

# WEAA Women Investing In Women

## Woman's Educational Aid Association



### WOMEN INVESTING IN WOMEN

## 150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



Frances Elizabeth Caroline Willard (September 28, 1839 - February 17, 1898) was an author, educator, temperance reformer, and suffragist. Willard worked relentlessly for women's rights. She was a founder of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the National Council of Women of the United States, and founder of the Woman's Educational Aid Association.

[Contract with Frances E Willard](#)

"In 1871 Willard became president of the newly formed Evanston College for Ladies. When this college merged with Northwestern University in 1873, Willard became the first Dean of Women of the Women's College. In 1874, after months of disagreement with university President Charles Henry Fowler (her former fiancé) over her governance of the Women's College, Willard resigned."

Sarah Rebecca Roland became the first woman to graduate from Northwestern, in 1874. As the enrollment of women increased, more housing was needed. In 1874 the Woman's Hall, later called Willard Hall, increased its space by adding College Cottage Hall. Room and board at Willard Hall was \$5 per week and \$2.25 per week at the College Cottage Hall. These spaces filled, creating the need for the annexes built in 1901. Chapin Hall

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Chapin Hall

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was added at the cost of \$30,000. WEAA scholarship recipients were given opportunities to work in Chapin Hall, doing housekeeping chores in exchange for a reduced cost in room and board. Chapin Hall was named in honor of Julia Anna Chapin Grinnell (1827 - 1907), who was the sister of Marietta Chapin Persons. Marietta Persons and her husband, Dr. Daniel K. Persons, provided financial support, and WEAA provided administrative oversight of the three buildings beginning in 1967. The College Cottage was replaced by the current bursar's office and Willard Hall, the College for Ladies, is now the Music Administration building.

[Northwestern Libraries Blog](#)



ABOVE: College Hall and Evanston College of Ladies



ABOVE: Chapin Hall in 1920



ABOVE: The residents of Willard College relaxing in 1956. Courtesy of Northwestern University Archives.



ABOVE: Photo in front of Chapin Hall – Humanities Residential College. By 1966 Chapin Hall needed costly repairs. This financial need caused WEAA to explore other options in order to maintain and survive.

Chapin Hall was turned into a NU dormitory and in December 1967, Gretchen McEwen, the president of WEAA, announced that the management of Chapin Hall would be permanently transferred to Northwestern.

As a result of this transfer, WEAA funds were placed in an endowment fund. These funds were invested and have increased in value over the years, allowing WEAA to give to scholars today.

**DONATE**



## REUNION GIVING

Over the years, due to compounding interest, the WEAA invested funds grew. It is these funds that permit WEAA to continue to support our scholars with scholarships and assist with special support needs.

Other WEAA funds come from gifts made by donors. Anyone can donate. Alumnae who have established their careers can give to future scholars. Now, giving is possible by clicking on the donate button on the website. A gift of any size is valued and will support current and future scholars.

It is **NU reunion year** and a perfect opportunity for alumnae to make a gift donation to WEAA to support our future leaders. Click on our donation button on the website and send your gift today. All gifts are greatly appreciated.

A gift today is a gift given to make scholars' dreams come true.

## SOCIAL MEDIA



*We are pleased to announce that our social media links are live. Follow us on Facebook and stay connected.*

<https://www.facebook.com/weaanu1871/>

We look forward to keeping in touch with you on WEAA Facebook page and our other social media sites.

## WEAA SOCIAL MEDIA

### Facebook:

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## Leisure Reading



Have you read any good books lately? Please share your list with us. Recommendations will be listed on our website. Contact us on the WEAA website at <https://weaa-northwestern.org/> or email us at [weaa1871@gmail.com](mailto:weaa1871@gmail.com) with the names and authors of your book recommendations.



Brother Big Sister of Metro Detroit, where she makes a difference in the lives of intercity children. In February 2021, Terraia was honored as a Modern-Day Technology Leader at the BEYA STEM Conference.

Life is not all work. She enjoys reading, fitness, and beauty in her spare time, but her favorite pastime is traveling the world to indulge in culture and food. Terraia's story is another dream realized. She has put in the work to succeed in life.

*We are always cheering for scholars as they embrace their goals and enjoy wonderful lives. We applaud our audacious scholars. Their accomplishments are another proud moment for WEAA*

### FAST FACT

# 56%

Fifty years ago, 58 percent of U.S. **college** students were men. Today, 56 percent are **women**, Education Department estimates show. ... It's not just that **more women** opt for **college**. It's that

**fewer men do**, affecting their opportunities and lifetime earnings.

[Washington Post Article re Degrees of Separation between genders](#)

### ALUMNAE UPDATES

**Contact us with your story and life updates. We are eager to hear from you.**

<https://weaa-northwestern.org/>



Janel Montfort, M.D., also became a WEAA scholar at NU in 2008. She entered Northwestern University with hopes of improving herself and her life. Janel accomplished her first goal by graduating in 2012 with a NU degree in radio, television, film, and sociology.

With her Northwestern University diploma in hand, she took another step to secure her future by starting medical school. In 2016 more dreams were realized when Janel graduated from medical school in family medicine and when she was married.

Dr. Janel Montfort lives in Pensacola, Florida where she serves her community by bringing health

While living in Detroit, she continued to pursue her love for the community by volunteering for Big

care to patients. She became an essential worker in the Covid-19 pandemic world that has affected all of us. We thank her for her dedication to the medical profession.

As a physician, Janel's schedule is filled, but she makes time for and enjoys singing, creative writing, cooking and traveling. It is good to see her thriving, serving the community and making time for herself.



