

# Enlightened Ink

**SENIOR  
SPOTLIGHTS  
2025**

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Young conservative women regularly have to fight back against the progressive feminism that the campus atmosphere and the mainstream media push them to embrace. NeW provides an alternative community of free-thinking women.

It is crucial that we reach young women while they are still forming their ideas, educate them on the importance of limited government and personal responsibility, and give them the ammunition they need to fight the progressive policies peddled to them on campus and beyond.

Throughout this issue of *Enlightened Ink*, you will read about the programs we provide to educate young women on pro-liberty principles and equip them with the tools to speak up. Don't miss the highlights from our Spring Capitol Hill Intern Summit on page 23.

NeW is training young women and developing a pipeline of future conservative leaders. Don't miss pages 15-19, which highlight more than 40 NeW seniors from campuses across the country and their plans after graduation. I'm delighted to welcome them to the NeW Professional Network and see all they accomplish professionally and in their communities!

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

With gratitude,



Karin Lips  
NeW Founder and President





# PARTNERING TO BUILD THE CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT

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

Kirsten Golinski, NeW Member Engagement Manager, and Alexis Flowers, Vice President of Programs, joined our friends at America's Future on May 22, 2025, to celebrate 30 years of empowering young people to be active citizens who drive change in their communities.



Virginia King, President of NeW at Texas State University, spoke at the Hays County Republican Women's Club meeting on January 14, 2025. King shared how she has benefited from the programs offered by NeW and how the NeW at Texas State chapter is reaching young women on campus.



Thanks to our generous supporters, we were able to provide scholarships for members of NeW at the University of Tampa to attend the 2025 Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Washington, DC.

In May, members of NeW at the University of South Florida participated in the Youth Leadership School Freedom Cruise hosted by the Leadership Institute.







Mary Sullivan (second from left) pictured with her friends and Virginia Lieutenant Governor Winsome Sears (center) at the NeW Leadership Retreat Gala in Washington, DC.

# Why I Give

MARY A. SULLIVAN

In July 2023, I was delighted to receive an invitation to attend the NeW Leadership Gala in Washington, DC, featuring a keynote address by Virginia Lieutenant Governor Winsome Sears.

Since I had never heard of this organization, I did a quick Google search and was so taken by their mission to train and empower conservative women on college campuses across America. What a terrific and important endeavor! I knew that I had to support them.

I enthusiastically attended the gala with a few friends. We were all so impressed by all the student leaders being honored that night. We saw the positive impact NeW is having on college campuses first-hand. The evening was truly awe-inspiring, and it was made even more memorable by a photo with Winsome Sears.

Following the gala, I knew I needed to continue to support their efforts to empower conservative women across the country. I know my contributions are training young women to stand strong and better articulate their conservative values among the liberal majority.

I have been a staunch supporter of NeW since the Leadership Gala in 2023.

I'm so thankful that I was first invited to the Gala!

Sincerely,

*Mary Sullivan*

Mary A. Sullivan, Fairfax Station, Virginia

If you would like to join Mary and other NeW supporters, below are a few options. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Karin Lips via phone call or email.

## 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

## 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.

## QUESTIONS?

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



# INTERN SPOTLIGHTS

We were excited to have Isabelle Brumley and Natalie Price intern with NeW during the spring semester. As interns, these students played an active role in advancing our mission on campuses, emboldened their fellow conservative women, and gained practical professional experience in a fully remote work environment.

## ISABELLE BRUMLEY

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY, CLASS OF 2027

Spring Chapter and Events Intern

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

I've loved being a part of NeW as a member and a chapter leader. I wanted to be more involved to help the organization grow and empower more young women to speak up about their conservative beliefs.

### What did you learn while interning for NeW?

I learned a lot about how NeW operates. As a chapter leader, you don't really understand what goes on behind the scenes. My experience as an intern will help me to better lead my chapter.



## NATALIE PRICE

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, CLASS OF 2027

Spring Communications Intern

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

In my opinion, the most important conservative issue is government overreach and waste. The size of the federal government has expanded beyond what our Founding Fathers intended, causing massive debt and the overwhelming waste of hardworking Americans' money. Many political issues stem from the fact that our government has created countless bureaucracies and agencies that overstep the boundaries of our constitutional rights.

### What was your favorite part of your NeW internship?

My favorite part was the connections I made and the community I became a part of. NeW has become an outlet for me to meet women who have similar values. I also gained invaluable life advice and insight on law school, both of which I truly appreciate.





# 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 two of our successful NeW alumnae.

## KATELYN RICKERT

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, CLASS OF 2024

Katelyn is a Legislative Correspondent for Congressman Marlin Stutzman (IN-03). Her role gives her the chance to interact with constituents from her home state.

### Do you have a favorite book or podcast recommendation to share?

I'm currently reading *Good Energy* by Dr. Casey Means. I'm a big Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) advocate, and this book really supports that mission. (Haley Wisniewski, our second featured alumna, also recommends this book!)

