

Women of WSU

Community Support Scholarship Fall 2023



Follow the steps below to renew your membership!

Step 1: Pay the \$12 annual membership dues at wichita.edu/wwsumarketplace

Step 2: Complete the online Membership Form by going to wichita.edu/wwsumembership

OR Click on this QR Code



**Visit our website for
information on our Interest
Groups, membership,
upcoming events, and
fundraising.**

www.wichita.edu/wwsu



Women of WSU is an organization formed in the Fall of 2018 by combining the Wichita State University Women's Association (est. 1928) and the Council of University Women (est. 1930).

WWSU's purpose is to serve the University by providing student scholarships. We are dedicated in promoting the personal growth of our members through social interaction, and fostering a sense of community through fellowship and the spirit of friendliness.



SUMMER FUN!

On June 15 members attended the Bradley Fair Summer Concert Series. Music Theatre Wichita performed!



We were going to attend the Sedgwick County Zoo Concert on July 17, but with the temperature over 103° we felt it would be safest to spend the evening in our homes.

Find our events at www.wichita.edu/wwwsu

From your President, Angela Paul



Welcome, everyone! I hope you had a relaxing summer. I'd like to encourage you to get more involved in the Women of Wichita State. Many thanks to Maria Sclafani and Rachel Muscat, who are new to the board this year. We are still looking for a Social Chair. This position plans monthly social events. Anne Marie Brown, 2nd Vice President, Programs, oversees the fundraising chair and social chair positions, so you will have support! This is one of the most important positions, as these monthly events help us bond with each other as an organization and can promote WWSU to the wider campus community. Please help!

Another open position is Auditor. The board discussed this position at the July meeting, and we decided it was no longer necessary. Not only has it been unfilled for a couple of years, but bookkeeping is so automated and virtual that it seems unnecessary to keep this position in the bylaws. Please let me hear your thoughts about this idea. If we move forward with changing the bylaws, there will be an all-members vote late in the spring semester.

Would you like to be more involved in the WWSU Board? Attending meetings is a low-commitment way to find out if joining the board is a good fit for you. Meetings are open to all members. Microsoft Team links to board meetings are included in the WWSU Outlook calendar. Feel free to join meetings to get a taste of what they are like and to help plan events and other activities. We might need you as an officer next year!

To add the WWSU calendar to your own Outlook:

1. From your desktop computer go to the ribbon on the top of the page, click the "add calendar" menu and then select "address book."
Or from webmail go to the left column and click "add calendar" then select "from directory."
2. Type Women of Wichita State to find the correct calendar.
3. This calendar then will be listed under the "shared calendars" group found in the left column, although it can be moved to another group.

Don't forget to keep in touch. We want to honor retirements, births and adoptions, illness and hospitalizations, and other life events. *Please tell on your friends and co-workers!* We love our members and hate to accidentally miss any occasion where courtesy should be expressed.

Are you an Interest Group Coordinator? Let me know if you'd like administrative access to the WWSU calendar so you can add events to it and send events and emails from the WWSU address. Also, ask Anne Marie or Michelle to add your events to the WWSU website and Facebook page. We need new interest groups, see page 9 for more information. Let's all have a great year!



WSU Founders' Day

September 14, 2023

WWSU is committed to raising monies that will then be returned to WSU students in the form of scholarships! WWSU has awarded \$4,000 in scholarships every year. Help us help our students by raising the amount of awards we can provide.

Watch for a link to make your donation near the end of August.

Donations are welcome from WSU faculty/staff/students, family, friends, and the Wichita community.

How our scholarships helped our 2022-2023 Recipients

Hilda Onuoha

"As an international student, restrictions on getting a job in addition to the increasing cost of living resulted in and increased financial burden for my family and me. This scholarship considerably reduced my financial burden (living and educational expenses). This scholarship enabled me to focus (in an accelerated program) and work more efficiently to achieve my academic goal of completing my Bachelors in Nursing and my professional goal to practice as a licensed nurse. I greatly appreciate your generous financial support in helping me attain my educational/professional dreams."

Meghan Wald

"The Women of Wichita State scholarship was a thoughtful contribution to my studies at WSU. It covered a portion of my tuition, which meant I could use that money for things like rent and books. I'm glad to have had the support of the Women of Wichita State."

Juliana Botero

"As a recipient of this scholarship, I have been able to maintain a 4.0 GPA while pursuing my studies and working towards my future goals. It has been a source of motivation and inspiration for me. As a woman pursuing my dreams, it is encouraging to know that there are people like you who believe in the power of education and are willing to invest in the futures of women."

Maria Aracely Martinez Gonzalez

"Receiving your support has not only lightened the financial burden of pursuing higher education, but it has also encouraged and motivated me to continue pushing myself towards achieving my academic and athletic goals. It is truly an honor to have been selected for this scholarship, and I am humbled by your generosity and belief in my potential."

#GiveWSU



October 3
Vintage Market
Fundraiser and
Membership Drive

Women of Wichita State

VINTAGE MARKET

a fundraiser to support scholarships



**CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS AND DONATE YOUR
VINTAGE WSU ITEMS!**

JEWELRY | MEMORABILIA | CLOTHING | ETC.