## New Board Member

Ashley Falcon joined the WEAA board on May 15, 2021. She has had lasting impact in her role as a Client Solutions Manager, where she helps Fortune 500 Consumer Products companies drive brand and business growth leveraging Facebook's Family of Apps and Services.

Ashley also serves as a strong advocate for Facebook's DEI Agenda - leading the Hispanic Heritage Month Programming for the Chicago Latinx ERG, spearheading intersectional programming as a lead for the Chicago Women ERG, and helping strengthen partnerships with key diversity organizations like Management Leadership for Tomorrow (MLT).

Volunteering is an important part of her life. She volunteers at Planned Parenthood and works with Intersectional Women's Rights. She spends her leisure time enjoying music and is interested in exploring and learning more about Afrolatinidad.

We welcome Ashley to our board.

### WEAA PHILOSOPHY

#### Vision

Women investing in women to support their success in college and beyond

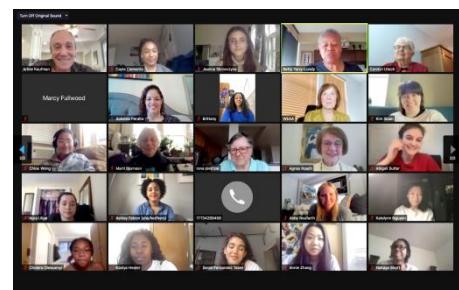
#### Our Mission

The Woman's Educational Aid Association provides financial assistance, personal support and mentoring to undergraduate women at Northwestern University.

We enable women from economically or socially disadvantaged circumstances to access the full range of educational experiences offered at Northwestern.

## WEAA 2021 Spring Zoom Scholar Meeting

WEAA's annual spring dinner was held on April 18, 2021 via Zoom. We look forward to returning to our in-person dinners in the near future. We celebrate our scholars.



## ANNOUNCEMENT... New Staff Member

Dolores (Dee) Farris joined WEAA in November of 2020 as our Board Administrator. Dee assists the board in managing board business, updating our social media, and in online communications with scholars and alumnae.

## NU 2021 AWARD



During the pandemic, Chloe did phone banking for the Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community, connecting immigrants with limited English abilities to social service resources and COVID-19 related needs. She was a canvasser and member of the Federal Advocacy Working group for a Chicago Chapter of the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum, helping build relationships with Asian and Asian American women. She is proud that she helped with the "Get Out the Vote" work with community organizations to improve voter literacy and make sure that immigrants were connected to necessary resources. Chloe was also president of the MAASU, Midwest Asian American Student Union – the planning committee raised \$3,500 for an Asian American student conference.

<https://www.nualumnae.org/>

### Chloe Wong 2021 NU AWARD

"Chloe Wong is the recipient of the 2021 Senior Woman's Service Award. She is graduating with a BA in anthropology; other majors are Global Health Studies and Asian American Studies. Chloe received honors such as Dean's List in 2019, Council of 100 Trailblazer Award, Academic Year Undergraduate Research Grant, Diamond Scholarship, Bonnie and Mike Daniels' GESI Scholar, and Clinton Global Initiative Fellow. While at Northwestern, Chloe volunteered for Supplies for Dreams, a nonprofit that provides extracurricular experiences to students in the Chicago public schools. She began as a mentor, and then she became a School Coordinator, leading 5-10 Northwestern students in mentoring sessions and mini-activities every week. She is fluent in Mandarin and Cantonese."

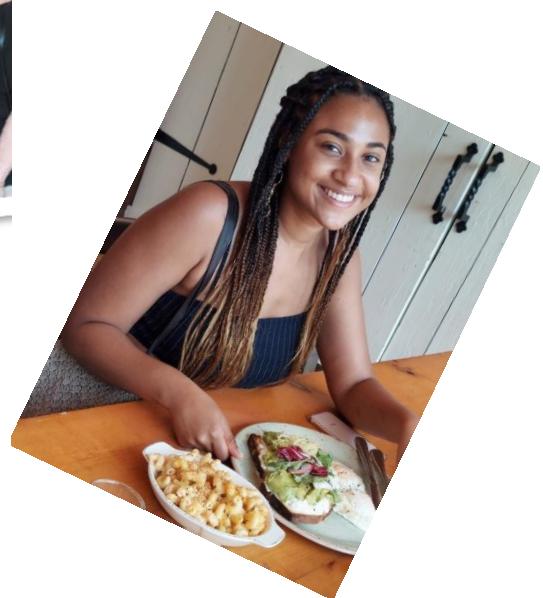
## FELLOWS 2021-2022 AWARD



### Sarah Fernandez-Tabet 2021-2022 Franke Undergraduate Fellows AWARD

WEAA scholar Sarah Fernandez-Tabet (NU class of 2022) received the Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities' Franke Undergraduate Fellows award for 2021-2022. "The Kaplan Institute offers Franke Undergraduate Fellowships for seniors who have devised innovative and promising humanities projects. For this highly selective capstone experience, Franke Undergraduate Fellows have the opportunity to enhance their projects by playing a significant role in the interdisciplinary community of the Humanities Institute. They discuss vital issues and ideas with faculty and graduate students at weekly lunch colloquia; meet renowned scholars and artists; and present their work at the annual Future Directions Forum." Sarah's award winning project is "From inside a cell, the night sky isn't a measure." Congratulations, Sarah!

## 2021 SENIORS AT THE FARMHOUSE RESTAURANT



## 2021-2024 SCHOLARS



**SENIOR CLASS**



**JUNIOR CLASS**



**SOPHOMORE CLASS**



**FIRST YEAR CLASS**

## BOARD MEMBERS



## BOARD MEMBERSHIP

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