### How has being a part of NeW impacted you?

Being a part of NeW has impacted me in multiple ways. First, I met some of my lifelong friends through NeW at Georgetown. I'm so thankful that I met these ladies and could form lasting relationships. Additionally, NeW was an extremely helpful resource when I was looking for my next job. I received great advice on navigating coffee chats and interviews from several of the women who work with NeW, and I was even connected to someone who has served as a great mentor through that process and beyond. I'm extremely grateful for all that NeW has done for me!

### What advice do you have for college women?

My advice is to find your tribe and don't give up on being an outspoken conservative. Finding friends who think like you is essential to making it through your liberal college classes and the harassment you might face on campus. All the work you do as a conservative is helping to build a community. You may encourage someone else to speak up because you had the courage to do so first. Once you leave college, you'll realize the legacy that you've left behind and feel proud to have stood up for your beliefs. You can truly never expect the impact you will have on others on your campus!



## HALEY WISNIEWSKI

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY, CLASS OF 2020

Haley Wisniewski is the Philanthropy Coordinator at The Policy Circle. In her role, she enjoys being able to creatively engage supporters and build meaningful partnerships.

### Who is a woman past or present who inspires you?

My dear friend and mentor from Colorado, Cheri Carsten, is a huge inspiration to me. She pushes through every obstacle with a smile on her face and brings light to every room — all while being a force to be reckoned with. I strive to be more like her every day!

### How has being a part of NeW impacted you?

My experiences with NeW have taught me the importance of networking and connections. When you have a strong community around you, anything is possible!

### What advice do you have for college women?

Find a hobby or something outside of your future profession and studies that you love to do. It is easy to get lost in the day-to-day, and it is important to celebrate the things that bring you joy.





## Bringing Conservative Leaders to Campus

NeW promotes conservative ideas on campus and encourages the intellectual diversity that is often lacking in the classroom. This spring, chapters brought in speakers and hosted discussions on topics such as protecting women's sports, free speech, and antisemitism.



NeW at the University of Arizona co-hosted Riley Gaines on April 7, 2025.



On April 16, 2025, NeW at Florida International University co-hosted Riley Gaines with the Leadership Institute and the campus Turning Point USA chapter.

Despite President Trump's Executive Order earlier this year, there's still work to be done to protect women's spaces, including in sports.

This spring, six NeW chapters co-hosted Riley Gaines for an event titled, "The Fight is Far From Over." Even with protests, these events attracted large crowds in support of Gaines.

***"When I speak to NeW chapters on college campuses, it's awesome to see so many young women bravely stand up against the Left. NeW is giving young women the confidence and support to voice the truth about the biological differences between men and women. I encourage all conservative women to speak up, get loud, and get involved with NeW."***



On April 15, 2025, Riley Gaines spoke to a room of more than 100 students and supporters at Oakland University.



NeW at Winthrop University was launched this semester. The chapter's event with Riley Gaines on March 24, 2025 was the chapter's first speaker event.



Rachel Boik and Nicole Kelly, members of NeW at Florida State University, enjoyed meeting Riley Gaines on March 28, 2025.





NeW at Christendom College hosted Krista Chavez, NeW alumna from American University and Senior Communications Manager at NetChoice. Drawing on her own experience as a student leader, she inspired the students with an empowering talk on how to boldly and confidently articulate their conservative values.



On April 17, 2025, NeW at the University of South Carolina hosted Grace Valentine, author and host of the *Water Into Wine* podcast. Valentine discussed her new book, *The Better Friend*, and how women can build meaningful relationships in an environment unfavorable to conservatives.



On March 27, 2025, NeW at Radford University hosted "Who Pulled the Trigger?" featuring Ken Stiles, Professor at Virginia Tech University. Stiles discussed the Second Amendment and gun crime in America.



NeW at William Paterson University showed support for Israel by hosting "Understanding the Hamas War on Israel" with Mary Karp, Director of Christian Outreach at StandWithUs, on March 10, 2025.



On April 29, 2025, members of NeW at James Madison University enjoyed hearing from Lily Kate, author and content creator, on "The Golden Age of America."



NeW at Baylor University co-hosted Oliva Krolczyk, a free speech advocate, on April 9, 2025. Krolczyk shared her story of getting banned on TikTok and encouraged the women to continue speaking out for their beliefs.



## Fostering Civic Engagement through Capitol Visits

This semester, NeW chapters in four states led conservative women on tours of their respective state capitol, fostering civic engagement and community.



On March 7, 2025, NeW at Florida State University and the University of South Florida toured the Florida State Capitol. During their visit, members met with State Representative Berny Jacques.



On January 26, 2025, members of NeW chapters at Baylor University, Southern Methodist University, Texas State University, and Texas Tech gathered together in Austin to tour the Texas State Capitol.



During their visit to Austin, members of NeW chapters at Texas schools also participated in the Pro-Life March over the weekend.



The ladies of NeW at Grand Canyon University and the University of Arizona visited the Arizona State Capitol on April 12, 2025.



