

# Enlightened Ink

A REPORT OF THE NETWORK OF  
ENLIGHTENED WOMEN

**2021 SENIOR  
SPOTLIGHTS**

*Fighting  
Leftist Bias  
on Campus*

**Preparing  
Women for  
Success after  
College**

**Essay Contest  
Winners,  
Gentleman  
of the Year,  
and More!**

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*Charlotte  
Townsend*

Female Leaders  
**INSPIRING**  
Conservative Women

**How her life  
with NeW led to  
her dream job  
on Capitol Hill**



# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

In the last year, we celebrated Justice Amy Coney Barrett becoming the fifth woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court and more conservative women than ever elected to Congress. We've hosted Zoom interviews with five of these newly elected conservative women leaders.

Despite this success, conservative women continue to be attacked. The Left tries to silence conservative women everywhere – from campus to Congress. To fight back, the Network of Enlightened Women deemed 2021 “The Year of the Conservative Woman.”

By highlighting conservative women leaders, we are changing the perception of what it means to be a conservative woman and inspiring more women to speak out. It is time for a NeW direction for the women's movement. Through this program, we are featuring a Conservative Woman of the Month, such as Kay Coles James, president of The Heritage Foundation, Senator Cynthia Lummis, and Katie Pavlich, Fox News Contributor and editor for *Townhall*. James encouraged conservative women to be unapologetic and unbothered when facing criticism for their beliefs, “I know who I am, I know what I believe, and I will walk through this life with grace and dignity.”

Throughout the pages of this issue of *Enlightened Ink*, you will read how NeW women today are championing this message. I am proud to know them.

Thank you for investing in the young women of NeW. Together, we are educating, equipping, and empowering American leaders who will preserve and uphold our nation's founding principles for years to come.

With gratitude,



Karin Lips  
NeW Founder and President



On March 2, Lips had the privilege of hosting a discussion with Dana Perino, Fox News anchor and former White House Press Secretary, for the NeW Spring Book Club on her new book, *Everything Will Be Okay: Life Lessons for Young Women (From a Former Young Woman)*.



Lips and Madison Kuttruff, NeW Campus Program Coordinator, discuss Perino's new book while Kuttruff was in Washington, DC visiting local chapters.

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# On the Cover



Charlotte Townsend serves as a Press Assistant and Legislative Correspondent on Capitol Hill, getting offered the job before she even graduated because of her stellar credentials. She attended a NeW event before she stepped foot on campus, and we have been pleased to help her advance in college and in her career each step of the way — providing her with critical professional opportunities. This is Charlotte's story.

Charlotte attended the NeW Leadership Retreat in 2017, the summer after graduating from high school. At Retreat, she met two women who attended the College of Charleston, where she was starting in the fall. They left the Retreat inspired by the work NeW was doing and started a chapter on campus that semester.

As a chapter founder, leader, and president, Charlotte brought prominent speakers to campus including then-State Representative Nancy Mace (now Congresswoman Mace), Congressional candidate Kathy Landing, and Ellen Weaver, President and CEO of the Palmetto Promise Institute. Under Charlotte's leadership, her chapter was awarded Chapter of the Year in 2019 and the Equipping Event of the Year in 2020 for our top Professional Development event.



In 2019, Charlotte and Kate Dennis, Vice President of NeW at College of Charleston, accepted the Chapter of the Year award for their work the previous school year.

Since starting her chapter, NeW has helped Charlotte advance professionally. Charlotte wrote an essay that was featured in NeW's book, *She's Conservative: Stories of Trials and Triumphs on America's College Campuses*. NeW placed Charlotte's first op-ed in *The Federalist*, which led to placing two more in *The State* and the *Washington Examiner*. NeW even arranged her first interview on *Fox & Friends*. Charlotte attended the NeW Leadership Retreat four times, the NeW National Conference three times, and CPAC on scholarship from NeW three times.

When asked about how she has benefited from NeW, she said: ***"I attribute my professional growth over the past few years to NeW. Being a Chapter Leader has really shaped me into being an effective leader, on campus and in the community."***



Charlotte with her fellow NeW at College of Charleston members, Hannah Rawles, Jordan Mercer, and Kate Dennis, at the 2020 CPAC in Washington, DC.

Two years ago, NeW recommended her to attend the inaugural class of The Heritage Foundation's Rising Leaders Fellowship. She shined, and as a result, was accepted into Heritage's prestigious internship program last summer. During college, Charlotte, also interned with Senator Tim Scott and was the NeW Communications Intern during the fall 2020 semester.

A semester before graduating, she was offered a position as a Press Assistant for a Congressman on Capitol Hill and less than six months into the job she was promoted to Press Assistant and Legislative Correspondent. She attributes her experience with NeW to getting this dream position. Charlotte said,

*"I am ever-thankful for Network of enlightened Women, and the programs and opportunities it offers. I am even more so thankful for the network it creates in a world where conservative women need to empower each other and build each other up."*



At her first NeW Leadership Retreat in 2017, Charlotte connected with Sara Decker and Brittany Slaughter.

It is an honor to promote women like Charlotte, walking with them on campus and in their careers.

# YEAR OF THE CONSERVATIVE WOMAN



Erika Head, President of NeW at Oakland University, shows off her button with The Year of the Conservative Woman logo at CPAC.

**F**ollowing the achievements of conservative women nationally last year, this year is a fitting time to reflect on what women should unite in fighting for in America today and the important role of conservative women in leading the way.

NeW deemed 2021 “The Year of the Conservative Woman” to highlight the important role conservative women play in society, shift the perception of what it means to be a conservative woman, and explain how conservative policies benefit women to attract more women to the cause.

As part of the Year of the Conservative Woman, we are highlighting conservative and independent-minded women in a variety of fields and industries through our “Conservative Woman of the Month” programming.

In January, we showcased Christina Bain, founder of the Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery programs at Harvard University’s Kennedy School and Babson College, and her incredible work to combat human trafficking.



To reach a wide audience, our monthly Conservative Woman of the Month conversations were hosted on Facebook Live. In February, Lips had an engaging talk with Kay Coles James, who shared issues women can all come together on and ways young women can stand out in their careers as leaders.

In February, we featured Kay Coles James, President of The Heritage Foundation, and discussed her role as a leader in the conservative movement.

