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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

This semester was a big one for conservatives and for NeW. We encouraged more young women to speak out and advocate for conservative values. In the last six months, NeW was pleased to be a resource for *Elle* magazine and *Glamour* when they were looking for female conservative student perspectives, provide scholarships for more than 80 students to attend Leadership Retreat, and develop a pipeline of talented human capital.

While this past election proved that not all women think like Kamala Harris, the pressure for young women to conform to the Left's victim mentality is still high, especially on college campuses.

NeW counters this pressure by training and equipping young women with the confidence to speak out as conservative, liberty-defending leaders. In this issue of *Enlightened Ink*, you will read the stories of women such as Emma Duncan (page 18) and Darcy Wall (page 20) who found their voice through NeW.

In NeW, young women join a community of supportive women who empower them to be vocal about their beliefs and challenge the narrative that all women must think the same way. Don't miss page 26, which highlights national media outlets featuring NeW members.

I am proud of our students for speaking out to preserve and uphold our nation's founding principles on college campuses and beyond.

Thank you for supporting NeW and the next generation of conservative women leaders.

With gratitude,



Karin Lips

NeW Founder and President



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Partnering to Build the Conservative Movement

NeW partners with conservative organizations to provide meaningful professional development experiences for young women and help spread conservative ideas across the country.



Jo Jensen, co-founder of Little Lion Impact, and Nikki Hart, leader of the NeW NYC Professional Network Chapter, pose together at the film premiere of "She Rises Up" on June 21.



NeW Campus Program Associates, Jaycee Tyler and Ilah Askren, introduced young women to NeW during the 2024 Young Women's Leadership Summit (YWLS) hosted by Turning Point USA.



On June 8, Kirsten Golinski, NeW Development Manager, joined the women of the Hampton Roads Republican Women's Club to discuss NeW's work to empower college women and new book, *You're Not Alone: The Conservative Woman's Guide to College*.

INTERN SPOTLIGHTS

We were excited to have Chloe Collins and Virginia King intern with NeW over the summer and Katie Caldwell and Holly Tkach intern with NeW during the fall semester.



CHLOE COLLINS

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, CLASS OF 2024
Summer Communications Intern

We are pleased to share that Chloe joined NeW full-time as a Communications Associate.

Why is NeW important? NeW is important because it offers a community of like-minded individuals and provides support, mentorship, and networking opportunities. NeW helps women develop leadership skills to promote conservative values and ensures their voices are heard.



VIRGINIA KING

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY, CLASS OF 2028
Summer Chapter and Events Intern

How do you think NeW is making a difference? I know NeW is making a tremendous difference in the lives of conservative college women. Thanks to NeW, I've met my best friends and felt a sense of belonging on campus. NeW has also provided me with a variety of professional opportunities, including this internship. There is truly no other organization like NeW.



KATIE CALDWELL

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY, CLASS OF 2026
Fall Chapter and Events Intern

What did you learn while interning with NeW? During my internship, I learned valuable time-management skills. Balancing my internship hours with classes and other extracurricular activities taught me to manage my time in a way I never had to before.



HOLLY TKACH

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY, CLASS OF 2025
Fall Communications Intern

How do you think NeW is making a difference? NeW is equipping young women with professional skills and preparing them to excel in the workplace.

Why We Give

JIM & MAGGIE LEEF

Dear Friends,

We have made it a priority in our lives to seek out and engage organizations that foster our values: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

We had known Kirsten Golinski for several years before she joined the development team at NeW. We were impressed by her professionalism, maturity, and commitment to the ideals that made this country great. She introduced us to NeW and the important work they are doing on college campuses.

It was refreshing to hear about an organization that educates, inspires, and encourages college women to be part of the solution for issues facing college campuses and our society in general.

We continue to support NeW because we like participating in organizations that create positive experiences and encourage constructive activities that provide rewarding outcomes for others.

NeW is positively impacting the next generation of women who are vital to the future of our nation. We are pleased to see NeW grow in size across more campuses and cities.

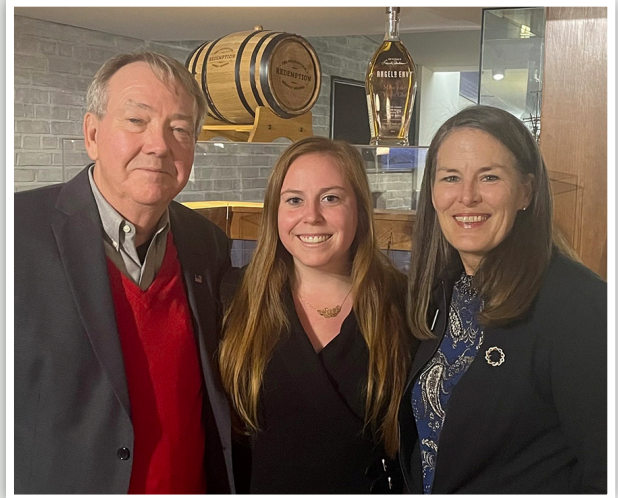
We would love to see a surge in the number of motivated, successful, independent-thinking leaders. That's why we encourage you to join us in financially investing in the work NeW is doing to create a pipeline of future conservative female leaders.