Members of NeW at Purdue University visited the Indiana State House on February 8, 2025. Olivia Hodge, President of the chapter, shared, "This tour brought our study of The Federalist Papers to life, offering firsthand insight into the legislative process and the role of state governance."



## Educating and Empowering Conservative Women

NeW educates, equips, and empowers young women to be principled leaders for a free society. This spring, NeW chapters hosted discussions to help students stay informed about current events and policies that impact them. Topics included government spending, tradwives vs. girlbosses, and the current state of feminism.



On April 16, 2025, NeW at George Washington University co-hosted a roundtable discussion on the tradwife vs. girlboss movements.



NeW at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill hosted a book club on March 20, 2025. Members of the chapter discussed *Melania*.



On March 22, 2025, NeW at Georgetown University hosted “Bagels and Bureaucracy.” Members of the chapter met for brunch and discussed government spending and the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).



On March 25, 2025, members of NeW at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign met for “Hot Chocolate and Hot Topics.” The members discussed current events and shared experiences as conservative women on campus.



On March 20, 2025, members of NeW at Xavier University celebrated Women's History Month by discussing the conservative women who inspire them to speak up on campus.

*“NeW has enriched my life by introducing me to my closest friends and empowering me to feel confident enough to speak up.”*

**VIRGINIA KING**  
President of NeW at Texas State University



## 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 March 26, 2025, NeW at the University of Virginia hosted a dinner to build camaraderie among the women in the chapter.



NeW at Cornell hosted an ice cream social to celebrate the end of the semester on May 9, 2025. Members of the chapter reminisced about their favorite chapter events.



On March 18, 2025, NeW at American University hosted a dinner for members of the chapter to reconnect after spring break and discuss their plans for the semester.



On April 28, 2025, NeW at the University of Tampa hosted a "Sisterhood at Sunset Social" to welcome new ladies to the chapter.



On February 26, 2025, NeW at the University of South Florida hosted a pottery painting night to recruit new members to the chapter and discuss President Donald Trump's first month in office.



On January 27, 2025, members of NeW at West Virginia University set goals for themselves during their "NeW Year Better Me" event.





On January 21, 2025, NeW at Grand Canyon University hosted a welcome meeting and bouquet-making event for new members of the chapter.



On February 12, 2025, NeW at Colorado Christian University hosted a celebration for Galentine's Day, a national day that honors female friendship.



Members of NeW at the University of Arizona bonded during a sunset hike on February 25, 2025.



NeW at Harvard hosted a brunch on February 22, 2025 to welcome women back to campus and discuss plans for the semester.

On April 1, 2025, NeW at Samford University hosted a charm necklace-making and movie night to celebrate Women's History Month.



On February 13, 2025, NeW at the University of Montana hosted a Galentine's Day celebration for their first meeting of the semester.

In honor of Valentine's Day, NeW at the University of Cincinnati hosted a themed social event on February 13, 2025.



On February 18, 2025, members of NeW at Boston College celebrated the community they built on campus by enjoying açaí fruit bowls and discussing their favorite NeW event.



# 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.

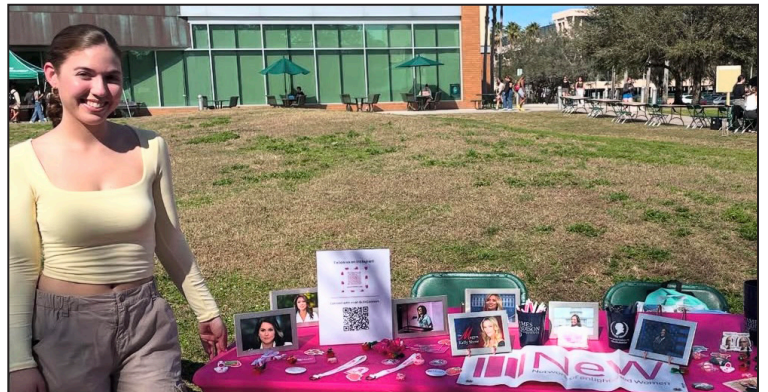


On January 28, 2025, the leaders of NeW at William Paterson University handed out doughnuts on campus and encouraged students to join the chapter.



On April 8, 2025, NeW at Winthrop University set up a photo booth on campus to encourage other students on campus to stand up for women's spaces, especially in sports.

On January 30, 2025, Kati Quigg enthusiastically invited women on campus to join NeW at Southern Methodist University.



On February 4, 2025, NeW at the University of South Florida recruited new members at the Strawberry Festival on campus.



This semester was NeW at the University of Oklahoma's first semester on campus. The chapter hosted its first event on February 26, 2025 to introduce conservative women on campus to NeW.





# 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 spring, the NeW Campus Team traveled across the country visiting 25 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 January 29, 2025, Jaycee Tyler, NeW Campus Program Associate, met with the leaders of NeW at the University of Texas at Austin to plan out the chapter's first event and assist them with getting officially recognized on campus.



