

Three area women are receiving college scholarships from AAUW West Chester-Chester County as part of the branch's support of non-traditional women students, whose education has been interrupted due to family obligations, employment, or lack of funding. In addition to the annual Alice Lawson Scholarship, providing a \$1,500 award, the branch added two Pandemic Relief Scholarships of \$1,400 each this year.

### Alice Lawson Scholarship Winner



The Alice Lawson Scholarship winner is Jaleesa Washington of Downingtown. Jaleesa, the mother of an 11-year-old daughter, completed an Associate of Science/Business Management Degree at Harcum College, with honors, in May, 2020. She is currently enrolled in business administration at Bloomsburg University, with plans to continue at Temple University for a master's degree. Jaleesa has a goal of owning her own food business, which she has already named "Ja's Kitchen."

### Pandemic Relief Scholarship Winners



Katelyn Hollis, a resident of Malvern, earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Ohio University in 2011. After working in education, she decided to step away from the field, and moved to Port au Prince, Haiti, where she became the director of an orphanage, and house mother for children living there. In her three and a half years there, she says she learned about endurance from a global perspective. When she returned to the states, Katelyn discovered a special interest in becoming a registered dietician, which she believes is a result of her experiences as an educator in Haiti. She is currently enrolled at Immaculata College in the College of Adult Professional Studies, with a goal of achieving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nutrition/Dietetics.



Phoenixville resident Nichole Carter is enrolled at the University of Valley Forge, majoring in Early Childhood Education. She has been engaged in this field for over 20 years, earning an associate's degree in 2015, and is currently working on a bachelor's degree at Valley Forge. One of her professors, Lorraine Fillipo, said Nichole is exceptional in many areas, such as her high level of commitment, initiative, and positive attitude. Nichole, the mother of three, said she has a passion and dedication for educating young children, and supporting the family unit. Nichole works as Lead Infant/Toddler Teacher at Mom's House of Greater Philadelphia in Phoenixville, and hopes to continue working with children after graduation. She writes, "I look forward to changing the world...one family at a time."

