



AAUW Carlisle Higher Education Scholarship 2020 Recipients

**META BOWMAN
ANGELICA BRILL
MADELEINE DAVIS
GABRIELLE DIETRICH
BAILEY JONES
MEGAN ROZMAJZL**

The traditional Scholarship Banquet, scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2020 in Social Hall East, Holland Union Building of Dickinson College was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The highlight of the celebration is always the Scholarship Committee member introduction of each recipient and her acceptance remarks. Makes everyone very proud – recipient's parent and AAUW Carlisle members.

To replicate that experience, as best we can, we offer these introductions.

***Scholarship Committee
Lillian Wong, Chair
Stefanie D'Amore,
Gail D'Urso,
Linkey Green,
Rosemary Smith,
Cindy Sutton***

META BOWMAN

Meta Bowman is presently seeking a Master's Degree in Social Work from Shippensburg University of PA. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Art Degree from Dickinson College. Having spent many years volunteering and working in the art world, she is following her passion to serve others in society as a social worker. She continues to volunteer in such areas as prison reform helping women in need. As a working mother and wife, Meta balances family life while working two jobs alongside finishing a full student course work at Shippensburg.

Stefanie D'Amore

Thank you so much for awarding me with a scholarship to continue towards obtaining my Masters in Social Work at Shippensburg University. My passion has always been in serving others, and obtaining a Masters in Social Work will allow me to do this in a professional role instead of solely volunteer work. Studying at Shippensburg is expanding my knowledge in the social work field to better assist my community, and to start on the path of the career that I believe is meant for me. There are many in our world who are disadvantaged in various ways and I believe it is our duty as human beings to assist those who have been marginalized or alienated as best as we can.



I would like to be able to play a part in making a real change in our social, political and economic culture by pursuing a career as a social worker and my first step is obtaining a Masters Degree in Social Work in the MU-SU MSW Program at Shippensburg University. This generous scholarship will help me towards my end goal of policy work. I hope to assist in changing the social structure of our society so that those who have been marginalized will perhaps gain more equal ground.

ANGELICA BRILL

Angelica Brill is a sophomore at Penn State University, University Park campus. She has a very interesting and not well known concentration of study: Community Environment and Development. It is no wonder since she was raised in an environmentally conscious household- from gardening, recycling and cooking. Her confidence and leadership are boosted by her childhood love of horses from training, lessons and all the necessary chores of boarding. Angelica has Spanish as a second concentration of study. Her travels abroad and specifically to Spain, reinforced her interest. She is schedule to go to Spain under a National Science Foundation research grant to study linguistics. She is truly an example of a modern citizen of the world.

Lillian Wong

My name is Angelica Brill and I am a double major in Community, Environment, and Development and Spanish major. This major is a mix of Environmental Studies and Public Policy. Using the two majors, I plan to work within a larger government organization such as the USDA or the UN. My goal is to protect the environment through legislation, on a global scale. This summer I had planned to travel to Spain under a linguistics research grant



which I had gotten from the National Science Foundation, however, due to COVID-19, I will not be able to go. It is disappointing to hear that news, but my summer is now free to work with other internships and focus on my studies. Thank you so much for the scholarship! It gives me the opportunity to work to achieve my goals. I am excited to continue my journey with your help. Thank you again!

MADELEINE DAVIS

Madeleine Davis is completing her sophomore year at Shippensburg University where she majors in Environmental Sustainability with minors in Psychology and Spanish. She spent part of the spring semester in a study abroad program in Chile. Madeleine is the student Co-Chair of Shippensburg's Environmental Steering Committee which is comprised of students, faculty, and staff. She serves as Vice President of the Green League, hosting the Earth Day festival, organizing stream clean ups, and overseeing the campus farm. Madeleine maintains a GPA of 3.9 and holds a place on the Dean's List, all while working full-time evenings at UPS in Carlisle.

Madeleine graduated from Carlisle High School after her family moved to Pennsylvania from Nebraska when she was a high school junior. Carlisle has been her home base while she has been at Shippensburg but now, her family is moving back to Nebraska! Madeleine hopes to stay in Pennsylvania after graduation "to implement greener practices and develop conservation efforts to preserve our beautiful Pennsylvanian environment."

Gail D'Urso

It is an absolute honor to be the recipient of the 2020 AAUW Carlisle Branch Higher Education Scholarship. This opportunity will allow me to successfully achieve my academic and career goals. I am saddened that we were not able to hold our Higher Education Scholarship Banquet so as to meet and thank you all. Here is a little bit about me and plans for the future.



Currently, I am a full time undergraduate student at Shippensburg University studying Environmental Sustainability with minors in Spanish, Psychology, and International Development with an environmental concentration. As if being a student didn't keep me busy enough, I hold leadership positions in three clubs, work a part time job year round (two during the summer), and serve as a teacher at my local church.

Although I still have two years to go, I have plenty of plans for the future. After graduation, I plan to apply for the Peace Corps and serve the planet by helping struggling areas develop more sustainable

practices through agriculture, fishing, and wildlife conservation.

I hope to work in Latin or South America where my Spanish education will be put in use. Afterwards, I plan to work for an environmental company, potentially through the EPA, to gain some hands-on experience in my field before applying for graduate school and furthering my education in Sustainability.

Eventually, I hope to either own my own company to help other people and businesses become more environmentally friendly. I would also like to work with the government to write and pass legislation that can support a healthier, more sustainable nation.

Thank you so much for supporting my efforts and allowing me to further my education. Thank you for all that you do for women like me, and for developing a stronger community. I hope you all stay healthy and continue to stay strong in this trying time.