On March 7, 2025, Ilah Askren, NeW Campus Program Coordinator, joined the members of NeW chapters in Florida at the State Capitol in Tallahassee.

## Equipping Leaders

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



On February 1, 2025, NeW at Texas A&M hosted "Building Your Brand" featuring Mackenzie Hall, Supply Chain Manager at Lockheed Martin.



On April 23, 2025, NeW at the University of South Florida hosted an event that taught chapter members how to successfully advance in the workplace.



Members of NeW at Oakland University learned how to best articulate their strengths in their resumes and tips for standing out on LinkedIn at the chapter's event on February 17, 2025.

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

**Congratulations to the NeW graduating class of 2025!** 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.



## Ariana Alonso

**William Paterson University**

**Post-Grad plans:** I will continue my education at William Paterson University to receive my Master's Degree in 2026.

"NeW will forever be close to my heart. NeW helped me find my true self during my college journey."

## Avery Bremer

**James Madison University**

**Post-Grad Plans:** I will continue my education in Respiratory Therapy at Frederick Community College in Maryland.

"True friends will love you no matter what your views are. Never be afraid to fight for what you believe in."



## Ally Barnett

**Texas State University**

**Post-Grad Plans:** I will be working as a teacher at a junior high school.

"NeW has given me so many professional development skills that I can use in many different spaces."

## Abigail Buxton

**University of North Carolina Chapel Hill**

**Favorite NeW Memory:** Take Back Title IX Event with Riley Gaines

"Stand firm in your beliefs but be open to listening to other opinions and having genuine conversations."



## Darien Barrera

**University of South Florida**

**Post-Grad plans:** I plan to stay in the Tampa Bay area and work in marketing.

"I've had a wonderful college experience, and NeW has been the defining feature of it. It was through connections I made as a NeW intern that I was able to land my internship with the Independent Women's Forum."



## Tess Carlson

**University of Montana**

**Favorite NeW Memory:** Attending the 2024 NeW Leadership Retreat

"NeW has helped me develop my networking skills, build connections with other conservative women across the country, and taught me to stand firm in my beliefs."



## Allison Clark

**Radford University**

**Post-Grad Plans:** I plan to teach at an elementary school in Roanoke, Virginia.

"NeW provided me the opportunity to explore my goals, strengthen my beliefs, and truly discover who I am. NeW has been instrumental in my personal and professional growth."







**Taylor Dinota**  
**George Washington University**  
**Post-Grad Plans:** I will be working as a staff assistant for Congressman Don Davis (NC-01).  
"NeW has allowed me to grow in my leadership and communication skills. NeW has taught me to handle everything with grace and a smile on my face."



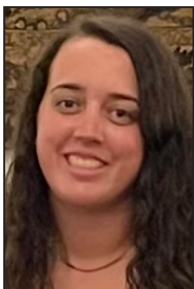
**Maya Habacivch**  
**Loyola University Chicago**  
**Post-Grad plans:** I will be attending law school.  
"NeW provided me with a strong network of women."



**Lillian Everett**  
**Florida Gulf Coast University**  
**Post-Grad plans:** I will be joining The Herzog Foundation in Kansas City, Missouri.  
"Without NeW, I would not be where I am today. I am so honored to be a member."



**Taylor Hankins**  
**James Madison University**  
**Favorite NeW Memory:** Attending the NeW Leadership Retreat  
"NeW has given me the confidence to comfortably speak up and use my voice."



**Brigid Flaherty**  
**University of Alabama**  
**Post-Grad Plans:** I will be working as an Assistant Field Manager for Brasfield & Gorrie General Contractors.  
"Join NeW or start a chapter on your campus! It's wonderful to meet other women who think similarly as you. I used chapter meetings as an outlet to unpack policy issues I noticed."



**Langston Hilst**  
**Baylor University**  
**Post-Grad Plans:** I will be attending graduate school at Baylor University.  
"NeW has allowed me to find lifelong friendships and provided me with a supportive network as I move into the next stages of life. I am forever grateful for the experiences and opportunities NeW has provided."



**Sarah Friemel**  
**Texas State University**  
**Post-Grad Plans:** I will be participating in a three-month work-stay program at a coffee farm in Hawaii.  
"NeW showed me that college doesn't have to be as intimidating as it might seem, especially as a young conservative woman."



**Kaylee Golder**  
**Radford University**  
**Post-Grad plans:** I will attend graduate school for my Master's Degree in Special Education.  
"NeW taught me to keep going, despite what challenges and difficulties come your way."



**Olivia Hodge**  
**Purdue University**  
**Post-Grad Plans:** I will be interning at the Heritage Foundation's Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies.  
"NeW has been instrumental in shaping my next steps by connecting me with incredible opportunities. I am forever grateful for the support, mentorship, and opportunities NeW has provided me."