Our March Conservative Woman of the Month was Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor. To celebrate her legacy, we spoke with Allyson Ho, former clerk for Justice O’Connor, who shared

personal stories about the Justice. In April, we spoke with Laura Cox Kaplan, host of the She Said/She Said Podcast, about how conservative women can rise as

effective leaders in any field. In May, we recognized Katie Pavlich, Fox News Contributor and *Townhall* editor, and her inspiring work in the media to ensure conservative women have a voice.

We look forward to continuing these empowering conversations with female leaders this year.

In May, Lips hosted a conversation with Katie Pavlich. Pavlich shared what she focuses on when reporting, how she developed herself as a leader, and ways conservative women can find their voice.



## Partnering to Build the Conservative Movement

Relationships with other conservative groups and connections in places of power, such as Congress and the White House, ensure NeW continues to provide meaningful professional development experiences for young women and helps NeW spread our message.

This spring, when NeW at the University of Florida came under fire from the university for co-hosting a cookout event with other conservative groups on campus, the Liberty Justice Center stepped in and provided legal advice to the chapter as they worked to fight the chapter's suspension.



Madison Kutruff, NeW Campus Program Coordinator, attended the Turning Point USA Student Action Summit to recruit new leaders from across the country.



On April 28, Karin Lips participated in a panel to discuss, "Class Dismissed: Freedom of Expression and Higher Education," hosted by The Policy Circle.



In celebration of Women's History Month, Senator Marsha Blackburn hosted a Women's Empowerment Roundtable (pictured above) with an all-star group of women to discuss the importance of speaking out as conservative women. Karin Lips was invited to be a panelist alongside Katie Pavlich, Fox News Contributor and NeW Board Member; Kayleigh McEnany, former White House Press Secretary; Kelly Craft, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations; Mercedes Schlapp, former White House Director of Strategic Communications; Kimberley Strassel, member of the *Wall Street Journal* editorial board; Andrea Bottner, Senior Advisor for Independent Women's Forum; Penny Nance, CEO of Concerned Women of America; and Star Parker, founder of the Center for Urban Renewal and Education.

Haley Supergan, NeW Campus Program Coordinator, was selected to participate in the Leadership Program of the Rockies and serve as a member of the Steamboat Institute's Emerging Leaders Council.

Supergan was interviewed on the Institute's YouTube channel, wrote an op-ed about identity politics, and conducted a podcast interview with Danny Moore, President of Denovo Solutions.



# INTERN SPOTLIGHTS

We were thrilled to have Theresa Olohan and Peyton Froehlich intern with NeW during the spring semester. Thank you both for your hard work and dedication to emboldening your fellow conservative women.

## THERESA OLOHAN

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, CLASS OF 2021

CHAPTERS INTERN



### Why is NeW important?

NeW offers conservative college women a community to freely express their views and grow professionally, academically, and socially. College campuses are universally more progressive spheres, which can make it difficult for conservative women to navigate friendships, academics, and careers. I've met so many women who are afraid to speak up for their beliefs because they are worried about being ostracized by friends or penalized in the classroom. Through social and professional events, NeW offers an alternative to this way of life. NeW is a place where women can make lasting friendships with like-minded individuals and don't have to feel like they're alone in their beliefs. It's a place where women learn about politics and discuss key issues. NeW is important because it elevates women and encourages their success in every area of life.



As part of her internship, Olohan had the opportunity to ask Dana Perino a live question during the NeW Spring Book Club Kickoff Event. Olohan also has sisters that are involved in the NeW at The Catholic University of America chapter.

## PEYTON FROELICH

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, CLASS OF 2021

COMMUNICATIONS INTERN



### What advice would you offer to college students?

The best advice that I can give college students is to always stay true to your values and beliefs, even if they are not the popular opinion. This allows for you to create community within your university and become connected with like-minded individuals. Getting involved is one thing I would recommend to each and every student, as it allows you to meet new people, network, and build your resume for future opportunities.



Froehlich (red) had the opportunity to attend CPAC in Orlando, Florida during her internship. Pictured with NeW staff members, Haley Supergan, Madison Kuttruff, and Alexis Flowers.

If you or someone you know would like information about how to apply for a NeW internship, just visit our website at:

[www.enlightenedwomen.org/career-opportunities](http://www.enlightenedwomen.org/career-opportunities)

# Why I Support NeW

## MELINDA OAKES

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | TRIAD FOUNDATION | ITHACA, NY

Dear Friends of NeW,

Triad Foundation's support for NeW can be summed up just as the tale of Cinderella's slipper; it's a perfect fit.

It's completely energizing to find an organization that so clearly shares the same ideals, values, and principles as this Foundation, which is evident in all of NeW's messaging and programming. We are entirely aligned on policy issues and structure as they pertain to the care and governance of our incredible country. Like NeW, Triad Foundation believes it's critical to ensure our young adults and emerging members of the workforce have, at the very least, a balanced understanding of the relationship between their contribution to society and government's role in our individual and collective lives.



Oakes with Karin Lips at NeW's 15th Anniversary Celebration in Washington, DC on September 26, 2019.

Triad Foundation further chooses to support NeW because we believe in its leadership from the ground up. At its roots, the Network of Enlightened Women cultivates strong and conservative student voices through leadership training and opportunities, engaging our young people in meaningful civic responsibilities. Certainly, NeW has an incredible executive suite, and our confidence in Karin Lips can't be understated.

NeW is an organization that is laser focused on its mission and has proved its ability to stand the test of time. There is no doubt in our mind that it will grow and flourish in both size and influence.

Sincerely,

*Melinda Oakes*

Melinda Oakes

### DIRECT GIFTS TO NeW

#### Online at:

[www.enlightenedwomen.org/donate](http://www.enlightenedwomen.org/donate)

#### Or through the mail:

Network of enlightened Women  
Attn: Karin Lips  
1360 East Capitol Street NE  
Washington, DC 20003

### QUESTIONS?

Simply email Karin Lips at:  
[karin@enlightenedwomen.org](mailto:karin@enlightenedwomen.org).

### NeW PRESIDENT'S CLUB

Learn more about the program at  
[www.enlightenedwomen.org/how-to-give](http://www.enlightenedwomen.org/how-to-give).

