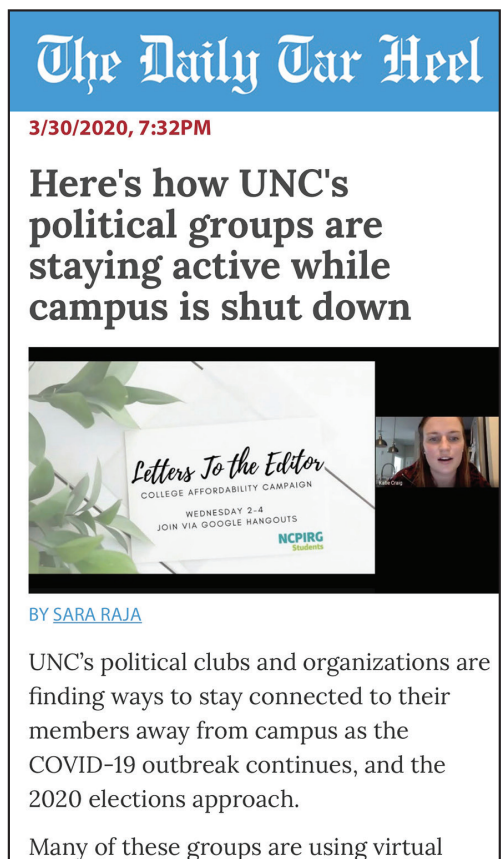
During the spring semester, four NeW chapters were featured by campus publications for bringing intellectual diversity to campus.



On March 5, NeW at Emmanuel College was featured in an article by the school paper, *The Hub*. The writer shared how the NeW chapter on campus was unique and important as one of the only conservative groups offered for students.



On January 30, *The Tower*, the student publication at The Catholic University of America, wrote a piece about the NeW event with Romina Boccia, leading economist at The Heritage Foundation, on the gender wage gap.



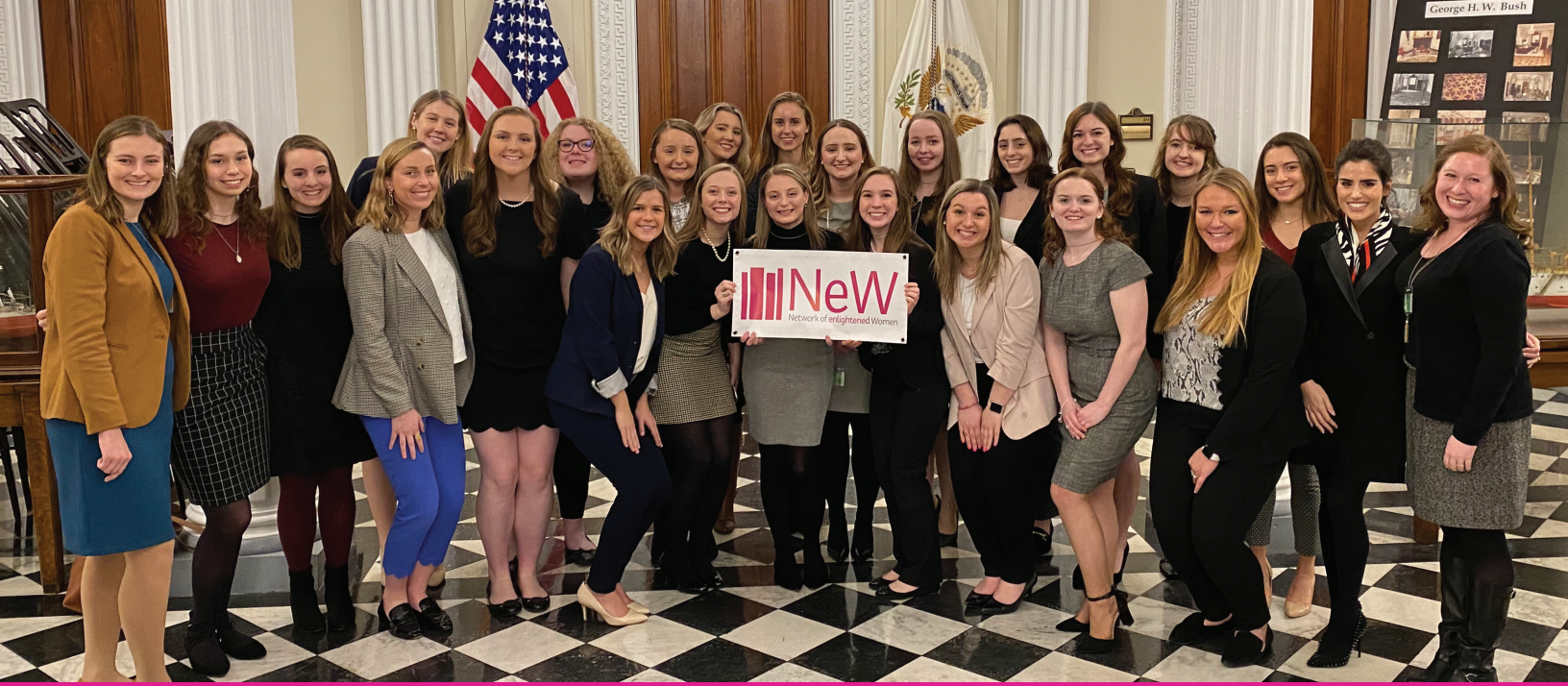
In an article on March 30, *The Daily Tar Heel*, campus paper at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, interviewed Nicole Divers, the NeW chapter president, to hear how her chapter is staying connected despite social distancing.