## Jaci Howard

**Texas Tech University**

**Post-Grad Plans:** I will be attending graduate school for Speech Language Pathology.

"When I transferred to Texas Tech, NeW was the first community that I truly felt comfortable and welcomed in."

## Grace Lent

**Baylor University**

**Post-Grad Plans:** I will be applying to medical school while I work as an EMT in Nashville.

"NeW has opened doors to so many fantastic connections throughout the country."



## Nicole Huyer

**Catholic University of America**

**Favorite NeW Memory:** The NeW 20th Anniversary Gala

"NeW is truly a network of phenomenal, kind-hearted, and intelligent conservative women. I'm so grateful for all of the professional opportunities NeW has provided me."

## Erin Leone

**George Washington University**

**Favorite NeW Memory:** 2024 Leadership Retreat in Boston

"NeW has shown me that I'm not alone in my values and convictions, as it sometimes seems at a big, blue university."



## Sarah Kirschenbaum

**University of South Florida**

**Post-Grad Plans:** I will be working in a podiatrist office.

"NeW has allowed me to come out of my shell! Through NeW, I've gained lifelong friendships."

## Olivia Lippert

**Texas Christian University**

**Post-Grad Plans:** I will be pursuing my Master's Degree in Accounting.

"NeW has helped me become more self-confident and stand firm in my beliefs."



## Fabiana Klengel

**William Paterson University**

**Favorite NeW Memory:** Hosting Riley Gaines on campus

"NeW taught me that change is possible if you're willing to get involved and work for it."



## Naila Massous

**Georgetown University**

**Favorite NeW Memory:** Georgetown Chapter's Brunch Club

"NeW helped me find my voice, refine my goals, and step into my future with a strong sense of purpose and support."



## Cristen Lameira

**Florida International University**

**Post-Grad Plans:** I will be attending law school.

"NeW provided me with a network of conservative female friends who I can lean on for help."





**Marie-Claire Matricardi**  
**University of Virginia**

**Favorite NeW Memory:** Chapter Networking Dinner  
“Going to college can feel isolating, but organizations like NeW make it easier to foster friendships with women who share the same goals.”



**McKayla Mulhern**  
**James Madison University**

**Post-Grad Plans:** I will attend graduate school at Longwood University for my Master’s Degree in Speech Language Pathology.  
“Never change your views to please someone else!”



**Hannah Mendenhall**  
**University of North Carolina Chapel Hill**

**Post-Grad Plans:** I will be attending graduate school to study athletic training.  
“NeW taught me that just because my beliefs are not popular, it doesn’t mean I have to hide or change them.”

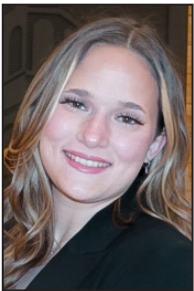


**Mary Noble**  
**Christendom College**

**Post-Grad Plans:** I will be teaching.  
“NeW has equipped me with the courage to advocate for my conservative values in social and professional settings.”

**Nicole Mercer**  
**University of South Florida**

**Post-Grad Plans:** I will join the NeW team as a Campus Program Associate.  
“NeW provided a community that supported and encouraged me, making my college experience even more meaningful.”



**Lauren Pepper**  
**Samford University**

**Favorite NeW Memory:** Chapter Coffee Break Event during final exams  
“NeW gave me an outlet to build strong friendships with people with shared values and provided a space for self-growth. I’m very grateful for NeW!”



**Kaitlyn Rose Miller**  
**Grand Canyon University**

**Favorite NeW Memory:** 2024 Chapter Christmas Party  
“When I had several doors close on me, NeW welcomed me in and showed me my purpose on campus.”



**Elle Pickering**  
**James Madison University**

**Favorite NeW Memory:** Hosting Riley Gaines at JMU  
“Be confident and speak up!”



**Grace Reed**  
**Texas Tech University**

**Favorite NeW Memory:** Texas Tech Chapter Shooting Range Event  
“Through professional development trainings, NeW has prepared me to confidently enter the workforce.”





### Bella Riley

University of Arkansas

**Post-Grad Plans:** I will be working at an accounting firm.

"Be yourself and don't change your beliefs for others!"

### Rachel Walker

Baylor University

**Post-Grad Plans:** I will be moving to Fort Worth, Texas to work in sales.

"I have absolutely loved being a part of NeW. I've gained real-world experience during my time on the executive team of the chapter at my school."



### Cailyn Scharneck

University of South Carolina

**Post-Grad Plans:** I will be continuing my education at the University of South Carolina to receive my Master's in Business Administration.

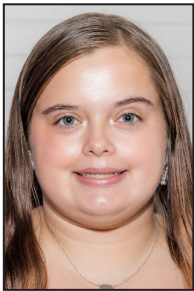
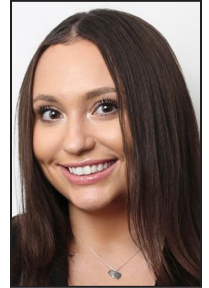
"NeW gave me a voice."