We trust NeW to effectively and efficiently deploy resources to good ends. We happily contribute funds to NeW's goal to further our shared commitment to empowering young conservative women for years to come.

Sincerely,

Jim and Maggie

Jim and Maggie Leef
Pewaukee, Wisconsin



Jim Leef, Kirsten Golinski, and Maggie Leef, pictured together in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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QUESTIONS?

Email Karin Lips at:
karin@enlightenedwomen.org.

2024 NeW Leadership Retreat

Before the school year kicked off, NeW chapter leaders from across the country joined together in Boston, Massachusetts, for the NeW Leadership Retreat from Friday, August 2 to Sunday, August 4.

The NeW Leadership Retreat gives young conservative women an opportunity to build relationships with other like-minded women, prepare their chapter plans for the semester, and become trained ambassadors for conservative ideas on campus.

Attendees heard from an inspirational lineup of women including:

- **Christina Bain**, Visiting Fellow at Tufts University and former Director of Babson College's Initiative on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery
- **Dr. Anne Bradley**, Vice President of Academic Affairs at The Fund for American Studies
- **Julia Canzano**, NeW Alumna from Boston College and Program Manager at Boston College High School
- **Amy Carnevale**, Government Affairs Advisor and Chair of the Massachusetts Republican Party
- **Emma Foley**, NeW Alumna from Boston College and Content Manager at *National Review*
- **Alicia McCaslin**, Business Owner and Professional Stylist
- **Mary Margaret Olohan**, author and Senior Reporter at *The Daily Wire*

These leaders empowered attendees for the upcoming semester by educating them on policy and training them on how to present their arguments in the most compelling way.



Ava Wetzel and Makayla Owens from NeW at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign enjoyed meeting Mary Margaret Olohan, Senior Reporter at *The Daily Wire*, and getting a copy of her book, *Detrans*, signed.

In addition to hearing from guest speakers, attendees had access to one-on-one sessions with the NeW Campus Program Associates and planning time to build successful chapters and events on campus.

Nicole Kelly, Vice President of NeW at Florida State University, shared, *"I've never felt more empowered to create a warm and engaging environment for conservative women on my campus."*

The Chapter Awards Celebration Dinner wrapped up a successful weekend. This fun event recognized chapters and student leaders who had done stellar work during the 2023-2024 school year. NeW at Harvard University received the NeW in the News award for the way the chapter leaders carried themselves after backlash for hosting Riley Gaines, former collegiate swimmer and advocate for women's spaces. The entire editorial board of their school's student newspaper wrote a hit piece on this chapter's event. Throughout it all, the leaders remained classy and true to themselves and their beliefs.





On the first day of the Leadership Retreat, attendees were given a tour of the Massachusetts State House by State Representative David DeCoste.



Dr. Anne Bradley, Vice President of Academic Affairs at The Fund for American Studies, was a favorite speaker among Retreat attendees. Bradley discussed how economic freedom positively impacts women and families.



Emily Johnson, President of NeW at Xavier University, received the NeW Writer of the Year award during the Chapter Awards Celebration Dinner. Johnson participated in the NeW Student Media Fellowship and has been published in the *Washington Examiner* and *The Conservateur*.



Retreat attendees enjoyed exploring historical sites along the Freedom Trail together.



When asked about her experience, Elizabeth Mitchell, Vice President of NeW at the University of Notre Dame, said, *"Leaving Retreat, I felt a heightened sense of confidence as a leader and excitement to get more involved with NeW in the fall!"*



During the "Leading a Successful Chapter" breakout session, Jaycee Tyler and Ilah Askren, NeW Campus Program Associates and NeW alumnae, provided the women with tips to grow their impact on campus.



Bringing Conservative Leaders to Campus

NeW promotes conservative ideas on campus and encourages the intellectual diversity that is often lacking in the classroom. This fall, chapters brought in speakers and hosted discussions on topics such as free speech, antisemitism, and Title IX.

This fall, NeW chapters hosted Mary Karp, Director of Christian Outreach at StandWithUs, to discuss the October 7th attack on Israel and the relationship between the United States and Israel.



On September 17, members of NeW at the University of Alabama enjoyed a dinner discussion with Mary Karp.



Despite hateful comments and threats of protests, NeW at Texas Tech University successfully hosted Mary Karp on October 15. The university provided extra police for the event due to the threats.



On November 7, Mary Karp spoke to NeW at Samford University about the October 7th attack on Israel.



NeW at Baylor University hosted a discussion with Isabelle Redfield, Co-Founder of *The Conservateur*, on October 16. Redfield shared her experience working in conservative media and founding a company.



On September 19, NeW at Georgetown University hosted Jessica Costescu, NeW alumna and reporter for the *Washington Free Bacon*. Costescu offered advice to students looking to work in the media.

This fall, the women of NeW at four chapters courageously stood up for women's spaces, including sports. NeW chapters partnered with the Leadership Institute to host "Take Back Title IX" featuring Riley Gaines, former NCAA swimmer.