On January 3, the *Cincinnati Republic* wrote a feature piece on Paighton Baker, President and founding member of NeW at the University of Cincinnati. She was interviewed on why she decided to bring NeW to her campus.

**“Our objective is to cultivate a community of women that is very dynamic, very diverse, and from all kinds of backgrounds. We are committed to service, uplifting women in our communities, and engaging in dialogues that concern women of all backgrounds. We are more open to different ideas than people think we are, and I think our openness to discussion really helps differentiate us... Our mission is to hear you and for you to hear us, and whether we agree or disagree we find common ground. We want to engage in meaningful and civil dialogue and let women know there are more places for them to find community... We want to encourage and help you to do what you love instead of listening to those who want to make you dwell on a past where you could not.”**

**PAIGHTON BAKER**  
PRESIDENT OF NeW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI





# NeW Chapters at the White House



Stewart Young spoke to the NeW leaders about the Administration's policies that are supporting and benefiting women around the world.

On February 21, the White House organized a briefing for 23 women from NeW at American University, NeW at The Catholic University of America, and NeW at The George Washington University. Attendees had the chance to ask questions to high-level administration officials – Stewart Young, Special Assistant to the President and Director of International Initiatives and Outreach in the Office of Economic Initiatives, and Jennifer Korn, Special Assistant to the President in the White House Office of Public Liaison. Following the briefing, the women were given a private tour of the Vice President's ceremonial office located in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. A White House historian shared about the history of the room while pointing out pieces of furniture and artwork that dated back decades to previous presidents and military officers. NeW is pleased to give young women these types of professional opportunities.



Sophie Czerniecki from NeW at The Catholic University of America and Leia Ficks from NeW at The George Washington University attended the policy briefing at the White House.



NeW women also heard from Jennifer Korn at the policy briefing on February 21. She shared her empowering story about becoming the first college graduate in her family, her path to working at the White House, and her favorite moments from working for both President George W. Bush and President Donald J. Trump.

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

## Kelley Babphavong

Harvard University  
Post-graduation plans:  
Outreach Coordinator for the Young Leaders Program at The Heritage Foundation

"Thanks to NeW I have had the opportunity to meet the brightest conservative women across the country. NeW has given me the confidence, skills, and network to be able to succeed in my future."



## Sophia Benevento

University of Virginia  
Post-graduation plans:  
Law School

"NeW has given me the confidence and comfort to speak up about my beliefs even when I am in the minority. This is invaluable to me as I further develop who I am. NeW has made me a stronger woman."



## Kennedy Borchardt

Xavier University  
Post-graduation plans:  
Pursue a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences

"The Network of enlightened Women has shown me that there are more people who think like me than I thought before and that I just have to look for them."



## Kimberly Burton

Temple University  
Post-graduation plans:  
Master's degree in Politics & Communications, London School of Economics

"NeW has allowed me to be a leader on my campus and work with other like-minded women to create a community here at Temple University. It's helped me become more confident in my professional skills and public speaking abilities."