### Amanda Werner

University of Delaware

**Post-Grad Plans:** I will work as the Operations Coordinator at The Masters Division at Nest Seekers International in Manhattan.

"At a liberal school, I assumed I would be one of the only conservative women. NeW showed me that there are so many like-minded women all over college campuses."



### Katie Slaydon

Radford University

**Post-Grad Plans:** I plan to attend graduate school at Radford University.

"NeW allowed me to build connections and grow my leadership skills."



### Anna Young

Samford University

**Post-Grad Plans:** I plan to attend law school.

"NeW helped me grow into who I am today. NeW gave me the confidence to come out of my shell, stay true to my values, and connect with like-minded women."

### Kennedy Studdert

Baylor University

**Favorite NeW Memory:** Chapter Event with Isabelle Redfield

"As Vice President of my chapter, I've gained leadership experience that has helped me develop confidence in my ability to organize events, manage teams, and advocate for my beliefs."



## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2025!





# Professional Development Week

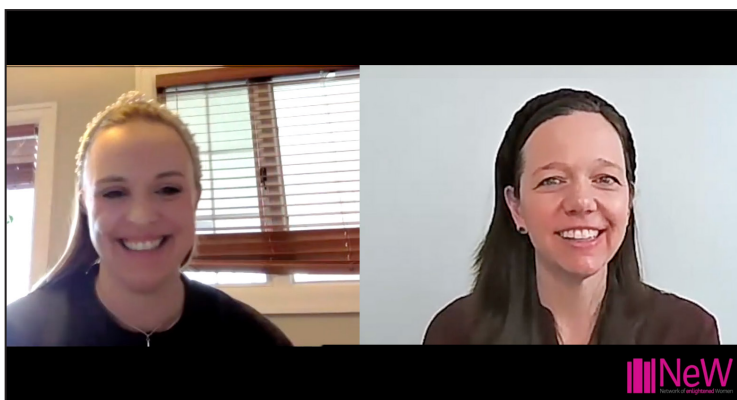
Throughout the year, NeW is proud to provide exclusive professional development content for our students and young professionals. NeW trains young women to be leaders in the conservative movement and beyond. During the week of April 7-11, 2025, NeW hosted our annual Professional Development Week for the women in our network. This program included professional development training events with industry leaders.



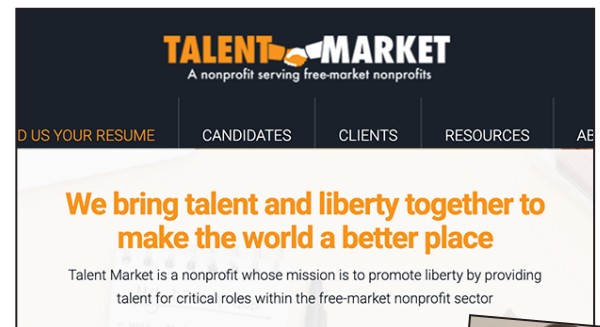
On April 11, 2025, NeW hosted "The Ultimate Interview Prep: Landing the Job," featuring Kyle Bonnell, Assistant Director of Job Bank and Talent Placement in the Phillip N. Truluck Center for Leadership Development at The Heritage Foundation, and Alexis Flowers, Vice President of Programs at NeW.



On April 7, 2025, Christopher Malagisi, Executive Director of Outreach at Hillsdale College, and Sara Bianca, Vice President of State Government Relations at McGuireWoods Consulting, joined NeW to discuss "Unlocking the Power of Networking."



On April 10, 2025, Chloe Anagnos, Director of Marketing at America's Future, and Karin Lips, President of NeW, discussed "Thriving as First-Time Manager." The conversation taught attendees key strategies related to communication with intention, managing expectations, and setting their team up for success.



Stephanie Keaveney, Senior Manager of Outreach at Talent Market, joined NeW on April 8, 2025, for a session titled, "Building a Career in the Liberty Movement." Keaveney provided an overview of different organizations in the conservative space and the variety of opportunities available. The presentation was packed with helpful information including, "11 questions I wished I had asked when I was sitting in your seat."



*"I really enjoyed the 'Unlocking the Power of Networking' session! It's important for people to learn how to properly network when the times are changing. The younger generation uses technology to their advantage, while there are still others in the workforce who prefer receiving a business card."*

**VERONICA CAMP**  
NeW Professional Network Member

# Introducing NeW's Young Professional Advisory Council

**T**his year, the NeW Young Professional Advisory Council was established to strengthen the connection and participation of young alumnae and professionals across our network. The Council meets throughout the year to discuss current and future NeW programming, mentor current students, and recruit new Professional Network members.

The Council members call upon their experience as former NeW leaders, interns, and active program

participants to better tailor NeW's efforts and outreach to the needs of young women.

The Council also serves as a gateway to encourage more women to get involved with NeW's Professional Network and facilitate relationships between graduates and current students.

The Council members act as partners, advocates, and active contributors toward growing the NeW Professional Network community.