On November 5, Cherise Trump, Executive Director of Speech First and NeW Advisory Board Member, spoke to NeW at the University of South Carolina about the importance of free speech on campus and provided resources for the women to help them protect their rights.



Caroline Downey, multimedia reporter at *National Review*, spoke to NeW at Grand Canyon University on October 14. Downey shared how she landed her dream job working in media and encouraged the women to think for themselves, something too often missing on college campuses.



Members of NeW at Catholic University enjoyed meeting Riley Gaines on November 21.



On November 20, Riley Gaines spoke to a room of more than 250 attendees at Purdue University.



On November 4, Riley Gaines encouraged the women of NeW at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to keep speaking out and standing up for what they believe in.



NeW at the University of Cincinnati hosted Riley Gaines, the chapter's first speaker, on November 8.

NeW on CAMPUS

Advancing Conservatism on Campus

NeW chapter members table on campus, sharing materials with the broader campus community, and recruiting their peers to learn more about conservative ideas. Their positive attitudes and confident grasp of their beliefs challenge the false narrative of what a conservative looks like today.



On September 17, NeW at the University of South Florida celebrated Constitution Day by partnering with the James Madison Institute to hand out pocket-sized Constitutions to students on campus and recruit new chapter members.



Brooke Sauer, President of NeW at Oakland University, was delighted to welcome women to their chapter at GrizzFest, the school's organization fair, on September 10.



On October 29, members of NeW at the University of Florida encouraged their peers to get civically involved by painting a "Go Vote" mural on campus.



On August 30, NeW at Towson University recruited women to the chapter by sharing how their group is making an impact on campus and beyond.



NeW at Liberty University chapter leaders, Kiley Carter, Rosemary Heath, and Cameron Pflieger, invited women to join the chapter and highlighted upcoming events during the campus block party on August 31.



On October 25, NeW at Florida International University partnered with the campus Turning Point USA chapter to host "Protect Women's Sports." Leaders of the chapter advocated for keeping biological men out of women's sports and recruited new members.



On September 10, the leaders of NeW at Christendom College introduced the chapter to their peers during the school's fall club fair.



On August 29, members of NeW at Samford University tabled at the school's involvement fair to help grow their chapter and meet new women.



NeW at West Virginia University hosted a "Save Women's Sports" event on October 10, to bring awareness to the biological differences of men and women.



On September 6, the leaders of NeW at Harvard confidently promoted conservative values and the chapter during the school's activities fair.



Victoria Walker, President NeW at Southern Methodist University, encouraged women to get involved with the chapter at the university's organization fair on September 4.

"Through NeW, I've found a group of strong, confident, and conservative women who I will stick side-by-side with even past graduation."

Abbie Romanowski – President of NeW at Loyola University Chicago



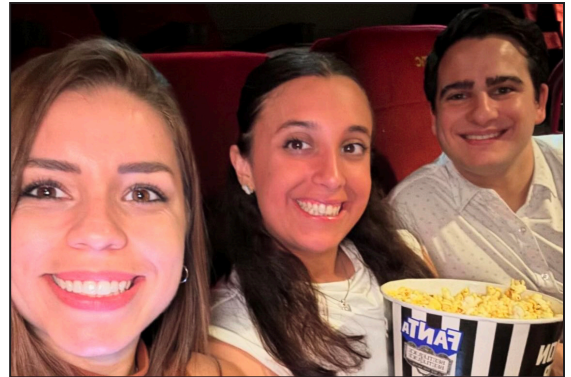
On October 10, NeW at William Paterson University hosted "Protect Women's Sports" on campus. Members of the chapter made t-shirts and tabled on campus to bring awareness to the importance of protecting women's spaces and keeping biological men out of women's sports.

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 chapters welcome like-minded women into the NeW Network through fun recruiting events. Creating a community builds confidence in conservative women to speak up.



On October 21, NeW at Florida State University brought women together to take a break from studying and enjoy an evening of pumpkin painting.



On August 29, Fabiana Kengel, Treasurer of NeW at William Paterson University; Ariana Alonso, President of NeW at William Paterson University; and Matt Cairo, 2024 NeW Gentleman Showcase Winner, were invited to a screening of Matt Walsh's "Am I Racist?"



NeW at James Madison University hosted the first meeting of the semester on September 2 and got members excited about the upcoming school year.



NeW at the University of Delaware hosted the chapter's first meeting on September 13. Members of the chapter painted cowgirl hats and discussed their experiences as conservative women on campus.



On November 16, members of NeW at the University of Tampa attended a girls' night at the local gun range where they practiced their shooting skills and learned firearm safety.



On September 16, NeW at Radford University connected conservative women on campus by hosting an event, "Being Conservative is Tye Dye For."



On October 1, members of NeW at American University took a break from studying to watch the Vice Presidential debate together.



To get in the fall spirit, members of NeW at Southern Methodist University decorated pumpkin cookies and discussed current events on November 1.



On October 10, NeW at Texas A&M hosted an ice cream social to welcome new members to the chapter.



On September 30, NeW at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign kicked off their semester. Members of the chapter made cards for strong independent women in their lives and discussed what being conservative means.