## Sophie Czerniecki

The Catholic University of America  
Post-graduation plans:  
Villanova Law School

"NeW has by far been the best experience of my undergraduate career. From being published in *She's Conservative* to working with NeW as the Campus Program Fellow, I have grown professionally and have gained confidence as a young conservative female."



## Jordan Davidson

Baylor University  
Post-graduation plans:  
Summer Internship with *The Federalist*

"NeW has helped me become a confident and informed conservative woman. Whether it was my time serving on the executive board for our chapter or my time in the Student Media Fellowship, the opportunities and experiences that I've gained through NeW are priceless!"



## Anna Gayford

Xavier University

"Through NeW, I have become comfortable with myself and my beliefs, and I have met an empowered group of women who will always have my back."



## Julia Donnelly

The Catholic University of America  
Post-graduation plans:  
Work in politics or communications in Washington, DC

"NeW has prepared me for my next step in life by providing me with the confidence to be a strong conservative woman."



## Kim Fohrd

Xavier University  
Post-graduation plans:  
Graduate School

"The Network of enlightened Women has prepared me to be ready to think critically and engage in conversations outside of a college setting."



## Claire Hathaway

Xavier University  
Post-graduation plans:  
Staff Auditing and Assurance for Deloitte and Touche in Indianapolis

"The Network of enlightened Women has prepared me for entering the real world as an influential leader who is not afraid to speak up for my beliefs and what I think is right."



## Michaela Hebbeler

The Catholic University of America  
Post-graduation plans: Production assistant for Fox News in NYC

"NeW has provided me a group of strong women who have empowered me throughout college and helped me to be the best version of myself. I am so thankful for the friendships I have made and can't wait to see where all of the women in my chapter end up because I know it will be somewhere great!"



## Ashley Heskett

University of Michigan

"The Network of enlightened Women has given me opportunities to meet and network with so many amazing women. Starting college was difficult and being a conservative woman on campus only made it more difficult. NeW showed me that there are other women out there like me and made me feel accepted in such a politically divisive world."



## Andrea Hitt

University of Virginia  
Post-graduation plans:  
Press Assistant for Congresswoman Debbie Lesko (AZ-08)

"The Network of enlightened Women has given me invaluable professional and career advice and a network of truly amazing women willing to lend a hand and help me succeed."



**Congratulations to the NeW graduating class of 2020!** Thanks to the leadership and dedication of these women, more students are finding a conservative community on campus.

## Madison Kutruff

Xavier University  
Post-graduation plans: **Campus Program Coordinator for the Network of enlightened Women**

"NeW has completely changed my life. I would not be the strong woman that I am today if I hadn't decided to start a chapter on my campus. I am unapologetically who I am, and I take immense pride in empowering other women to find their voice as well."



## Julia McAlpin

Emmanuel College  
Post-graduation plans: **Work in the business sector before attending graduate school**

"NeW has helped me prepare for my next steps as I have learned more about myself and how to better communicate, be responsible, and other important skills that will be critical for my career."



## Taylor Roth

University of Florida  
"Without NeW and the endless encouragement it provides, I would have never felt empowered to be an outspoken conservative on my campus."



## Casey Rowzee

University of Virginia  
Post-graduation plans: **Business Technology Analyst at Deloitte Government and Public Services Consulting**

"Through NeW, I met so many like-minded women. NeW taught me to stand up for what I believe, as well as how to best articulate my opinions, no matter how "unpopular." My time as a leader in NeW has built my confidence. I look forward to meeting other young professionals in Washington, DC through the NeW Professional Network. With NeW, there's no limit to how many incredible women can be behind and beside you!"



## Bri Mirabile

The George Washington University  
Post-graduation plans: **Business Analyst at Deloitte Government and Public Services Consulting**

"NeW has given me the confidence to be open about my conservatism and the strength of a network I know will support me no matter what."



## Elise LaFleur

The Catholic University of America  
Post-graduation plans: **Policy Analyst with Legal Affairs for the Louisiana Business Association**

"NeW has given me invaluable mentors and role models to look to when I have questions about the future and my career path. I feel more confident to tackle life after college because of NeW."