## Meet the Young Professional Advisory Council Members



**Kelley Babphavong**  
Alumna from NeW at Harvard



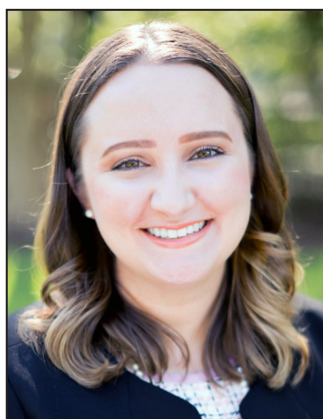
**Veronica Camp**  
Alumna from NeW at The Catholic University of America



**Abby Daniels**  
Alumna from NeW at American University



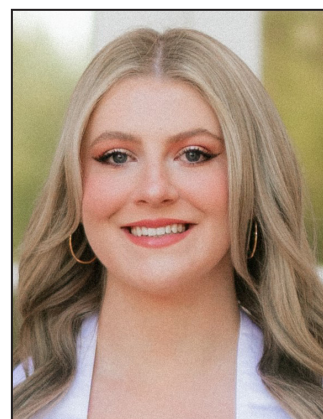
**Aly Mikesell**  
Alumna from NeW at Baylor University



**Elise Rabalais**  
Alumna from NeW at The Catholic University of America



**Adeline Sandridge**  
Alumna from NeW at the University of Virginia



**Cameron Teel**  
Alumna from NeW at the University of Arizona





Carrie Severino, President of the Judicial Crisis Network, and Roger Severino, Vice President of Domestic Policy and The Joseph C. and Elizabeth A. Anderlik Fellow at The Heritage Foundation, joined the NeW DC Professional Network Chapter on March 13, 2025. This distinguished couple shared how they balance successful careers while prioritizing their marriage and family.

## NeW Professional Network

**A**fter 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 spring, the NeW Professional Network Chapters in Atlanta, Boston, DC, New Jersey, and New York City have been actively engaging young conservative women.



The NeW NYC Professional Network Chapter hosted a spring recruitment event on April 3, 2025.



On May 6, 2025, the NeW Professional Network Chapter in New Jersey hosted a spring social for women to connect and learn more about NeW.



On May 21, 2025, the NeW DC Professional Network chapter hosted Rachel Sheffield, Research Fellow at The Heritage Foundation's Center for Health and Welfare Policy.





# NeW Capitol Hill Intern Summit

**O**n April 4, 2025, NeW hosted the Spring 2025 Capitol Hill Intern Summit for students and young professionals in Washington, DC. More than 55 attendees heard from Brianna Howard, Ambassador and Influencer Manager at Independent Women's Forum and NeW alumna, for a session titled, "Turning Passion into Purpose." She discussed her experience working on Capitol Hill, at the Labor Department, at The Heritage Foundation, and at the Independent Women's Forum.

Attendees also heard from Colleen Hroncich, Policy Analyst at the Cato Institute. Hroncich discussed, "Are We Done with the Department of Education? The Future of American Education Policy."

This program is a great opportunity for NeW to recruit new leaders and develop relationships with Hill interns and staffers.



Brianna Howard encouraged attendees to take advantage of networking and learning opportunities as much as possible.

During her session, Colleen Hroncich, highlighted the history of school choice, discussing the positive impact of vouchers, ESAs, and microschools.



During the summit, students had the opportunity to ask the speakers questions during the Q&A portion of the program.



The NeW Capitol Hill Intern Summit allows the NeW Chapter Team to connect with students outside of our network and plug them into existing NeW chapters or help them establish one on their campus.



## SEASON THREE

*The Conservative Woman's Guide*

This spring, NeW wrapped up Season Three of *The Conservative Woman's Guide* podcast. This semester, the podcast covered topics such as excelling in the workplace, the failures of higher education, and identity politics in our healthcare system.



U.S. Representative Kat Cammack, who represents Florida's Third Congressional District, joined the podcast to offer advice to students on how to promote free speech on campus and share her priorities for the congressional term.



Melinda Oakes, author of *The Cheerleader's Guide to the Workplace*, and NeW Advisory Board Member, shared advice on how to excel in any workplace, balance a career and motherhood, and give charitably to make the biggest impact.



XX-XY Athletics, a company founded by former gymnast, Jennifer Sey, promoted her podcast discussion with Karin Lips, President of NeW, on a company's Instagram story.



Kristina Rasmussen, Executive Director of Do No Harm, joined Kendall Wolfson, NeW Board Member, to discuss how identity politics is negatively impacting our healthcare system and Do No Harm's efforts to counteract the infiltration.



Dr. Colleen Shogan, former Archivist for the United States, joined Karin Lips on *The Conservative Woman's Guide* podcast to discuss the ratification process related to the Equal Rights Amendment and shared some behind-the-scenes insights into the National Archives.