On October 29, NeW at Indiana University encouraged community among conservative women by hosting a craft night for ladies to decorate makeup bags.



NeW at Liberty hosted a tote bag painting event to recruit new women to the chapter on October 19.

Educating, Equipping, and Empowering Conservative Women

Often there is little to no professional guidance on campus for young women to turn to. This fall, NeW chapters hosted professional development trainings to prepare their members for success after college.



On November 13, NeW at Cornell University hosted “10 Career Tips You Can’t Get from Corporate” featuring Emma Foley, NeW alumna from Boston College and Content Manager at *National Review*.



On October 22, NeW at Texas State University partnered with Texas State Career Services to host a resume workshop for members of the chapter. Attendees learned how to better articulate their strengths through their resumes.



On September 13, members of NeW at Texas Tech University had the opportunity to attend an exclusive resume workshop with staff from the Texas Tech University Career Center.



On October 9, members of NeW at Baylor University attended an etiquette course where they learned proper manners for social and professional settings.



On October 16, NeW at Catholic University hosted a “Lead Like a Lady Professional Development” event. The event included a panel featuring Mary Catherine Machalec, an Internship Program Manager at The Heritage Foundation; Abigail Shepard, a University Recruiter at Gartner; and Sofia Huizar, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer at IGNITE.

ConSERVative

NeW encourages women to be leaders in their communities, which includes serving others. One person or a small group can make a big difference. Community service is a great way to demonstrate the impact that people have when they act in their own community rather than relying on the federal government.



On November 13, members of NeW at Xavier University celebrated Veteran's Day by writing letters to local veterans.



On November 9, members of NeW at Texas State University visited Brooksdale Senior Living Center to honor local veterans and spouses of fallen veterans.



On November 9, members of NeW at the University of Arizona volunteered at Caring Ministries, a local nonprofit. The ladies helped package boxes of food for those in need.



On October 21, NeW at Towson sold homemade cookies on campus. The proceeds went to the Red Cross' response efforts to help the victims of Hurricanes Milton and Helen.

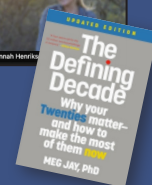


Network of enlightened Women Book Clubs

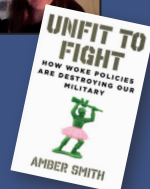
NeW was started as a book club encouraging women to think about new ideas that they might not be introduced to in the classroom. This fall, NeW continued this tradition, reading books about professional development, the negative impact of woke policies, and the importance of strong family units.



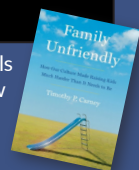
On June 18, members of NeW discussed Meg Jay's book, *The Defining Decade: Why your twenties matter and how to make the most of them now, and actions they can take now to set themselves up for future success.*



On September 18, NeW hosted a book club featuring Amber Smith, U.S. Army combat veteran and author of *Unfit to Fight: How Woke Policies Are Destroying Our Military*. Smith shared her experience in the Army and discussed the erosion of the military's warrior ethos due to woke policies.



NeW hosted a book club for students and young professionals on November 19. Attendees discussed Timothy Carney's new book, *Family Unfriendly: How Our Culture Made Raising Kids Much Harder Than It Needs to Be*, and his conversation with Karin Lips on *The Conservative Woman's Guide* podcast.



NeW on CAMPUS

Supporting NeW Chapters Nationwide

NeW is proud to have a Campus Team that includes two NeW alumnae who were each outstanding chapter leaders on their respective campuses. This fall, the NeW Campus Team traveled across the country visiting 29 college campuses. During these visits, the team built personal relationships with chapter executive board members and provided helpful resources to set the chapters up for success during the school year.



On October 16, Jaycee Tyler spoke to members of NeW at the University of Arizona. Tyler shared her experience as a chapter leader at Texas Tech University and discussed professional development opportunities for the women.



The executive board of NeW at Texas Christian University and Jaycee Tyler, NeW Campus Program Associate, met for dinner on October 3. The women strategized plans for the semester.



On October 8, Ilah Askren, Campus Program Associate, and Marie-Clare Matricardi, President of NeW at the University of Virginia, met for coffee to discuss chapter plans and brainstorm recruiting efforts.



On October 23, Ilah Askren met with the executive board of NeW at the University of South Florida to discuss the climate for conservative students on campus and upcoming chapter events.



On October 28, NeW at West Virginia University hosted a Halloween craft night. Ilah Askren enjoyed getting to know the student leaders and hearing about their semester.



On October 30, Ilah Askren, NeW Campus Program Associate, visited the NeW chapter at Cornell University. Askren met members of the chapter and provided updates from NeW National.



On October 17, NeW at Colorado Christian University hosted an informational meeting featuring Jaycee Tyler, NeW Campus Program Associate. Tyler helped recruit new members to the chapter.

Occupational Licensing VICTORIES in Ohio and Tennessee!