## Sonia Nemani

The George Washington University  
Post-graduation plans: **Pursuing a Master's in Health Administration**

"There are not enough ways to express how much NeW has impacted who I am now and where I am going. I have learned to believe in myself and in the ways that I think, as well as how to express those beliefs. I have learned how to strengthen my relationships, my professional life, and my skills thanks to NeW."



## Katie Robbins

University of Virginia  
Post-graduation plans: **Master's degree in Counselor Education, University of Virginia**

"Through NeW, I have met some of my best friends. I am thankful for their encouragement and friendship. They changed my college experience for the better and helped me become the person I am. I know I will carry these friendships with me after graduation and beyond."



## Meredith Lord

Cornell University  
Post-graduation plans: **Management Training Program for Aldi**

"NeW has been a formative organization in college. NeW developed my leadership skills, expanded my network, and showed me the importance of a strong support system. NeW has been a wonderful resource and I know I can rely on my peers in the future."



## Gabrielle Picard

University of Mississippi  
Post-graduation plans: **Communications Assistant for Governor Mike Parson's (MO) campaign**

"NeW has led me to making connections with other women from across the country who are leaders in the conservative movement. Connecting with them has helped me grow as a leader."



## Karly Matthews

Temple University  
Post-graduation plans: **Communications Director for the American Conservation Coalition**

"The Network of enlightened Women has empowered me to be a confident, competent young woman, and I am grateful it has introduced me to so many amazing women."



## Alexia Rieger

Xavier University  
Post-graduation plans: **Medical School**

"NeW has given me confidence as a conservative woman."



## Haley Supergan

Creighton University  
Post-graduation plans: **Campus Program Coordinator for the Network of enlightened Women**

"NeW has taught me so much. All of the women on staff are so helpful, always encouraging me to push myself, and have helped me grow so much since I first met them at the NeW National Conference."



# NeW Professional Network

With NeW women graduating and entering the workforce, it is important that their relationship with NeW and conservatism does not stop after graduation. As is the case on college campuses, cities are oftentimes not a welcoming place for female conservatives. The NeW Professional Network fills this gap by providing young conservative professionals with the opportunity to connect with like-minded women in a welcoming, enriching, and fun environment. The mission of the network is to give conservative women a space to come together, deepen existing relationships, and learn new skills.

Prior to social distancing restrictions, the NeW DC Professional Network gathered on January 8 to hear Ladan Nowrasteh, Director of Development Communications at State Policy Network, discuss how to find a mentor. At a March 3 dinner co-hosted with DonorsTrust's Novus Society, the chapter learned how to manage conflict in the workplace from Patricia Rausch, Director of Career Programs at the Leadership Institute. The women in the DC chapter also enjoyed a winter book club in which they read and met monthly to discuss *With All Due Respect* by Nikki Haley.

On January 16, the Professional Network chapter in Columbus, Ohio invited entrepreneur, Katie Anne Rutherford, for an engaging discussion on how starting a business, having a flexible career, and pursuing a side hustle are becoming more popular amongst millennials and how they particularly benefit women.

In the Twin Cities, the Professional Network chapter brought in Chas Anderson, partner and co-founder of MZA+Co, on January 30 to hear her advice on how to influence others. Attendees talked about how as conservative women their voices matter. Anderson encouraged attendees to confidently speak up in their spheres of influence.

On February 5, the NeW NYC Professional Network hosted a successful evening event with Kathryn Lopez, senior fellow at the National Review Institute and an editor-at-large of National Review, where she shared her tips on how to find a professional mentor and how this relationship can be beneficial to both the mentor and the mentee.

When spring events were put on hold because of COVID-19, NeW hosted the first network-wide event bringing together women from all four Professional Network chapters as well as young professionals that are not in a chapter, for a webinar with Ashley Rooney, Manager of Market-Based Management at Stand Together, on time management techniques when working from home. Women learned new ways to manage their time.



Members of the NeW DC Professional Network, Krystina Skurk, Katie Calvert, and Marisa Brand, were invited to an exclusive policy briefing at the White House on February 13 where they heard from administration officials including Kellyanne Conway and Ivanka Trump.



Women from the NeW Twin Cities Professional Network enjoyed an empowering discussion and delicious dinner at their event on January 30.