GABRIELLE DIETRICH

Wanting more for herself and her two daughters, Gabrielle Dietrich left her job as a hair stylist to pursue a degree in social work at Shippensburg University. Her course work “awakened her to the injustices and oppression that are intertwined within our society” and led her to develop a passion for social justice advocacy. Not only has she worked as a sexual assault victim advocate, but she co-founded Cumberland Valley Rising, a non-profit organization focused on civic literacy and advocacy. Gabrielle currently works full time with YWCA Carlisle as a prevention education coordinator in the field of sexual assault/rape crisis while pursuing a master’s degree in social work at Shippensburg University. She would like to work on a macro level to promote policy change and eventually pursue a doctorate degree in social work.

Cindy Sutton

I am honored to have the opportunity to thank AAUW Carlisle for the Higher Education Scholarship and also saddened that I am not able to thank committee members in person. When I first began my journey into higher education my goal was to make it through and graduate so that I could get a job with a dependable income. That was it, a paycheck that I could count on and support my two daughters with. What I didn't realize is that my journey into higher education would actually lead me to discovering my passion and a perspective that has forever changed my life and goals. Throughout the last seven years I have earned a bachelors degree in Social Work and will soon be graduating with my Masters in Social Work.



Aside from these things, my time in higher education was also accompanied with a divisive election, which pushed me to become civically engaged and active.

My undergraduate and graduate internships lead me to the field of victim advocacy and violence prevention where I feel like another piece of my puzzle was found. Now, approaching graduation and looking back while also looking forward I realize that I am a completely different person with so many more goals. For now, I plan to continue my work in violence prevention, study for my upcoming licensure exam, and navigate this challenging time of working/schooling/advocating from home.

In these years, I gained knowledge and awareness around social justice issues while also being challenged to look at my own privileges and beliefs.

BAILEY JONES

Bailey Jones will be a senior at the University of Pittsburgh and is perusing a career as an engineer. This is her second AAUW scholarship. During her junior year she had a full-time internship with Volvo Construction Equipment in Shippensburg. This internship combined classroom knowledge with real-life experience. During the year she helped with projects that saved Volvo about \$70,000 a year. Her supervisor at Volvo said that she works well with everyone - managers and people working on the line. He also said that he couldn't say enough good about her - she is a rising star.

Rosemary Smith

Hi everyone! My name is Bailey Jones. Before I start, I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the ladies of the Carlisle AAUW and those who have helped make this scholarship possible. Especially with the spread of COVID-19, I hope you all are staying well and I appreciate you still making this happen in our new normal.

I am currently a junior mechanical engineering student at the University of Pittsburgh. I am taking a variety of engineering courses, covering topics such as thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, mechanical design and failure, linear algebra, and professional writing. I enjoy these courses and am looking forward to putting my skills to work.

So far, I have had the opportunity to do a co-op at Volvo Construction Equipment as an Assembly Manufacturing Engineer. I worked on a multitude of projects, but my main project was as a Project Leader for several Work Place Organizations. During these events, our main objective was to cut waste from the assembly line in certain areas. We were able to cut costs and fatigue for the operator. This improved safety and morale among the workers, increasing efficiency as a result. Movement in one area was cut by 76%.



Since co-opping with Volvo, my passion for engineering has only grown. I am involved in the Society of Women Engineers at Pitt. This past year, I was co-chair for SWEvening, which is an event for high school senior girls who have applied to Pitt's engineering school. We bring them in for a day and show them what life as an engineering student is like. When I was a senior in high school, I attended this day. It was one of the main reasons I decided to go to Pitt. Having the opportunity to give back was incredible for me.

For next school year, I decided to run for Girl Scout Engineering Day Chair. I was elected and have already started planning the event. I look forward to continuing giving back and encouraging more women to get involved in STEM.

As for my plans after college, I am planning on working in the power industry. I am passionate about the environment and producing clean, renewable energy. My thermodynamics and fluid mechanics classes are very interesting to me. I would like to continue applying my knowledge to make the world a better place.

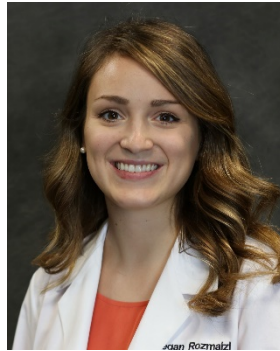
Once again, I want to say thank you to everyone who made this happen. I look forward to continuing my education and pursuing a career in STEM.

MEGAN ROZMAJZL

A graduate of Carlisle High School and Grove City College, Megan Rozmajzl has worked as a hospital emergency department technician, an emergency medical technician, a certified nursing assistant and even learned to drive an ambulance...all in preparation for her current enrollment in a full time physician assistant program at Salus University with plans to graduate in October 2021. Newly married, she juggles an intensive academic course schedule with family and a commitment to serving others. She is interested in working in the women's health field upon graduation as well as with underserved populations. She wrote in her personal statement, "As I enthusiastically look forward to my future as a PA , I am confident I will flourish in a profession that allows me to heal, educate, and improve the lives of patients."

Cindy Sutton

I am extremely honored to be one of the recipients of the AAUW Higher Education Scholarship. I want to sincerely thank the AAUW for supporting students pursuing higher education like me. I would also like to thank all of the generous donors for their financial support. I am currently in my didactic year at Salus University's Physician Assistant program, which I am highly enjoying. Next year, I will begin clinical rotations at various clinical sites around the United States.



Upon graduating in 2021, I hope to work in an underserved community in either Women's Health or Primary Care. Becoming a PA has been a dream of mine for quite some time, and I am greatly looking forward to this career and the opportunity to give back to the community. Thank you again for your support of me and other students in our community.