Items can be donated now through September 25.

Visit wichita.edu/wwwsu for more information.

Spread the word, we need items for our fundraiser!

MEET OUR 2023-2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Rachel Valentine is completing her Clinical Mental Health Counseling M.ED. with a concentration in Sports Counseling. She will graduate in spring 2024.

“The Women of Wichita State University (WWSU) Scholarship is nothing short of a blessing in my life. I am forever grateful to this inspiring group of women for considering me for this financial award. Throughout my life, even through financial challenges, my parents showed my siblings and me support and encouraged us to work hard and create opportunities for ourselves. In order to achieve my undergraduate and graduate degrees, I had to apply for FAFSA to pursue my dream of becoming a Sports Psychologist. Additionally, I am originally from Iowa, so I am paying out-of-state tuition, and I have accrued a substantial amount of student loans. This scholarship alleviates tremendous stress and provides me with support for this upcoming school year to achieve my academic and career goals. I feel honored to have received this scholarship from WWSU, and I will try my best to pay it forward.”

The Scholarship Committee, Patsy Selby, Julie Scherz, and Anne Marie Brown are excited to announce our 2023-2024 Scholarship recipients.

Ellen Teran will complete her Master of Social Work degree in the spring of 2024. She will spend the year in a year-long practicum in play therapy. “This scholarship will help me to have extra margin to complete additional play therapy trainings and to take my licensure exam prior to graduation. These trainings will help me to provide better services to children in Wichita. As a mom of three young girls, I am proud and honored to be the recipient of the Women of WSU Scholarship.”



Membership Drive



Join us on Tuesday, October 3 for our Membership Drive. We'll have Hors D'oeuvres and information on what we do!

President's House

11:00 am-2:00 pm

Learn more about WWSU at www.wichita.edu/wwsu. Click on Membership.

Vintage Market

Ezra Brooks
Empty Decanter



Cheerleader
Letters Circa
1967-1969



Battle at New Orleans, 1981
WSU 66, KU 65

Come see what we have collected from WSU faculty/staff, alumni, and Shockers. Online Silent Auction opens September 27, see the items in person at our Membership Drive, October 3, from 11:00 am-1:30 pm, President's House.

Bid on your favorites! All monies raised go into our scholarship fund for WSU students.



The Women of Wichita State University organization has several interest groups to provide members with opportunities to get together and enjoy a variety of different activities. The current groups are Book Club, Friends and Food, Lunch Bunch, New Members, and Theatre. We are open to starting new groups if there is interest and someone willing to lead the group. Recent suggestions have been a bicycling group or outdoor activities group, for example. You can find more information about each of the current groups on our website

<https://www.wichita.edu/faculty/womenofwsu/wsuwomen/InterestGroups/Interestgroups.php> or email me at twyla.hill@wichita.edu.

Interest Group Chair Members

Book Club

Angela Paul and Twyla Hill

Friends & Food

Jill Fisher

New Members

Twyla Hill

WWSU Courtesy



- ★ Happy retirement to Sally Jones!
Imagina by Juan Felipe Herrera was donated to University Libraries in her honor.
- ★ Congratulations to Patsy Selby for her induction into the Wichita Business Journal CFO Hall of Fame
- ★ Best wishes to Jessica Pierpoint for the birth of her daughter Aspen Jean.
- ★ A get well card to Carryl Baldwin.
- ★ An encouragement card to Cindy Richburg, when her husband was in the hospital.
- ★ Birthday wishes to Charlotte Kleffner for her 95th birthday.
- ★ A sympathy card was sent to the family of Pat Wilhelm.

WWSU Courtesy Chair

Darlene Dinkel

- Sends get well cards to any member who is ill or hospitalized
- Send a baby card to any member upon the birth or adoption of a baby
- Send sympathy cards upon the death of a member, spouse, and immediate family member
- Purchases a children's book to be placed in WSU's Ablah Library in honor of a WWSU faculty/staff member at her retirement

If you know of any WWSU member who fits the criteria above, please let us know!

Email us at wwsu@wichita.edu



Upcoming Events!

September 14: Founders' Day of Giving

**October 3: New Membership Drive and
Vintage Market Fundraiser**

November: Luncheon and discussion

January: Holiday luncheon and gift exchange

February: Bingo! fundraiser

March: Speaker or Make it and take it

April: Fundraiser

Tell us what you want to see as activities THIS year!

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Welcome to our 2023-2024 WWSU Board Members

President: Angie Paul, angela.paul@wichita.edu
First Vice President: Patsy Selby, patsy.selby@wichita.edu
Second Vice President: Anne Marie Brown
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Secretary: Maria Sclafani
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Treasurer: Vacant
Please email wwsu@wichita.edu
if you are interested.



All WWSU members are invited to our monthly Board meetings. They are held on the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 am, via TEAMS. Contact Angie Paul to be added: wwsu@wichita.edu



WWSU needs you for your creativity, ideas, and input.

Open positions:

Board: Auditor; Publicity; Social

Interest Groups: Lunch Bunch; Theatre

Visit the Board Members page at www.wichita.edu/wwsu for more information on these positions.