Leaders and members of the NeW Columbus Professional Network had the chance to connect with their January 16 guest, Katie Anne Rutherford.



At the NeW DC Professional Network dinner on March 3, Lydia Pitea from DonorsTrust's Novus Society shared about the work they are doing with young professionals and introduced the evening's speaker, Patricia Rausch from the Leadership Institute.

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For ten years, NeW has supported the notion that there are young gentlemen all around us who exemplify service, respect, and kindness. Through The Gentlemen Showcase, NeW encourages the country to recognize and celebrate these gentlemen — men who give back and serve on their campuses and in their communities. This positive program promotes equality and mutual respect between men and women. By praising gentlemen, we hope to inspire more of them.

During the two-week program in January, we had a record number of nominations. More than 200 young men were nominated from schools across the country, such as American University, Arizona State University, Brigham Young University, Emory University, Florida State University, Harvard University, Pennsylvania State University, Rutgers University, University of Colorado, University of Tennessee, University of Texas, University of Utah, and University of Virginia.



On January 18, NeW at American University hosted a brunch event where they interviewed a panel of their nominees for The Gentlemen Showcase.

## Meet our 2020 Gentleman of the Year and Gentlemen Showcase Honorable Mention



### ANDERS PIERSON

Anders Pierson, a Computer Science major at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Class of 2024, was named the 2020 *Gentleman of the Year*. Pierson was nominated by his friend and NeW chapter leader, Emily Madden, for his dedicated service to his community and across the world. In her nomination, she wrote that Pierson has served with organizations such as Samaritan's Feet and Hands-On Charlotte, and he spent two summers in Kenya, Africa, where he used his skills to create a website that allowed churches in the area to connect via social media.

“In 2020, being a gentleman is based upon a man’s core values, his morality and honor. It means that a man will dedicate his life and behavior to a higher standard of conduct, not to make himself feel better, but to set a bar for how men should behave themselves.” — ANDERS PIERSON

### JAMES FALLON

James Fallon, from Armonk, New York and a student at EF Academy, was chosen as the 2020 *Gentlemen Showcase Honorable Mention*. He was nominated by his friend, Stephanie Rivera, for his involvement as the Head Youth Volunteer at Heavenly Productions Foundation and as a volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House. Fallon also started “Operation Backpack,” a project where he collects backpacks and school supplies that are given to students around the world who do not have access to these materials for their education.



# CPAC 2020

In February, women from NeW chapters across the country came to Washington, DC for the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC). NeW brought a record 42 chapter leaders on scholarship to the conference from Baylor University, Boston College, College of Charleston, Cornell University, The Catholic University of America, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, University of Virginia, Xavier University, and many more.

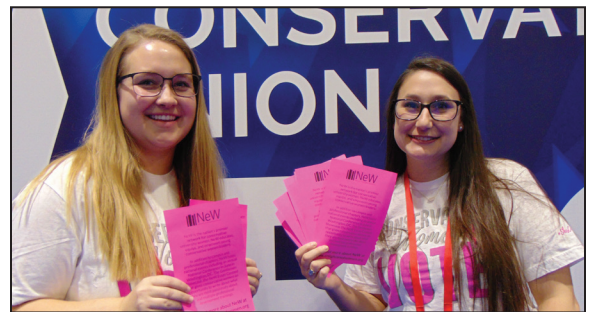
Two chapter leaders summed up the event well:

Emma Foley, NeW at Boston College Treasurer, shared, *"After attending CPAC, I now feel encouraged and empowered to return to my campus without being afraid to be myself, and I am more determined than ever to make the voices of conservative college students heard."*

*"I loved CPAC. It was a great networking opportunity and a fantastic way to meet other conservative women across the country. This experience strengthened my views as a conservative and empowered me to stand up for those ideals,"* said Britta Iverson, NeW at Xavier University Chief of Staff.



NeW at College of Charleston President, Charlotte Townsend, met former White House Press Secretary, Sean Spicer, along radio row at CPAC.



NeW at the University of Virginia leaders Katie Robbins and Casey Rowzee handed out flyers to CPAC attendees getting the word out about The Women EmPower Hour.



Many NeW women who attended CPAC on scholarship had the incredible opportunity to meet inspiring conservative leaders including former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley.