Outdated occupational licensing rules are failing women in America. In Ohio and Tennessee, outdated licensing rules made it difficult for part-time lawyers — many of whom are women — to remain in the workforce. Most states provide a way for lawyers who pass the bar exam in one state to be licensed when they move states without having to take another bar exam. And most states don't require full-time work.

In Ohio and Tennessee, however, lawyers were required to practice full-time to be admitted without examination.

Women comprise two-thirds of voluntary part-time workers. In 2016, about one in five working women worked part-time voluntarily. Around 30% of moms with children under 18 at home prefer part-time work. Additionally, women make up more than 70% of the 6.2% of lawyers who work part-time at law firms.

NeW filed petitions with the Supreme Courts of Ohio and Tennessee to change their rules. In response, both Courts solicited written comments on the issue. NeW women and supporters wrote in urging the states to repeal their outdated rules.

In April, the Supreme Court of Ohio joined the Supreme Court of Tennessee in removing the full-time work requirement.

NeW is proud to make a difference and support women having more work options.

Thank you to the following partner organizations that submitted comments:

Alliance Defending Freedom
Beacon Center of Tennessee
The Buckeye Institute
Cato Institute
Goldwater Institute
Independent Women's Forum
Institute for Justice
Mountain States Legal Foundation
R Street Institute



SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

Congratulations to the NeW graduating class of December 2024! 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.



Emely Almendarez
University of Florida

Post-grad plans: I will be attending graduate school.

"NeW allowed me to grow as a student leader and sparked my interest in political communication and law."

Sarah Baisler
Texas Christian University

Post-grad plans: I will be working as a financial analyst at Amazon.

"It's difficult to find other conservative women on campus, but NeW helped me find friends that share the same values as I do."



Sariah Archer
Texas Tech University

Favorite NeW Event: The Texas Tech chapter event at the shooting range.

"I enjoyed connecting with other conservative women who are passionate about speaking up. NeW is very inspiring!"

Lucy Christoff
American University

Favorite NeW Event: The NeW 20th Anniversary Gala in Washington, DC.

"NeW gave me the confidence to speak up as a conservative woman surrounded by people with far-left views."



Jamie Burke
Baylor University

Favorite NeW Event: My chapter's book club discussions.

"NeW provides a space for conservative women to talk about shared experiences. NeW is both a support system and a space for intellectual and emotional growth."

Chloe Collins
Texas A&M University

Favorite NeW Event: The 2024 Leadership Retreat.

"NeW gave me a community of like-minded women. I feel supported no matter what I do and can always turn to them no matter what."



Emma Drummonds
Radford University

Post-grad plans: I plan to begin my career in marketing.

"Thanks to NeW, I'm truly getting out of my shell and becoming confident in my beliefs."





Emma Duncan
Radford University

Post-grad plans: I plan on attending graduate school to get my doctorate degree in Occupational Therapy.

"NeW has given me the courage to speak my mind in any room. I'm no longer afraid to share my beliefs with others."

Madi Smith

Texas A&M University

Post-grad plans: I will be participating in a program to receive my teaching certification.

"NeW provided me an opportunity to grow and develop my leadership skills that I will take with me into my career."



Raleigh White

Texas Christian University

Post-grad plans: I will be working as a financial analyst at Bell Flight.

"NeW allowed me to build a strong network of women who have the same values as me."



Sarah Klevenhagen

James Madison University

Post-grad plans: I plan to work as a technical writer in the healthcare field.

"NeW helped me find my voice. As someone who used to be afraid to speak up, I learned that it's okay to disagree with people and stand my ground."

Kaitlyn Wilhelm

Texas Christian University

Post-grad plans: I will be working as an analyst at American Airlines.

"NeW taught me leadership skills, allowed me to form friendships, and helped me gain confidence to speak about my beliefs."



Abbie Romanowski

Loyola University Chicago

Post-grad plans: I will be working in law enforcement.

"NeW has taught me to never be fearful to say what I believe, especially in a world where women are scoffed at for being conservative."

Sydney Wober

University of South Carolina

Post-grad plans: I'll be working for a credit card processing sales company in North Myrtle Beach.

"NeW showed me that there are more women like me than I thought."



**CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF 2024!**

NeW Professional Network

After graduation, young women are looking for a conservative network of peers. NeW Professional Network Chapters provide a community in which young conservative women come together to connect, learn, and grow in their careers. This fall, the NeW Professional Network Chapters in Atlanta, Boston, Columbia, DC, New York City, and Philadelphia have been actively engaging young conservative women.



On July 23, Carrie Sheffield spoke to members of the NeW DC Professional Network about her memoir.

The **Boston Professional Network Chapter** celebrated the beginning of summer by hosting a social for members on June 19. Members of the Chapter also joined some recent graduates for lunch during the 2024 Leadership Retreat in Boston, Massachusetts. The Chapter wrapped up the year with a dinner on December 12.

On September 22, the **NeW Atlanta Professional Network Chapter** hosted an event featuring Georgia State Representative Deborah Silcox. On October 1, members of the Chapter attended an event hosted by Women Lead Right, a conservative organization that trains Georgia women in grassroots advocacy.

This fall, NeW launched the **Columbia Professional Network Chapter** in South Carolina. On November 7, the Chapter hosted its first event.

