

Alice Lawson Scholarships Presented

Due to a generous donation from an anonymous doner to the Alice Lawson Scholarship fund managed by Chester County Community Foundation, AAUW-WC-CC was able to offer two scholarships in the amount of \$7,200 each this year. Thirteen women applied for the two scholarships. The competition was rigorous. There were eleven applicants from the Immaculata Nursing Program and two applicants from West Chester University. The scholarship committee met on two different occasions for over eight hours reading, scoring then rereading applications. It was a difficult decision, as it was clear these women had put a lot of time and effort into applying for the scholarships. Our scholarship winners are Kristen Santana and Rebecca Kravcak, both from Immaculata University.

Kristen Santana



Kristen Santana is presently enrolled in the Nursing Program and is planning to become a nurse practitioner with a focus in providing care for both physical and psychological aspects of health. Prior to enrolling at Immaculata, she attended Adelphi

University for a short time. She plans to graduate in May 2026. Kristen acknowledges, through her own childhood illnesses, the important role a nurse can play in providing emotional support and comfort to a young child. As her career develops, she hopes to dive deeper into hospice and childhood oncology care. In her own words, “I hope to make a lasting impact on the lives of my patients.”

Kristen continues to work full time at Child’s Way as a nurse assistant while taking classes full-time as well. She has been on the Dean’s List and received honors from 2022 to present. Kristen received an “exceptional” rating from all three of her letters of recommendation. From the accolades she received, Kristen maintains a strong academic work ethic despite the adverse challenges she was faced with outside of school. She actively engaged in her course work and often helped her peers to understand difficult material. The words exceptional student, commitment, leadership, and compassion were used through her letters of recommendation to describe her. For all these reasons, the scholarship committee thought she was an excellent choice.

Rebecca Kravcak

Rebecca Kravcak is also currently enrolled in the Nursing Program at Immaculata University. Prior to beginning her studies, she completed an associate’s degree at Buck’s County Community College. After graduating in 2027 with her BSN, she plans to pursue her master’s to become a nurse practitioner.

Rebecca has been recognized as an exemplary student and has become a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. In her own words, “I never want to stop growing and learning, and I am filled with gratitude that I have been given the opportunity to go back to school.”



While working full time at Chick-fil-A, Rebecca has worn many hats from team member, trainer, manager, and director of a multimillion dollar store. Her time at Chik-fil-A has developed her leadership skills, time management, and an opportunity to give back. Her greatest joy is assisting the youth that work there in achieving their dreams. Rebecca received “exceptional” ratings in both of her letters of recommendation. She is a solid student, completing work in advance and being self-motivated. Like Kristen, she is well respected by her peers and often helps others with content. Her passion and motivation at school and work made her an excellent candidate for the Alice Lawson Scholarship.