

KITCHEN 8

*Alumnae Association for Watkins and Miller Scholarship Halls
& our EMW Memorial Scholarship Recipients*



2019 ANNUAL WEEKEND: *Come Home to Lilac Lane*

AGENDA FOR K8 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, April 27, 2019

- 9:00 a.m.** Registration and Visiting!
- 9:30 a.m.** Meeting Begins:
K8 President's Welcome and Farewell, Norma Hoagland, *Kitchen 8 President*
Introduction of Kitchen 8 Board Members
Election of new K8 Board Members, Pat Putnam presiding
State of the Halls: *Watkins Hall:* Zoe Weland and Sura Jaradat, *Alumnae Co-Chairs*
Miller Hall: Tina Wang, *President*, and Zalma Molina, *Alumnae Chair*
- 10:00 a.m.** Program: "Women Who Dared"
Introduction by Elizabeth Boman, *Kitchen 8 Vice President*, and Pat Putnam
- 11:00 a.m.** Brunch
- 11:45 a.m.** Announcement & Introduction of Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Recipients
Valentine Baumann O'Kane, *EMWMS Advisory Committee Chair*
Nancy Archer Rehkamp & Kayla Wegley, *Co-Chairs of Scholarship Selection Committee*
- 1:00 p.m.** Adjournment
- 2:00 p.m.** Watkins Museum of History – *A viewing of Elizabeth Watkins' personal scrapbook*
- 3:00 p.m.** Kitchen 8 Board Meeting, *Watkins Museum*
- 5:00 p.m.** Reception for Outgoing Board Members, *Watkins Museum*



Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship

2019-2020 AWARD RECIPIENTS

ERIKA IBARRA

Kansas City, Kansas

Erika, the first in her family to finish high school and is also the first to attend college. She will be a senior in Electric Engineering this fall and has been very active in mentoring and encouraging other young women in engineering and the sciences. She writes in her essay “Just as Elizabeth Watkins would leave her garden gate slightly open as a gesture of encouragement, I believe that planting the idea of going into the STEM fields in young women’s minds will open a world of opportunities for them...” Her spirit of “lifting others out of poverty” through education makes her an ideal candidate for the EMW scholarship.



GRACE WOODS

Tonganoxie, Kansas

Grace is currently a junior studying Strategic Communications with a long-term goal of becoming a pastor. As a resident of Watkins Hall she has served as the Food Board Manager and has had the opportunity to advise hall residents as they navigate the challenges of college life. Grace has been an active volunteer at Wesley KU Campus Ministry, the Lawrence Community Shelter, Women’s Fresh Start and other community groups, choosing to spend her free time benefiting those around her. Grace’s unique contributions to campus life and her focus on improving the lives of women everywhere continues the legacy of Elizabeth Miller Watkins and makes her a deserving scholarship recipient.



KAYLA MOORE

Wichita, Kansas

Kayla will be a junior in the fall studying Elementary Education. Kayla, who is a first generation college student, believes education changed her life and wants to become a system of support and stability for her future students. Kayla, who is a Miller Scholarship Hall resident, has learned valuable skills through volunteering and employment that will help her in the education field. She has worked for Planned Parenthood, the New Orleans Habitat for Humanity and was a YMCA Latchkey Group Leader. These life experiences plus the empathy she developed from her own health care experiences will make her a strong advocate and mentor for other women and children, much like Elizabeth Miller Watkins.



MALENA SCHOENI

Thorton, Colorado

Malena is a freshman and Watkins Hall resident studying Interdisciplinary Computing with a concentration in Chemistry. For Malena education is the foundation for self-awareness and developing the critical-thinking skills needed in this interconnected, global community. She is excited about the opportunities that Interdisciplinary Computing creates in the development of biomedical devices, language comprehension for virtual reality and brain-computing interfaces. Malena volunteers and uses her knowledge to inspire others, including low income, first generation and disabled students through a program called TRIO. Malena is another example of the exemplary women who have joined the EMW scholarship family.



MEKAYLA DEPAOLIS

Lansing, Kansas

MeKayla will be a senior this fall in Chemical Engineering with aspirations of becoming someone who works in public policy and regulates the waste and environmental impact of the chemical industry. In addition to serving as a role model and mentor for women in engineering, MeKayla has extensive volunteer experiences in programs and services for those in severe poverty. She has also worked to highlight and address the challenges faced by the LGBTQ community in a professional environment. MeKayla’s unique experiences and outstanding academic performance make her a welcome addition to the EMW scholarship recipients.



**MICAELA (MICKEY)
CARRILLO MARQUEZ**

De Soto, Kansas

Mickey, an incoming freshman this fall planning to study Psychology, is the first in her family to attend college. She is an outstanding student with a wide range of extracurricular activities including National Honor Society, Varsity Scholars Bowl, Pep Club and volunteering at War Horses for Veterans. She has been employed continuously since 14 years old and is currently working as a waitress and a tutor for elementary students. Mickey believes Elizabeth Miller Watkins is a unique role model and inspiration to her as she has overcome substantial obstacles in order to pursue her education and life goals. We welcome her to the community of new EMW scholarship recipients.



NATALIE FANELLA

DeKalb, Illinois

Natalie is a sophomore studying Unified Early Childhood Education. As the Vice President of Miller Scholarship Hall she has been very active within the Scholarship Hall community. Natalie was instilled with the passion of education from the many mentors who helped her escape poverty and a toxic childhood. She has been self-supporting for many years and continues to work 30 to 40 hours a week while at KU. Natalie's essay discussed how many gave generously of their time to support and motivate her. She hopes she can model EMW's generous spirit by creating opportunities for her students to thrive and grow.



