

ALICE LAWSON SCHOLARSHIP / MIMI JONES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Alice Lawson Scholarship is given annually in memory of Alice Lawson, a lifelong member of AAUW. It was established in recognition of Alice Lawson's special empathy for young women who face financial challenges while pursuing a college degree. This year our Affiliate president announced establishment of a new supplemental scholarship to the long standing Alice Lawson Scholarship. The Board voted to name this fund the Mimi Jones Scholarship Fund in honor of Mimi Jones, who passed away recently, in honor of her volunteerism and support of our branch. By the time of the banquet, members had already donated more than \$2800 in honor of Mimi to this Fund. Beginning this year and going forward, this fund will be used to supplement scholarships generated from the Alice Lawson fund. As a result, scholarships were awarded to two extremely qualified candidates this year, Jamilla Rhodes-Dryburgh and Heather Sizemore.

Jamilla Rhodes-Dryburgh



Jean Shervais introduced scholarship awardee Jamilla Rhodes-Dryburgh. Jamilla just completed her Bachelor's degree in Social Work in an accelerated program which she will continue with in the fall to complete her Master's degree in Social Work at West Chester University. Jamilla has maintained honor student status every semester, served as President of the Phi Alpha Honor Society, and was named valedictorian of the West Chester University Philadelphia campus.

Her academic advisor has described Jamilla as "an intelligent, thoughtful, self-driven student who truly cares about others . . . She is passionate about social issues and does extremely well advocating for. . . others." No doubt she developed some of those skills during her employment at a number of hospitals including CHOP and Hahneman, where she worked to support herself and pay for college. Jamilla hopes to work with special needs children once she has completed her education.

Heather Sizemore



Robin Paragone introduced Heather Sizemore, our second scholarship winner for this year. Heather is a nursing student at West Chester University and plans on graduating in May of 2025. Heather's career path includes becoming a registered nurse with a trajectory that encompasses working in the Oncology Intensive Care Unit, obtaining critical care certification and assuming leadership roles within the nursing profession. She aspires to meaningfully contribute to the lives of patients, advance the standards of care in critical settings, and play a pivotal role in shaping the future of nursing which includes the mentoring and empowering of the next generation of nurses.

Heather has not only excelled at her studies but has contributed to many community efforts from volunteering at the "New Day to Stop Trafficking," where they help women who have been trafficked to obtain health and therapeutic care . . . to the (CONTINUED on next page)

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“Campus Election Engagement Project,” which is a national non-partisan program that is aimed at maximizing student voter registration with voter education on campus.

Heather is fully committed to maximizing every opportunity to succeed academically and looks forward to contributing meaningfully to her community and society at large.