### OTHER GIVING OPTIONS

On NeW's website, online supporters can give a gift to NeW in memoriam 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

## Female Leaders Inspiring Conservative Women

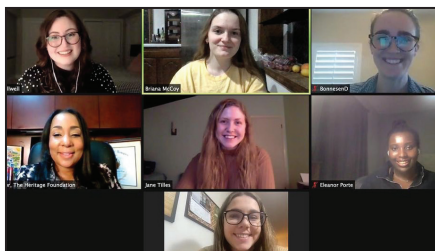
NeW is proud to present a different voice and perspective on campuses, encouraging the intellectual diversity that is often lacking in the classroom. One way chapters do this is by bringing speakers to campus who are experts in their field. This spring, chapters hosted discussions about the gender wage gap, conservative journalism, criminal justice reform, and more.



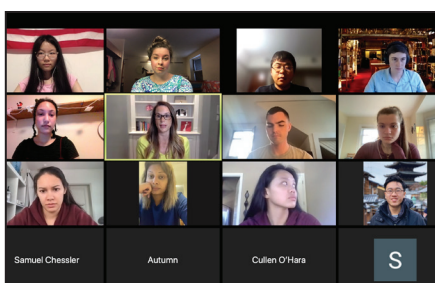
On February 22, NeW at The Catholic University of America brought Mary Margaret Olohan, NeW alumna and reporter for the *Daily Caller*, to campus to learn about her career in journalism.



NeW at Seton Hall hosted a policy discussion online on March 3 reflecting on the policies being implemented by the Biden Administration.



On February 24, NeW at American University hosted an online conversation with Angela Sailor, Vice President of The Feulner Institute at The Heritage Foundation, on American exceptionalism.



On April 13, NeW at Cornell University and NeW at Harvard University partnered to co-host an event with Kelsey Bolar, senior policy analyst for Independent Women's Forum. She spoke about the history of feminism and how conservatives can reclaim the feminist narrative.



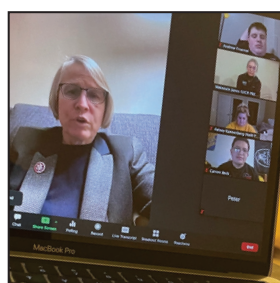
NeW at Belmont University hosted a brunch for members with Victoria Robinson, pro-life advocate. Robinson shared her personal abortion story and how to talk about the pro-life position.



On April 19, women from NeW at Iowa State University toured the Iowa State Capitol and met with Iowa State Senators Carrie Koelker and Dawn Driscoll to talk about the work they are doing in state politics.



On April 28, NeW at the University of Tampa virtually hosted Christina Bain for a conversation on human trafficking. During the event, they welcomed new women to their chapter who were interested in learning more about this important global issue.



On February 23, NeW at the University of Iowa virtually hosted Congresswoman Marianne Miller-Meeks for an exclusive event for their members. She shared with them about her work in Washington, DC and how she is advocating for conservative women in the halls of Congress.



# Preparing Women for Success after College

One area that sets NeW apart as a conservative group on campus is the professional development training provided. 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 professional development trainings and opportunities to help set members up for success after college.



On March 31, Alexis Flowers, NeW Director of Programs, spoke on her path from college to career and professional development with the NeW at Florida State University chapter.

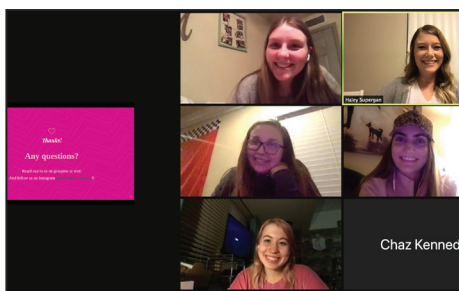


On February 9, NeW at Boston College was joined by Kelley Babphavong, NeW alumna and Young Leaders Program Outreach Coordinator at The Heritage Foundation, for a discussion on jobs and internships in the conservative movement.

*“I feel it is most empowering to be a conservative woman on campus! There will always be people who want to pull us down but our moral values and beliefs are what keep us stronger than ever! I am so happy the female conservative movement is on the rise.”*

## CATHERINE GREUB

President of NeW at College of Lake County



NeW at Texas Tech University learned about professional development from Haley Supergan, NeW Campus Program Coordinator, on February 2 for their first meeting of the semester.

# Women’s History Month

In March, NeW chapters celebrated the women who have made an impact and paved the way for us today. Through social events and hosting speakers on campus, NeW women learned about leadership and conservative values.



On March 25, NeW at Mercer University hosted Susan Charnaux, founder of Fairhill Ventures LLC and former Associate Principal at McKinsey, for a conversation titled, “Lead Like a Lady: College to Career.” Charnaux is pictured here with chapter leaders Kathryn Rhodes, Kenlee Foskey, Lila Fraser, and Bailey Everett.



NeW at Baylor University hosted Dr. Beth Allison Barr on March 29 for a discussion on biblical womanhood.



NeW at the University of South Carolina was privileged to have South Carolina Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette come speak to their chapter and other students on campus on March 31 about empowering conservative women in leadership.

# NeW on CAMPUS

## Spreading Conservatism on Campus

NeW had another semester of expansion leading to a record breaking number of chapters. Due to pandemic restrictions on campuses, NeW leaders had to get creative with how they advertised their group and welcomed new members. Our team worked hard to help them adjust their plans based on campus rules. From off campus gatherings to social media recruiting, NeW chapters saw amazing growth despite facing challenging circumstances.



Madison Kuttruff, NeW Campus Program Coordinator, visited NeW at The Ohio State University on February 2 to discuss the chapter's semester plans.



On March 11, NeW leaders at Virginia Tech University tabled on campus to introduce peers to their new chapter.



NeW at Grand Canyon University leaders, Taylor Alonzo-Taggart, Kenna Deters, Kaley Hickey, and Callista Mendoza, met with Haley Supergan, NeW Campus Program Coordinator, to discuss ways to grow their chapter.



Chloe Sparwath, President of NeW at the University of Virginia, and Madison Kuttruff toured Monticello, President Thomas Jefferson's home, on February 18 with women from the chapter.



NeW at Boston University met for dinner to celebrate the seniors that are graduating in their chapter.



Mei Li Straka, President of NeW at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, met with Madison Kuttruff on February 10 while she was in town to discuss chapter leadership on campus.



On March 19, the NeW at the University of Notre Dame executive board welcomed new women to the chapter during their first in-person event.