NeW chapter leaders from Boston College, Emma Foley and Julia Canzano, were excited to kick off their week at CPAC.



On February 27, Alexis Whiteford from NeW at Baylor University had the chance to meet Katie Pavlich, NeW Board Member and *Townhall* Editor.



NeW at the University of Mississippi chapter leaders, Gabrielle Picard and Sarah Doty, enjoyed attending CPAC on scholarship.



On Friday, February 28, NeW hosted our annual event, The Women EmPower Hour, bringing together more than 100 women for a dessert party. Special guest Patrice Lee Onwuka, senior policy analyst at Independent Women's Forum and frequent guest on Fox News, spoke to a packed room. During the event, college and professional women came together for an inspiring evening of networking and professional development.



NeW at Cornell University chapter leaders, Meredith Lord, Claire Haklik, and Grace Ogden, thanked Patrice Lee Onwuka for sharing her emboldening message at The Women EmPower Hour.



Chapter leaders from NeW at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte were inspired by Onwuka's story of being an outspoken conservative in college.



As part of our "Conservative Women Vote" campaign, attendees took photos in a photobooth and shared why they vote. Here, NeW at Boston College leader, Emma Foley, shares that she votes because women deserve better than socialism.



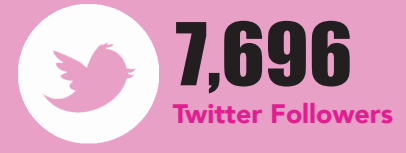
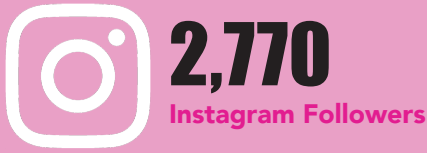
The Women EmPower Hour is a wonderful way of introducing students to NeW who are in Washington, DC for CPAC.



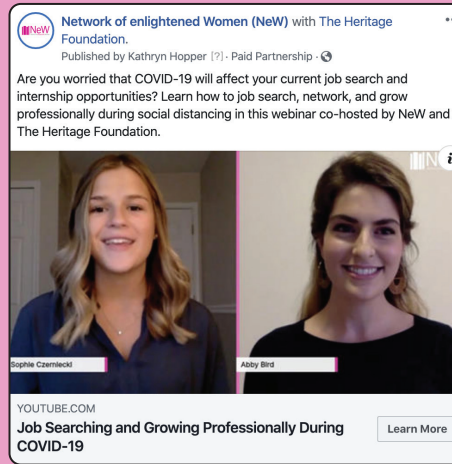
Members from NeW at Xavier University enjoyed spending time with one another and connecting with other NeW women from chapters across the country at CPAC.

# SPREADING CONSERVATIVE PRINCIPLES ONLINE

## NeW's Social Media In Action



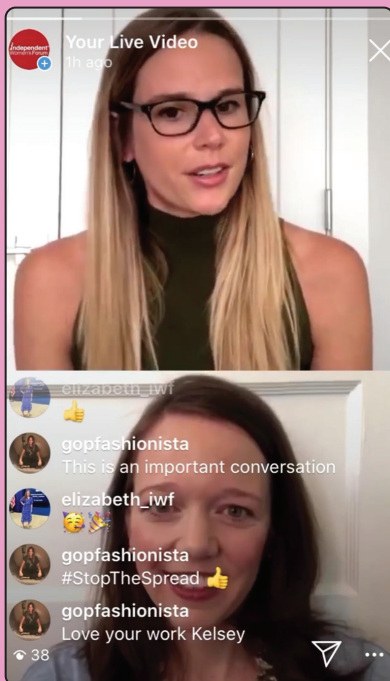
This spring semester was turned upside down when we faced a world pandemic that closed colleges across the country and sent everyone home for months of social distancing. During these challenging times, NeW took initiative and quickly moved programming online to platforms such as Facebook Live, Instagram Live, and Zoom in order to continue giving our network the resources that they have come to expect and appreciate from our organization — from professional development sessions to policy discussions.



On April 14, NeW partnered with The Heritage Foundation to host a webinar on job searching, internships, and professional growth during COVID-19. Sophie Czerniecki, Campus Program Fellow for NeW, and Abby Bird, Training and Recruitment Coordinator for The Heritage Foundation, had an insightful conversation.