The **NeW DC Professional Network Chapter** hosted a dinner with Carrie Sheffield, author, columnist, and broadcaster, on July 23. Sheffield discussed her memoir, *Motorhome Prophecies: A Journey of Healing and Forgiveness*. The Chapter also hosted Missy Pratt from the Institute of World Politics on October 28 on the power of networking.



NeW's newest chapter!

Members of the Columbia Professional Network Chapter in South Carolina posed for a photo together to commemorate the Chapter's inaugural event on November 7.



Conservative women in New York City had the opportunity to connect with like-minded ladies and learn more about opportunities with NeW at the Chapter's event on August 14.

Women in the area gathered for a post-election discussion.

The **NeW NYC Professional Network Chapter** hosted a dinner on November 20, featuring Raquel Debono, Director of Marketing and Communications for Date Right and former Chief of Staff of the Nova Music Festival Exhibit in New York City.

On November 14, the **NeW Philadelphia Professional Network Chapter** hosted a networking dinner for women in the city.



On September 22, Representative Deborah Silcox joined the Atlanta Professional Network to share her experience as a conservative woman in the state legislature.

ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHTS

When young conservative women get involved in NeW during their college years, they find a community of like-minded women on campus and join a national network. Throughout the years, NeW women have graduated and gone on to accomplish incredible things.

Meet three of our successful NeW alumnae.

VICTORIA SNITSAR CHURCHILL

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, CLASS OF 2018

Victoria Snitsar Churchill is the Founder of Freedom Shots Media and Victory Media Management. During the 2024 election, she was a Swing State Campaign Reporter at the *New York Post*. One of her favorite memories from the campaign trail was traveling on Trump Force Two with Vice President-elect JD Vance on the night of the Presidential Debate between President-elect Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris and then flying to New York City that same night to attend the 9/11 Memorial Service as a member of the Vance Press Pool.

Do you have any favorite book or podcast recommendations?

I spent much of my time between campaign events listening to a number of podcasts including *The Happy Women Podcast* with Katie Gorka and Jennifer Horn, and Gabriella Hoffman's *The Sportswoman Show*.



DARCY WALL

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, CLASS OF 2023

Darcy Wall currently serves as a Real Estate Paralegal and assists individuals who are in the process of buying or selling a home. She is also a Pilates Instructor on the side.

How has being a part of NeW made an impact on you? NeW provided opportunities for me to grow in my beliefs and meet women who encouraged me to keep running the race in talking about conservatism on my college campus where it's not commonly accepted.



GABBY WIGGINS

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, CLASS OF 2022

Gabby Wiggins is the Deputy Press Secretary for Senator Steve Daines. In her role, she assists with preparing Senator Daines for interviews and staffing his events and press conferences.

What advice do you have college women?

Get involved on campus, whether it's through clubs, church groups, or sports. Find a good mentor that you trust and stay in touch with that person as the years go by. Most of all, have fun!





NeW Capitol Hill Intern Summit

On October 10, 2024, NeW hosted the Fall Capitol Hill Intern Summit in Washington, DC. The event brought together female interns and staffers on Capitol Hill for a day of networking, professional development training, and policy discussions.

Attendees heard from Caitlin Canter, Senior Vice President of Government Relations at Avog, for a session titled, “The Intersection of Politics and Policy: Insights from Capitol Hill to Corporate Advocacy.” Canter discussed different career paths on Capitol Hill and offered advice to help attendees flourish in their professions.

They also heard from Jennifer Huddleston, Senior Fellow in Technology Policy at the Cato Institute. Huddleston discussed “Tech Policy at the Forefront: AI and the 2024 Election.”

The young women left the event better equipped to succeed professionally and with a community of fellow conservative women.



Caitlin Canter discussed her experience working for Rep. Devin Nunes and provided advice to attendees to help them navigate their careers on Capitol Hill.



Jennifer Huddleston discussed the impact artificial intelligence could have on the 2024 Presidential election and on technology policy overall.



Students had the opportunity to ask the speakers questions during the Q&A portion of the program



The conference was also valuable to the attendees because it gave them the opportunity to connect with other like-minded women from different offices on Capitol Hill.



Attendees, such as Elaine Gunthorpe, took advantage of the opportunity to receive a free professional headshot.

On the Air with Season Three of *The Conservative Woman's Guide* podcast

This fall, NeW launched Season Three of *The Conservative Woman's Guide* podcast. This season, the podcast covers topics such as proper etiquette in a professional setting, family-friendly policies, and entrepreneurship.



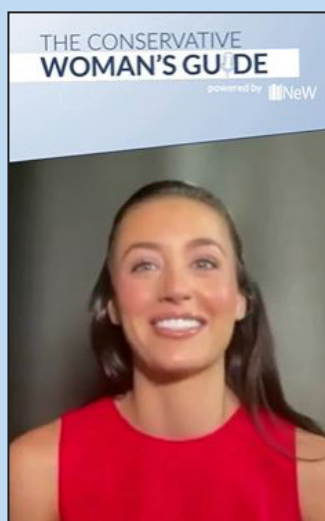
Alison Cheperdak, Founder of Elevate Etiquette, and Karin Lips discussed the importance of etiquette and best practices in professional settings.