On February 3, NeW at Ashland University hosted their first meeting on campus and introduced new members to the benefits of getting involved with NeW.

*“While attending CPAC in Spring 2020, I discovered NeW and was immediately intrigued by its mission and values. I am so happy I was able to start the University of Maryland’s very first conservative female group with a couple of other women. NeW has provided me with numerous friendships and lifelong connections. While I found NeW at the University of Maryland in a chaotic time in our country, I truly believe that these women will bring light to the world in the future.”*

**ARIANNA DELGADO**  
Co-President of NeW at the University of Maryland



During a trip to College of Charleston, Madison Kutruff met with Charlotte Townsend and Jordan Mercer, former and current presidents of the chapter, to discuss leadership transitions and how to develop young members as future leaders in the chapter.



On April 1, NeW leaders at Colorado State University recruited new members and spread the word about the chapter.



NeW at Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis leaders Myya Baumann and Karlee Hideman visited the Indiana State Capitol with Madison Kutruff while they discussed how to grow their chapter when pandemic restrictions are removed next year.



Madison Kutruff connected with Bianca Johnson, President of NeW at Illinois State University, on April 14 to talk about upcoming chapter events.



Gloria Seneca, Vice President of NeW at Liberty University, and Hannah Maxwell, President of NeW at Liberty University, were excited to get the NeW chapter started on campus this spring.

# NeW on CAMPUS

## Building a Network and Community for Conservative Women

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. Community builds confidence in conservative women to speak up.



NeW members at the University of Florida met off campus for a charcuterie board night to spend some quality time together in person.



As part of our ConSERVative service campaign, members of NeW at the University of Mississippi wrote Valentine's Day cards to residents at a local nursing home. This campaign promotes community service as a great way for conservatives to actively help others and demonstrates the impact that people have when they take action in their own community rather than relying on the government.



On February 11, NeW members at Xavier University gathered to make "Galentines" cards (a celebration of female friendship) to encourage women in the local community.



On February 14, Jordan Kennedy, Brooke Berry, Julie Feferman, and Abby Dikeman, leaders of NeW at Boise State University, partnered with the Turning Point chapter on campus to host a welcome event that introduced conservative women to their groups.



After spending almost the full school year trying to get their chapter recognized on campus, NeW at Sioux Falls was not approved by the administration at Augustana University for unclear reasons. But instead of giving up, the women continue to press on, hosting their first outing playing golf on March 22 to introduce new women to their chapter.



On April 16, NeW at the University of Kansas got off campus and away from their studies for an evening to connect and paint pottery projects at a local pottery shop.



NeW at Emmanuel College was not able to meet in person this year because of pandemic restrictions on campus, so they hosted an online trivia night about American history and facts to recruit new women to the chapter. The winners received gift cards to their favorite stores and coffee shops in the community.



Some members from NeW at the University of South Florida connected with Alexis Flowers, Director of Programs, after returning to campus from winter break to discuss their upcoming trip to CPAC and plans for the spring semester.



NeW at The George Washington University executive board members Isabella Padilla, Ainsley Hill, and Allison Stevens, attended brunch with Madison Kutruff to plan chapter events for the semester, including an event with Giovanna Pence, former Director of Women's Engagement in the White House Office of Public Liaison.



NeW at the University of Vermont hosted an ice cream social for their first in person event of the semester to welcome new women interested in joining the chapter.



Members from NeW at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte enjoyed dinner with Madison Kutruff, NeW Campus Program Coordinator, on February 8, to build community.



NeW at Indiana University hosted a farewell lunch for their faculty advisor, Vivian Winston, on April 12 as she is retiring at the end of the school year. Winston was impactful in helping get the chapter recognized on campus in the fall.



NeW at Dickinson College hosted a virtual meeting to welcome new members to the chapter on March 29.



*"I think it is very important for conservative women to know that they are not alone! With social media, school, and other left-leaning organizations, it is important for women to know that they have a community of people who understand them."*

**MALLORY SHAEVSKY**

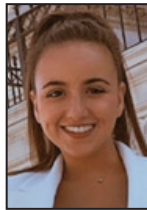
President of NeW at the University of Michigan

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

## Kynda Alzoubi

The George Washington University  
Post-graduation plans:  
Associate at Marsh & McLennan

"NeW has introduced me to so many brilliant, like-minded women who have helped me gain confidence and fortitude in my beliefs."



## Mary Cianciolo

Xavier University  
Post-graduation plans:  
Position with the Legislative Service Commission Fellowship

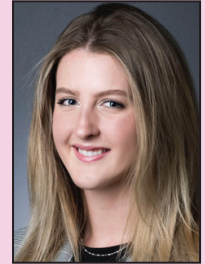
"NeW has given me a special confidence that makes me eager to explain my position as a conservative woman and why conservative women are the next leaders of a free society."



## Morgan England

Cornell University  
Post-graduation plans:  
Working in sales on the Target desk at SC Johnson in Minneapolis, Minnesota

"The political environment on campus is polarizing and toxic. It's so easy to start feeling like your opinions aren't valued or respected. The women of NeW at Cornell were there at each turn to lift me up and remind me that I am not alone."



## Alexandra Arnold

University of Mississippi  
Post-graduation plans:  
Teach elementary school in Texas

"NeW is important because it creates a network of women to feel supported in their opinions in a time where this seems hard for some of our citizens to do!"



## Josi Dacko

University of South Carolina  
Post-graduation plans:  
Staffing Consultant with Beacon Hill Staffing Group in Charlotte, NC

"NeW has given me lasting friendships and prepared me by equipping me for the future with the best thing: knowledge."



## Caitlin Engle

University of Cincinnati  
Post-graduation plans:  
Starting a photography business before applying to law school

"Without NeW, I would have continued to allow liberal views to dominate my life and wouldn't have stood up or recognized that it's okay for me to share conservative views as a woman. I can believe in my own views and still be proud of myself and be a strong woman."



## Arianna Delgado

University of Maryland  
Post-graduation plans:  
Working on Capitol Hill

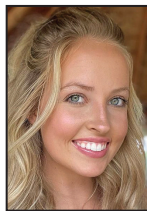
"Throughout the past year and a half, I have been interning on Capitol Hill and will continue to work full-time there after graduation. I would not be as passionate about what I do if it were not for NeW."