On March 30, NeW hosted Lyndsey Fifield from The Heritage Foundation on Instagram Live for an afternoon stretch session.



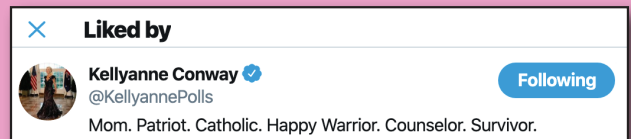
On March 20, Karin Lips participated in an Instagram Live with Kelsey Bolar from the Independent Women's Forum on how the coronavirus is impacting young people and what they should do about it.



In addition to online programming during the COVID-19 quarantine, NeW engaged with conservative female leaders on Instagram and Twitter including Nikki Haley and Kellyanne Conway.

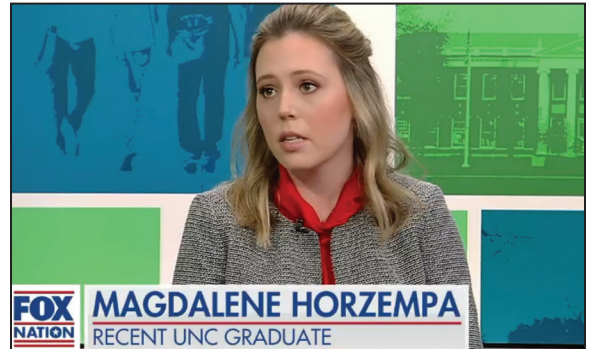


Karin Lips and Romina Boccia, economic expert at The Heritage Foundation, led a discussion on debunking the wage gap on March 31, Equal Pay Day.



# NeW IN THE NEWS

NeW provides a counter to modern feminism and makes the case for conservative policies in the news in order to educate more women on conservative ideas. This semester, women in NeW spoke out and spread conservative principles through writing op-eds and participating in interviews for outlets such as Fox Nation, *Detroit News*, *Orange County Register*, EWTN, and the *Washington Examiner*. In the first three months of 2020, NeW helped four members get an article published in national publications and had two women interviewed on national TV outlets speaking on the issues of the day. NeW is a resource for members of the media when they are looking for a female conservative student perspective. This standing gives NeW the chance to provide incredible opportunities for NeW members and advocate positively for our ideas.



On February 17, NeW arranged for Magdalene Horzempa, alumna of NeW at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, to be on a panel on the Fox Nation show *Keeping Up With Jones* to discuss higher education stories across the country.

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>Buffalo News</i>        | <i>Orange County Register</i>          |
| <i>Campus Reform</i>       | <i>Problematic Women</i>               |
| <i>Cincinnati Republic</i> | <i>The Daily Tar Heel (UNC)</i>        |
| <i>Daily Signal</i>        | <i>The Hub (Emmanuel College)</i>      |
| <i>Detroit News</i>        | <i>The Temple News</i>                 |
| <i>EWTN News Nightly</i>   | <i>The Tower (Catholic University)</i> |
| <i>Fox Nation</i>          | <i>UVA Lawyer</i>                      |
| <i>Hillsdale Radio</i>     | <i>Washington Examiner</i>             |



On February 27, NeW Student Media Fellow, Alexis Whiteford, had the opportunity to share about her experience at CPAC as a conservative student on EWTN *News Nightly* with Tracy Sabol.

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## Women don't need state-mandated quotas to succeed

State Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson, D-Santa Barbara, co-wrote SB826. (AP Photo/Rich Pedroncelli)

By KRISTA CHAVEZ |

**Detroit News Opinion** @DetNewsOpinion · Mar 31

"Women are taught from a young age that they will never have the same value as a man — and this just isn't true." --> @NeWNetwork's Haley Supergan:

Opinion: On Equal Pay Day, women should know the facts  
Women are taught from a young age that they will never have the same value as a man, and this just isn't true

On Equal Pay Day, Haley Supergan (NeW intern) was published in the *Detroit News* giving a conservative woman's perspective on the liberal feminist holiday.

With the support of NeW, NeW DC Professional Network co-chairwoman, Krista Chavez, had her piece on gender board quotas published in the *Orange County Register*. After initial publication, it was picked up by 11 additional news outlets in California.



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