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



Madison Marino Doan, Policy Analyst in the Center for Education Policy at The Heritage Foundation and Leader of the NeW Professional Network Chapter in Boston, discussed her book, *Slacking: A Guide to Ivy League Miseducation*, and President Trump's latest moves related to institutions of higher education.

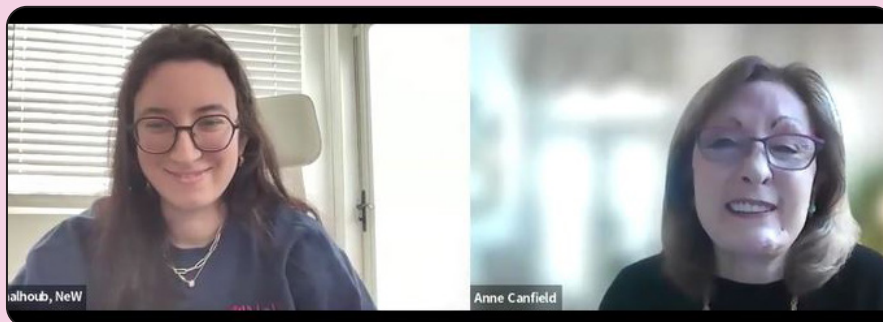
# Promoting Conservative Principles Online

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.

On February 27, 2025, NeW hosted a virtual book club to discuss *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture Crisis* by Vice President JD Vance.



In January, NeW hosted our first Financial Wellness Program to fill an educational gap and help our members better understand how policies impact their financial well-being from a conservative perspective. Attendees heard from Hadley Heath Manning, Executive Vice President at The Steamboat Institute, in a session titled, "Economic Literacy for Women: Understanding Conservative Policy and How it Affects Your Pocketbook." She made the case for why free-market capitalism is the best for economic growth and provided tips to attendees on what they can do now to set themselves up for financial security in the future.



As part of the NeW Financial Wellness Program, Anne Canfield, partner at The Majority Group, joined NeW for a session titled, "Entrepreneurship, Small Business Finance, and the Importance of Free Markets." Canfield shared tips for aspiring entrepreneurs. She recommended they be prepared, present a professional appearance, and have an honest and positive attitude.

Thank you!

Celebrating  
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Instagram Followers!

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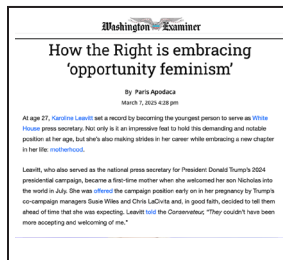


U.S. Representative Kat Cammack engaged with our Instagram post on March 3, 2025, by sharing the post on her story and encouraging women to "sit at her table."



# 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 media.



Paris Apodaca, participant in the 2024 NeW Opportunity Feminism Course, was published in the *Washington Examiner* on March 7, 2025. Apodaca made the case for how conservatives are countering modern feminism and fighting for policies that allow women to have the life they want.



On April 29, 2025, Emily Johnson, senior at Xavier University and student ambassador for NeW, published her op-ed, "The Making of a Golden Age," in *The Daily Signal*.



Following her participation in the 2024 NeW Student Media Fellowship, NeW helped Stephanie Samsel, alumna from Towson University, get published in *The Swish* on February 10, 2025.



After participating in the NeW Student Media Fellowship, Natalie Price, member of NeW at American University and former NeW Communications Intern, was published on March 13, 2025, in *The College Fix*.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to our 2025 NeW Essay Contest Winners! Both winners were published in the *Washington Examiner*. More than 1,000 high school and college women submitted essays for the 2025 NeW Essay Contest, which asked participants to discuss the influence of social media on the minds of young people and the way that information is shared, consumed, and interpreted.

Anna Meverden, a student at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS), won the **College Category**. Meverden wrote, "We can see that the left easily takes advantage of the younger generation's propensity to be on social media by making short clips and claiming them to be truth."



Anna Meverden

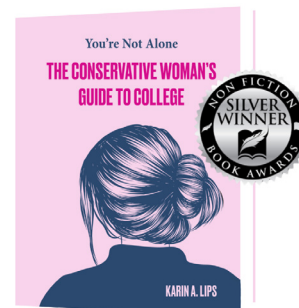
Erika Morford, a student at Ephrata High School, won the **High School Category**. Morford shared, "Instead of exposing people to different viewpoints, social media can trap them in echo chambers where they only see opinions that match their own. Algorithms are designed to show you what you already agree with to keep you engaged."



Erika Morford



In January, NeW's book, *You're Not Alone: The Conservative Woman's Guide to College*, was named an Independent Press Award winner in the Young Adult Nonfiction Category.



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.

To make a donation today, please complete and cut out the form below and mail it with your donation to:

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



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- President's Club certificate
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Benefits Include:

- All Traditional benefits, plus,
- Copy of NeW-authored books
- Opportunity to meet personally with senior NeW staff

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- All Bronze benefits, plus,
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**571.318.9160 or email:**

**[karin@enlightenedwomen.org](mailto:karin@enlightenedwomen.org)**

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