## Tatum Barstad

Augustana University  
Post-graduation plans:  
Account Manager for Insight Global in Phoenix, Arizona

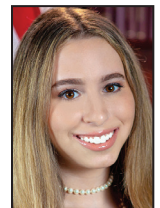
"NeW is important to me because it's all about making women stronger and preparing them to be better. I love empowering other women and this organization allows me to do that daily!"



## Samantha Feigelson

Boston University  
Post-graduation plans:  
Working in Washington, DC

"NeW has impacted me in every way, shape, and form. The organization has given me life-long friends and family, teaching me that I am never alone."



## Julia Canzano

Boston College  
Favorite NeW Program:  
NeW Student Media Fellowship

"NeW has positively shaped my college experience. I have learned leadership skills and event planning skills that I will take with me in my career."



## Samantha Dorning

Boston University  
Post-graduation plans:  
Law School at Marquette University

"To have a group of women who I can authentically be myself with is such a gift and treasure, and I will try to always pay it forward to other women who are nervous to be themselves."



## Faith Elert

Ashland University  
Post-graduation plans:  
Teaching high school history

"Frequently, conservative women are shut down as being uneducated, but NeW helps women have the knowledge to back up their opinions and find others who think like they do."



## Maya Fontaine

Boston University  
Post-graduation plans:  
Master's degree in Finance at Fordham University in New York, New York

"NeW has made me more confident in who I am and who I want to be."



**Congratulations to the NeW graduating class of 2021!** Thanks to the leadership and dedication of these women, more students are finding a conservative community on campus. We look forward to these leaders joining our Professional Network.

## Taylor Ford

University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
Post-graduation plans: Master's degree in Cybersecurity at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte while working at Siemens Digital Industries Software



"NeW has encouraged me not only to become empowered and successful in my career, but also to want to help other women learn that they can too."

## Peyton Froehlich

University of Iowa  
Post-graduation plans: Working and teaching dance



"NeW is important to me because I believe that conservative women desire an organization to speak freely and generate leadership skills."

## Mikaela Grosz

Xavier University  
Post-graduation plans: Executive assistant at a financial advisor company in Milwaukee, Wisconsin



"NeW is important to me because having a close-knit group of women who all have similar beliefs and values makes college a lot more enjoyable."

## Siena Gruler

University of Notre Dame  
Post-graduation plans: Working at Equitable Advisors in New York, New York



"NeW has given me the strength and courage to continue to speak up in situations where conservative values are not often understood."

## Caroline Hakes

The George Washington University  
Post-graduation plans: Analyst at Targeted Victory



"NeW gave me the opportunity to connect with like-minded women my age on a campus that is overwhelmingly liberal. NeW became like a conservative sorority to me — I was so grateful to make those friendships. I know they will last a lifetime."

## Claire Haklik

Cornell University  
Post-graduation plans: Equity Research Associate at Fidelity Investments



"Without NeW I would not have had the chance to learn from many successful women about their experiences in the workforce or listen to important leaders speak."

## Katherine Lauer

University of Kansas  
Post-graduation plans: BSN program before pursuing a master's degree as a Nurse Practitioner



"NeW has challenged me to think deeper about politics. It has equipped me with more knowledge to use in the future."

## Cainwyn Leung

Boston University  
Favorite NeW Memory: When Becky Norton Dunlop from The Heritage Foundation spoke to our chapter



"NeW has taught me that differing opinions are okay to have and gave me courage to stand my ground."

## Caroline Martin

University of Michigan  
Post-graduation plans: Conservative Outreach Fellow with the Citizens' Climate Lobby



"NeW has provided me with great friendships and conversations I've been able to have about my beliefs that I wasn't able to find anywhere else on campus."

## Madeline Reagan McCarthy

American University  
Post-graduation plans: Working at Prolegis in Washington, DC



"Young, conservative women exist and NeW showed me that I am not alone, and my opinions are valued."

## Theresa Olohan

University of Notre Dame  
Post-graduation plans: Interning with the Daily Signal at The Heritage Foundation and then a fellowship with USA Today through the Intercollegiate Studies Institute



"NeW has taught me a lot about the conservative cause and helped me to reflect on my own beliefs and why I hold them."

## Sarah Louise Pickett

University of Florida  
Post-graduation plans: Attending graduate school



"NeW has given me a voice. I'm no longer afraid to stand up for what I believe in as a conservative."

## Lina Pyon

Boston University  
Post-graduation plans: Working in corporate public relations



"NeW has honestly given me so much hope for the future because of my involvement in it. I never thought I'd find exactly what I had been searching for, and I can't wait for the friendships, connections, and more that are to come in the future because I found NeW."

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

## Hannah Rawles

College of Charleston  
Post-graduation plans:  
Working on Capitol Hill in communications

"NeW is important to me because I believe giving young conservative women a voice on college campuses and beyond is so vitally important. It's also a super fun and supportive organization to be a part of."



## Molly Rogers

Belmont University  
Post-graduation plans:  
Working in music publishing in Nashville, Tennessee

"NeW strives to inspire women to go for their dreams and to not let their gender define them. NeW will leave a lasting mark on my life and I cannot wait to see where I go from here!"



## Maggie Sayers

Colorado State University  
Post-graduation plans:  
Working on Capitol Hill

"NeW is so important because as conservative women, we are often called names and bullied because of our beliefs. NeW makes me feel less alone on campus."



## Katy Selinger

American University  
Favorite NeW Memory:  
NeW Leadership Retreat in Atlanta, Georgia

"NeW has taught me the value in discussing current political issues with my peers and has given me valuable leadership experience."



## Mallory Shaevsky

University of Michigan  
Post-grad plans:  
Working at the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC

"NeW has taught me both how to be a leader and how to feel empowered in my beliefs!"



## Kathleen Sharkey

University of Michigan  
Post-graduation plans:  
Attending law school at Vanderbilt University

"NeW has given me many professional resources that have aided my resume-building and networking skills."



## Taheerah Smith

University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
Post-grad plans:  
Managing the Health and Wellness Services at Queens University of Charlotte and working towards a MBA in Leadership and Change

"NeW is important to me because it is a powerful fellowship of women who consistently encourage and empower one another to be the best they can be!"