Anita McBride, former Chief of Staff to First Lady Laura Bush, joined the podcast to dive into the legacies of our nation's First Ladies, her two decades of service in the White House, and the importance of intellectual diversity on campus.



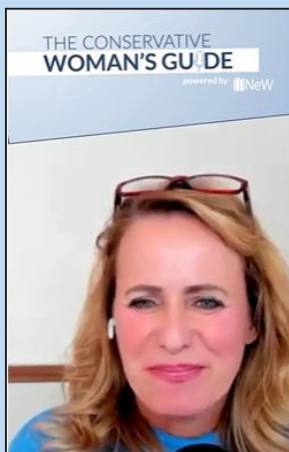
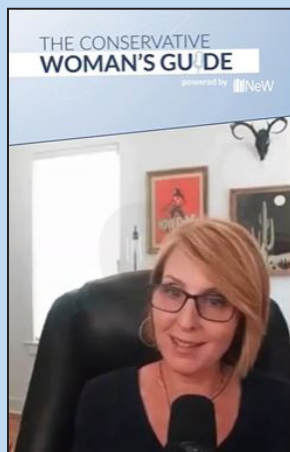
Timothy Carney, Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, joined Lips on the podcast to discuss his new book, *Family Unfriendly: How Our Culture Made Raising Kids Much Harder Than It Needs to Be*.



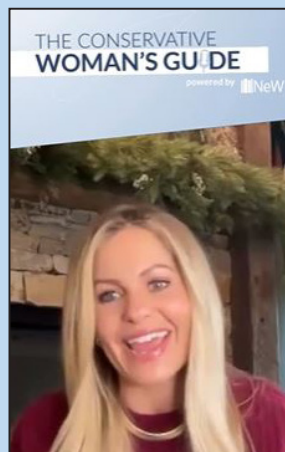
Hope Harvard, Founder of Hope Beauty, shared the founding story of her makeup line and provided advice for aspiring entrepreneurs.



Listen to the podcast on Ricochet Audio Network, Apple, Spotify, or wherever you get your podcasts.



Amy Jo Clark and Miriam Weaver, Hosts of the *Chicks on The Right* podcast, shared their thoughts on the mainstream media and provided tips to listeners on how to get educated on topics during a presidential election year.



Candace Cameron Bure, actress and author, discussed overcoming fear to speak up for conservative ideas in typically progressive places such as Hollywood. She encouraged NeW members to lean on their faith.

Cheers to 20 Years of NeW!



Karin Lips was delighted to celebrate NeW's 20th anniversary with Ilah Askren, NeW Campus Program Associate, and student leaders Lillian Everett, Breda Brosey, and Nicole Huyer.



During her remarks, U.S. Senator Blackburn praised NeW for our work to empower young women to speak out on college campuses.



During the cocktail reception, NeW members, such as Cameron Teel, had the opportunity to meet Senator Marsha Blackburn.

This September, NeW hosted a 20th Anniversary Gala in Washington, DC to celebrate two decades of empowering the next generation of conservative women leaders.

We were honored to name Senator Marsha Blackburn as the 2024 Empowered Woman of the Year. In her keynote speech, Senator Blackburn praised NeW for the impact we are having on college campuses and shared about her efforts to protect women's spaces. She said, *"The work that you're doing is to be celebrated. The education that you're doing, the equipping and getting people involved in the process is incredibly important."* She continued, *"The fact you have gone to so many college campuses and have challenged the status quo....congratulations on that!"*

The Gala brought together our top student and professional network members, coalition friends, and supporters for an evening of celebration and inspiration. It was an honor to have so many women in the crowd who have benefitted from our work, from giving them a community that empowers them to speak out to connecting them with jobs and internships.

We were pleased to have friends there from coalition groups such as America's Future, Cato Institute, the Competitive Enterprise Institute, the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, the Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity, the Heritage Foundation, the Hertog Foundation, the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Speech First, and Young Voices, among others.

Abigail Bettendorf, Secretary of NeW at Georgetown University, shared, *"Attending the NeW 20th Anniversary Gala was such a great experience! I truly enjoyed networking with NeW supporters from across the country and hearing from Senator Blackburn!"*



A big round of applause for Karin Lips and her determination 20 years ago to create a way to empower conservative women on campus, and for her hard work and countless hours spent building the organization with her staff. NeW is a blessing to thousands of college-age and professional young women.



Clarice Smith, NeW Board Chair, and Karin Lips, Founder and President of NeW, presented the 2024 NeW Empowered Woman of the Year award to Senator Marsha Blackburn before her remarks.



Thanks to all of our donors who have supported our mission and made these 20 amazing years possible!



Kaitlyn Corsarie, President of NeW at American University, led Gala attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance before dinner.



NeW alumnae Maura Schlee, Neetu Arnold, and Kelley Babphavong enjoyed the photo opportunity with Senator Blackburn.