**2019-2020 AWARD RENEWAL
RECIPIENTS**

ASHLEY FARROW

Cave Creek, Arizona

3RD-YEAR RECIPIENT: Ashley will complete year five of the five year Master of Architecture program in Paris, France. She will be a full-time exchange student first semester and intern at a Parisian architecture firm in the spring. Currently, Ashley is part of a team designing an Arts Education Center in Denver, CO. She writes: "I am ecstatic to be in charge of the sustainability aspect of the project . . . to make our buildings better for the people and environment it will be servicing."



CARLY CONROY

De Soto, Kansas

2ND-YEAR RECIPIENT: Carly, a first-generation college student, will be a sophomore continuing to work towards a degree in human biology. Carly briefly considered switching majors, however, after refocusing on her studies and with support of friends, stayed on her original path. She looks forward to beginning undergraduate research next year. Regarding financial need, she wrote: "I work and go to school and that's my life."



EDAN BELIHU

Shawnee, Kansas

3RD-YEAR RECIPIENT: Edan, a first-generation college student, will be a junior studying Social Welfare while working two jobs; one as a Certified Nursing Assistant and the other for KU housing in the scholarship halls. This summer, Edan will participate in a research abroad program in Armenia. She wrote: "Attending KU. . . has opened up a lot of doors for me." She expressed gratitude for the financial assistance which helped to make this experience possible.



HAILEY SOLOMON

Oswego, Kansas

2ND-YEAR RECIPIENT: Hailey will be a senior completing her BS in Civil Engineering. She is getting hands on experience through her work in a concrete research lab studying how different mixes of concrete are affected by icing salts and freeze/thaw conditions. She wrote: ". . . donors like you have supported me, so I can focus the majority of my efforts on my studies. For that I am deeply grateful."



JULIE HIEGER

Andale, Kansas

4TH-YEAR RECIPIENT: After graduating from KU with a BS in Applied Behavioral Science, Julie entered Masters of Occupational Therapy program at KU Medical Center. Next year, she will complete her program with a final semester of coursework and three months of field work. Julie wrote: "The EMW scholarship has helped me so much throughout my undergrad and grad school thus far, and I consider myself blessed to have been a recipient."



KARLA ARIAS

Dodge City, Kansas

2ND-YEAR RECIPIENT: Karla, a first-generation college student, will be a junior majoring in Human Biology. Karla referred to the honor of getting to know Mrs. Watkins through the experiences of a Miller Scholarship Hall resident. Comparing their lives, she wrote: "Elizabeth gave up on her education to provide for her family and I decided to pursue an education to help provide for mine."



MATIE MEEKS

Atchison, Kansas

2ND-YEAR RECIPIENT: Matie will be in her second year of the four year Doctor of Pharmacy program. She will continue to work as a student pharmacy intern at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. She wrote: "Through this position, I am exposed to the daily activities of a pharmacist in a hospital setting and have had the opportunity to observe firsthand the clinical aspects and applications of various medications."



LINDSEY RED ELK

Cache, Oklahoma

2ND-YEAR RECIPIENT: Lindsey, a first-generation college student, will be a junior studying Engineering Physics. She is hoping to participate in research in the field of Astrophysics this summer. Lindsey wrote: "I want to thank everyone who mentioned Scholarship Halls as a living option! I am a resident of K.K. Amini and this is the first year this hall is Co-Ed. Not only has it been a blast, but it has been a great relief on my finances!"



MELISSA O'NEAL

Overland Park, Kansas

3RD-YEAR RECIPIENT: Melissa, a first-generation college student, graduated from KU in May 2018 with a BS in Community Health Education and entered the Masters of Occupational Therapy program at KU Medical Center. Melissa wrote: "Not only are my husband and I in school full-time working to create a better future for ourselves, but we are also doing this for our son. It was important for us to change our family tree and be first generation college students in both of our families."



LISA LIM

Dodge City, Kansas

2ND-YEAR RECIPIENT: Lisa, a first-generation college student, will be in her third year at KU and has applied to the Doctor of Pharmacy program. Lisa has known for a long time she wanted to work in the healthcare field and after shadowing several pharmacists, she realized that she wanted to be like them and "give back to my community . . . to better the lives of other people."



NHI (KAYLA) BUI

Olathe, Kansas

3RD-YEAR RECIPIENT: Kayla, a first-generation college student, will be in her final year of the six-year Doctor of Pharmacy program. Kayla worked at a CVS pharmacy for three years and recently started a new job at Olathe Medical Center. She wrote: "I am fortunate to have such wonderful opportunities that allow me to pursue a promising future and I believe I will be equipped to make a difference one day."



MARISSA MORENO

Kansas City, Kansas

3RD-YEAR RECIPIENT: Marissa, a first generation college student, will be a junior studying Civil Engineering. Marissa wrote: "Every semester and every step I take reassures me that I am doing what I am meant to do. I've noticed that my confidence and independence have grown immensely. I owe all this growth and self-improvement to my academic career thus far."



POOJA POLADIA

Olathe, Kansas

2ND-YEAR RECIPIENT: Pooja will be in the third year of the four-year Doctor of Pharmacy program. Pooja wrote: "I would just like to thank Kitchen 8 and Watkins Scholarship Hall for being such an amazing part of my journey at KU. Having lived at Watkins for 4 years, I have learned and grown to be strong and independent. . . I couldn't have wished for a better journey so thank you! "