## Erin Staley

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Post-graduation plans:  
Master's degree in Accounting

"NeW really allowed me to flourish on my liberal college campus. Whenever I felt alone, I knew that there was a conservative group of women that I could turn to."



## Mary Kathryn Stewart

Mercer University  
Post-graduation plans:  
Attending Graduate School

"NeW is a way to show other women what it's like to be confident and to stand up for something."



## Ashley Stultz

University of Florida  
Post-graduation plans:  
Attending the College of Pharmacy at the University of Florida

"Other conservative organizations can be daunting on a large campus, but NeW makes it easier to build those close relationships all young women need in order to build a strong foundation for their life outside of college."



## Olivia Tikalsky

University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
Post-graduation plans:  
Working as a legal assistant

"NeW has given me the opportunity to network with empowering women from all over the country who have helped shape the strong conservative woman I am."



## Charlotte Townsend

College of Charleston  
Post-graduation plans:  
Press Assistant on Capitol Hill

"Throughout these experiences over the past four years, I am incredibly thankful that NeW has empowered and equipped me with the confidence and skills necessary to be an effective leader beyond college."



## Madison Triolo

Florida State University  
Post-graduation plans:  
Master's Degree in Criminology

"NeW is important to me because it allowed me to leave a legacy on my campus"



## Kelly VonEnde

University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
Post-graduation plans:  
Applying to law school

"When I joined NeW, I was a shy freshman who was scared to speak up in class. Now, I have confidence in myself and I am eager to challenge different ideas. I owe a lot of my progress to NeW for giving me a community that supported me, challenged me, and offered me opportunities to grow through different programs, events, and professional development workshops."



## Abby Williams

Mercer University  
Post-graduation plans:  
Working at a research institute

"NeW has impacted me as it has provided opportunities to further support my beliefs in life."





# CPAC in Florida

In February, NeW women gathered in Orlando, Florida for the annual Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC). While pandemic protocols limited the number of people who were able to attend in-person and many colleges and universities prohibited student travel, NeW provided scholarships for 10 chapter members from Oregon State University, University of Florida, University of Iowa, University of South Florida, University of Tampa, and the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay.

Students had a chance to hear from many leaders in the conservative movement, including Governor Kristi Noem, Senator Marsha Blackburn, and Congresswoman Kat Cammack. NeW also hosted a dinner for 17 chapter women and women interested in learning more about joining.



NeW members from Florida State University, Oakland University, and University of South Florida, were excited to kick off their weekend at CPAC.



Lexee Long, NeW at the University of Florida, Ashley Busby, NeW at the University of South Florida, and Nicole Schenone, NeW at the University of Tampa, enjoy dinner at Maggiano's with other NeW leaders and conservative women.



Audrey Wikan, NeW at the University of Florida, and Ashley Busby, NeW at the University of South Florida, met South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem.



Elaina Montazalla and Kensy Pelo connect and share about their experiences as conservative women in college during the NeW dinner on Saturday night.



Erika Head from NeW at Oakland University had the opportunity to connect with Florida Congresswoman Kat Cammack.



NeW leaders and future NeW leaders bond over their shared experiences during dinner Saturday night.



# The NeW Essay Contest

Each year, NeW gives women the opportunity to share their views through our Annual Essay Contest. This is one of the few contests that is explicitly welcoming for conservatives to share their views. During the 2021 NeW Essay Contest, more than 100 high school seniors and college women submitted an essay to compete for a scholarship and the chance to be published by the *Washington Examiner*, contest co-sponsor. The winners of the High School Category and the College Category were published in the *Washington Examiner* on May 30.

**Women responded to the following prompt:** Last year was a historic year for women in America, with a record number of women elected to Congress, the election of our first female Vice President, and the fifth woman to ever be confirmed to the Supreme Court. These women represent a diversity of views and don't all agree on issues. But they all blazed new trails for women. What do their achievements mean for the future of women in America? How does having women with different views and from different backgrounds benefit America? What issue(s) do you think all women should come together on to advance women? How can we encourage other countries around the world to support women in positions of power?

## 2021 COLLEGE CATEGORY WINNER

### Sarah Montalbano

Montana State University in Bozeman, MT

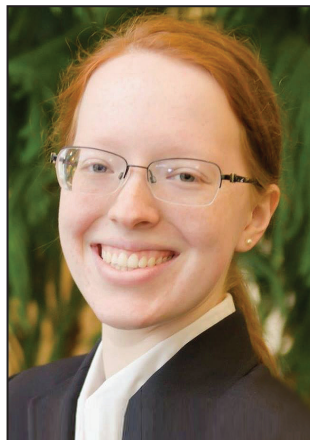
#### *Empowering Women is About So Much More Than Representation*

##### EXCERPT FROM ESSAY

"I believe representation for young women is about so much more than having a female vice president or women on the Supreme Court, though this has been valuable in proving that women are more than capable of assuming these roles.

But women have already internalized the lesson that they must shout to make their voice heard above everyone else. Perhaps the desire to shout has led to shouting over other voices, delegitimizing others' views, and contributed to polarization in today's politics.

The next lesson for women (and every American) should be how to listen respectfully, articulate differences in opinion, and coexist with each other despite differences. After all, despite their representational value, very few women will actually have the opportunity to meet Vice President Kamala Harris or Supreme Court Justice Amy Barrett. But all young women have mothers, teachers, peers, and coworkers who represent different views than their own — and who would be more than delighted to share their perspective."



## 2021 HIGH SCHOOL CATEGORY WINNER

### Sydney King

Nantucket High School in Nantucket, MA

#### *To See the Importance of Ideological Diversity Look to Nantucket*

##### EXCERPT FROM ESSAY

"Clearly Nantucket has no shortage of historic female leaders who have blazed trails for women. These women were able to bring their unique experiences and beliefs to form some of the most successful adventures of their time.

While these women were powerhouses, they might not have had everything in common. That is, after all, the beauty of different views and different backgrounds. Diversity in beliefs, values, and even ethnic groups is not always easy, but research has shown that diversity brings more innovation, leads to complex problem-solving, and can even increase financial stability and growth.

When women come together from different backgrounds, they provide new experiences, outlooks, and information to others who have not had their same experiences. Communication can be tricky, but an open-minded interaction between contrasting sides forces each person involved to anticipate alternative views, which in turn likely promotes better research and preparation into the topic at hand. This results in a well-rounded conversation and understanding that benefits all involved."