EMPOWER

NeW cultivates a vibrant community of women through campus chapters, professional chapters, and our online presence that emboldens participants to confidently advocate for pro-liberty ideas in their schools, workplaces, homes, and communities. NeW also connects program participants with career-advancing professional opportunities.



Members of the NeW DC Professional Network Chapter pose for a photo together during the cocktail reception.

Promoting Conservative Principles Online

Conservative college and young professional women are online — so NeW is meeting them there. NeW social media pages are a place for conservative women to connect with one another, find thought-provoking content, engage with influential women leaders, and learn about new opportunities.

Candace Cameron Bure, author and actress, encouraged her Instagram followers to listen to her discussion with Karin Lips on *The Conservative Woman's Guide* podcast. Our Instagram reel highlighting this podcast episode has received more than 220,000 views.



On August 4, Paula Scanlan, a former swimmer at the University of Pennsylvania and Legislative Liaison at the Independent Women's Forum, reshared on her Instagram story the op-ed that our student Elaine Gunthorpe wrote.



Caitlin Canter, Senior Vice President of Government Relations at Avoq, posted about speaking at NeW's Fall Capitol Hill Intern Summit in October.



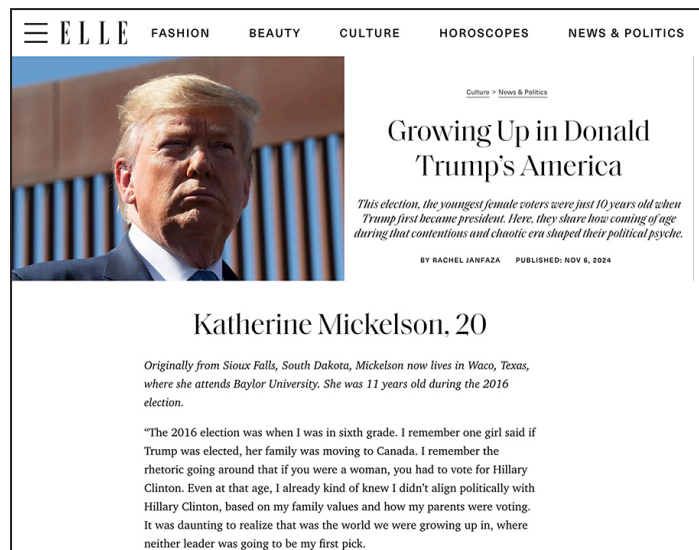
On August 10, our Instagram post celebrating young women speaking out for conservative values received more than 200 likes.



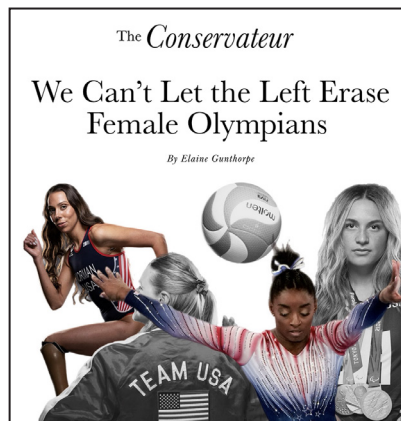
Mary Margaret Olohan, author and Senior Reporter at *The Daily Wire*, reshared on her Instagram story our recap of her session at the 2024 Leadership Retreat

NeW in the News

NeW is pleased to be a resource for members of the media when they are looking for a female conservative student perspective and voice. This standing allows NeW to support our women interested in pursuing a career in media or simply wanting to effectively make the case for their ideas in the media.



Ahead of the 2024 election, *Elle* magazine featured 11 young women who shared the moments during Donald Trump's presidency that helped shape their ideology today as voters. Only three of the women were conservative and all three were found through NeW. Katherine Mickelson, member of NeW at Baylor University, was one of the women featured. Despite ridicule from their peers, NeW women are courageously advocating for conservative values on their college campuses and challenging the narrative that all women must think the same way.



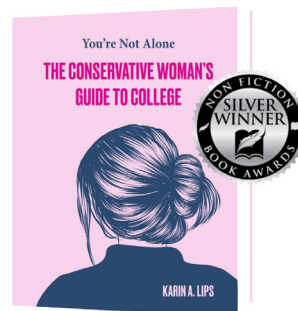
On August 1, Elaine Gunthorpe, former President of NeW at Christendom College and 2024 NeW Student Media Fellow, was published in *The Conservateur*. Gunthorpe argues that biological men should be kept out of women's sports.



On July 1, Virginia King, President of NeW at Texas State University and 2024 NeW Student Media Fellow, was published in *The College Fix*. Following the publication of her op-ed, King was offered a reporting job with *The College Fix*.



When *Glamour* magazine wanted to include the voice of a young conservative woman in an article on Gen Z and the election, the writer turned to NeW. We introduced her to Ellie Porte, NeW alumna from American University. The article, which features college-aged women with different political backgrounds, highlights some of the hostility Porte experienced as a conservative woman on her campus.



The mission of the Network of enlightened Women is to foster the education and leadership of conservative university women.

You are invited to be part of the NeW President's Club

The NeW 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 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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Attn: Karin Lips
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- Copy of NeW-authored book
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