To read the essays in their entirety, please visit: [bit.ly/21CoEssayWin](https://bit.ly/21CoEssayWin) and [bit.ly/21HSEssayWin](https://bit.ly/21HSEssayWin)

# THE GENTLEMEN

## Showcase

### Recognizing Service, Respect, and Kindness since 2010

For 11 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 encourages 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, more than 140 young men were nominated from schools across the country, such as Arizona State, Brigham Young University, Kansas State University, Pennsylvania State University, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, The Ohio State University, University of Florida, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, University of Southern California, University of Wisconsin, Virginia Tech, and West Virginia University.

## Meet our 2021 Gentleman of the Year and the Gentlemen Showcase Honorable Mention



### REESE DICKERHOFF

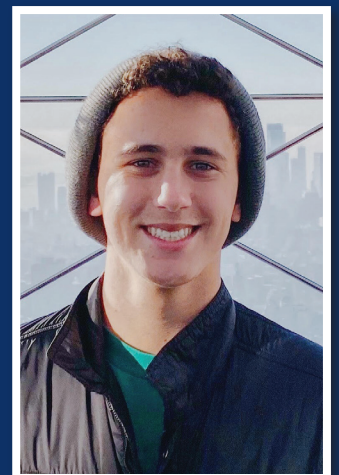
Reese Dickerhoff, a Political Science and History major at the College of Charleston, Class of 2023, was named the 2021 Gentleman of the Year. Dickerhoff was nominated by his friend, Jordan Mercer, for the respect and kindness he shows to everyone around him on campus and in their community. Mercer, who also attends College of Charleston and serves as President of the NeW chapter there, shared in her nomination that Dickerhoff *“is not kind and polite because he is expected to be or to impress people... [his] kind actions are second-nature to him because he genuinely wants to help people, make people happy, and make the world a better place. He is one of the most selfless people I have ever met, and he has inspired others to follow suit.”*

Dickerhoff shared about what it means to be a gentleman today, *“This is the nature of a gentleman, someone who stands for something but has enough respect and decency as to not get in the mud with his opposition. As we blaze a new path for men in this modern era, we must not forget what we admire in the great men of the past: a strong sense of what is right and what is wrong, a willingness to stand for what he believes in, and an abiding need to cherish and respect their fellow man.”*

### RYAN KRAWCZYK

Ryan Krawczyk, an Environmental and Environmental Health Engineering major at Stevens Institute of Technology, Class of 2025, was chosen as the 2021 Gentlemen Showcase Honorable Mention. He was nominated by his friend, Payton Davis, for how he supports his friends as they pursue their dreams and his dedication to caring for the environment. She shared in her nomination, *“Ever since he was younger, he always had a passion for cleaning the environment around him. For fun over the summer, there were countless times that Krawczyk would go around his neighborhood collecting trash just because he wanted to. He even planned outings with his friends where they would go kayaking along the river and pick up trash for hours upon hours in the Florida heat.”*

Krawczyk shared about what it means to be a gentleman today, *“Being a gentleman means that I have a duty to have an open and honest interpretation of the world. Treating others with kindness and respect...being a gentleman truly revolves around putting others first in every scenario and going out of your way to make the world a more genuine and better place.”*



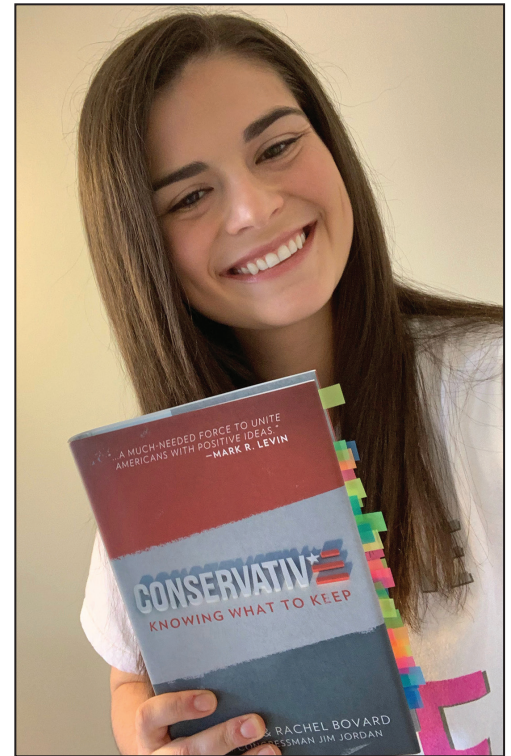


# Professional Network

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.

Due to pandemic restrictions in most cities, Professional Network programming primarily took place online this spring. To kick off the year, young professional members read *Conservative: Knowing What to Keep* by former Senator Jim DeMint and Rachel Bovard. On February 22, the women met on Zoom for a discussion with co-author Bovard who shared about the process of writing the book as well as some professional development advice.

One chapter was able to host two in-person events since the pandemic started last year. On March 23, the NeW Columbus Professional Network co-hosted an event with the Columbus chapter of America's Future, on Ohio's Covid-19 Recovery. During the evening event, attendees heard from Ohio Representative Jena Powell and Logan Kolas, Economic Policy Analyst with The Buckeye Institute. They also hosted an event together on May 13 on personal branding with Chloe Anagnos, founder of Argo Strategy.



Bri Mirabile, NeW alumna and member of the NeW Professional Network, participated in the network's book club on *Conservative: Knowing What to Keep*.



Members of the NeW Columbus Professional Network and AF-Columbus chapter learned how to brand themselves professionally.

# ALUMNA SPOTLIGHTS

## ADELINE SANDRIDGE

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Adeline Sandridge was hired as the Communications Director for newly-elected Congresswoman Kat Cammack (FL-03).



## MICHAELA HEBBELER

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Michaela Hebbeler was recently promoted to booker on *Hannity* at Fox News in New York City.

## GABRIELLE PICARD

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Following graduation, Gabrielle Picard went to work for Governor Mike Parson's reelection campaign. After a successful election, she was promoted to Communications Specialist in his office.



## NEETU ARNOLD

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

In 2019, NeW recommended Neetu Arnold for a position with the National Association of Scholars. She was hired as a research associate. This spring, on February 27, her report, *Priced Out: What College Costs America*, was published. The report details the exponential growth of college administrators, government incentives, and cultural assumptions that gave us today's student debt crisis. She shares the thoughts, worries, and hopes of students, parents, and college administrators to investigate the psychology behind students' educational decisions and the financial choices administrators make. The report provides 14 recommendations, which include increasing information transparency and providing alternative options to the traditional four-year degree.

# Social Media In Action

## Spreading Conservative Principles Online

 **4,134**  
Instagram  
Followers

 **12,403**  
Facebook  
Followers

 **6,941**  
Twitter  
Followers

 **693**  
LinkedIn  
Followers

Since the pandemic closed college campuses across the country more than a year ago, NeW has been finding new ways to connect with conservative college and young professional women where they are – online. Through engagement with influential women in the conservative movement, NeW social media pages are a place for conservative women to connect and celebrate with one another, find educational and informative content, and learn about new opportunities. In the past year, NeW has hosted more than 50 online events, including Empowering Chats with some of our students.



As NeW promoted our book club event with Dana Perino, she commented and shared several posts with her own Instagram audience.



On March 30, NeW hosted a conversation with Janice Dean, senior meteorologist for Fox News and *New York Times* Bestselling Author, on her new book, *Making Your Own Sunshine*, and how she brought attention to the failed leadership of Governor Andrew Cuomo and his response to the Covid-19 pandemic.



February Conservative Woman of the Month, Kay Coles James, tweeted about her Facebook Live interview with NeW.

*Watched by more than 11,800 viewers on Facebook Live!*



Following her conversation on leadership with NeW, Senator Marsha Blackburn shared with her Instagram followers about the discussion.



After speaking to NeW at American University, Laura Cox Kaplan posted on Instagram about her experience and the encouragement she gave to the women about the importance of listening and hearing people on all sides of an issue.



On March 16, NeW celebrated Women's History Month by giving Instagram followers an opportunity to get a free Starbucks coffee. Several women posted photos with their coffee and shared a conservative woman they would love to have a coffee with. Nikki Haley, former U.N. Ambassador and former Governor of South Carolina, saw some of the posts from women who want to meet her for coffee and shared them on her own Instagram page.

# NeW in the News

This semester, the women of NeW championed the “Year of the Conservative Woman” message by speaking about their conservative beliefs in publications and on programs across the country. NeW women had editorials on a variety of conservative issues published in national outlets such as the *Herald-Tribune*, *Orange County Register*, and the *Washington Examiner*. NeW also established a thriving relationship with The Tennessee Star Report, landing interviews for Karin Lips and three students, with an arrangement for a NeW woman to join their show each month to share about their experiences as conservative women in college. Members of the media rely on NeW as a resource for bright minds and fresh perspectives offered by female conservative students. In return, NeW is able to provide opportunities for young conservative women to defend their beliefs and advocate positively for their ideals.

- Below is a listing of the many news media outlets (TV, radio, print, and online) that recently reported on NeW.
- Campus Reform
  - CBS 4 News
  - Clarksville Online
  - College Fix
  - Daily Caller
  - Daily Signal
  - EIN Newswire
  - Fox News
  - Gainesville Sun
  - Herald-Tribune
  - Independent Women’s Forum
  - Isthmus
  - Legal Insurrection
  - Naples Daily News
  - News 4 Jax
  - Orange County Register
  - Ricochet
  - Tennessee Star Report
  - The College Post
  - The Independent Florida Alligator
  - V4 News Agency
  - Washington Examiner
  - WCTV.tv



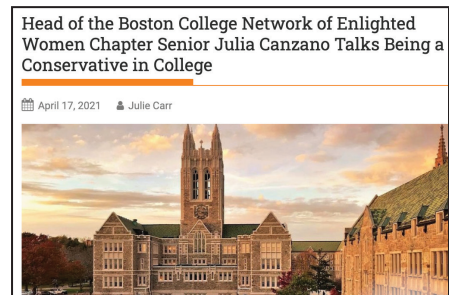
Karin Lips, President of NeW, brought attention to the national issue of occupational licensing reform with her op-ed that was published in the *Orange County Register*.



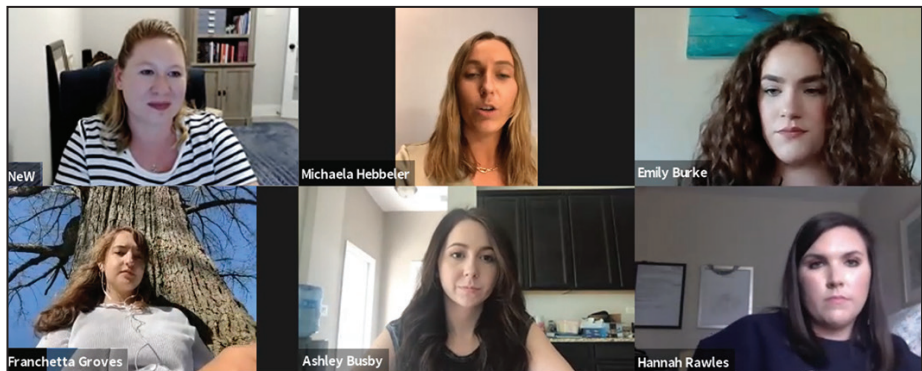
Bringing attention to our campaign “The Year of the Conservative Woman,” the *Washington Examiner* ran an op-ed by Karin Lips highlighting our program.



Ophelie Jacobson, NeW Student Media Fellow, had her op-ed on ‘cancel culture’ published in the *Herald-Tribune*. Following publication, she was interviewed on the Tennessee Star Report about her experience of being a conservative woman in college and her personal experience of facing ‘cancel culture’ on campus.



A new relationship with the Tennessee Star Report, an iHeart Radio show, has led to several interviews of NeW women, giving them a platform to share their stories.



This spring marked the fourth semester of the NeW Student Media Fellowship. Throughout the semester, women from NeW at College of Charleston, NeW at The Catholic University of America, NeW at Grove City College, and NeW at the University of South Florida, received personal mentorship from the NeW team as they wrote op-eds and learned how to prepare for media interviews. They also met two former NeW Student Media Fellows that are now working in the field of communications, Michaela Hebbeler, booker on the Hannity Show at Fox News, and Jordan Davidson, staff writer for *The Federalist*. This is an effective way to train young conservative women to be advocates for conservative ideas now and in the years to come.



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