

# KITCHEN8

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



## 2022 - 2023 REPORT

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## 2023 ANNOUNCEMENT OF EVENTS



# KITCHEN 8

## MISSION STATEMENT

**Kitchen 8 is an alumnae organization comprised of residents, past and present, of these halls, our scholarship recipients, and other supporters of Mrs. Watkins's tradition. As the official keepers of her legacy, we endeavor to provide a community of support for previous, current, and future residents through mentorship, charitable contributions through the Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund with the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, staying informed of the condition of Watkins and Miller Scholarship Halls and striving to follow her example of compassion and selflessness.**

## JOIN US

**Give back, with gratitude for Mrs. Watkins's gift to you. We are an all-volunteer group and there are no fees to join or belong. Whether you live near or far from KU, there are ways you can help with our work of supporting the residents of Watkins and Miller Halls and providing scholarships to financially needy young women at KU.**

# 2023 K8 PROGRAM: Who Was Left Out of Your Textbook? Forgotten Women in History

We invite you to join us on April 15th at 9 AM for the 2023 Annual Meeting and Program, titled "Who Was Left Out of Your Textbook? Forgotten Women in History," presented by retired professor Diana Carlin.

We are delighted to return to Maceli's this year for an in-person meeting and luncheon. By popular demand, we will also be live-streaming the meeting and presentations. A link and further information will be available on our website [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org).

## 2023 KITCHEN 8 ANNUAL WEEKEND

- BUSINESS MEETING
- PROGRAM BY GUEST SPEAKER  
DIANA CARLIN
- BRUNCH
- ELIZABETH MILLER WATKINS  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS  
PRESENTATION
- EMW BIOGRAPHY BOOK SIGNING
- SUNDAY: ALUMNI TEAS HOSTED BY  
WATKINS AND MILLER HALLS



Read on for more details!



# PRESIDENT'S PANTRY

Greetings, fellow Kitchen 8ers near and far! It was another great year here in Lawrence for Kitchen 8. As the stress and restrictions of the pandemic lessen, we are returning more and more to our pre-Covid normal. As you will see in this newsletter, in 2022-23, not only were we able to gather for our Annual Meeting and celebrate our scholars during the scholarship award presentation, but we have also been able to have events held in Miller and Watkins Halls again. There is something comforting in returning to that familiar architecture and hearing the buzz of students bustling about the house. So many people have walked these floors and had their lives changed by these halls.

As I reflect on the year that has been, I like to ask myself this question: why does Kitchen 8 do what we do? What first comes to mind are the residents of Watkins and Miller Halls. We help these new generations of students thrive amidst the challenges of pursuing a university education. We also support our scholarship recipients, helping some of the brightest and most deserving scholars at KU have the means they need to pursue their greatest goals through our Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship. We also work to preserve Watkins and Miller on Lilac Lane. We have led efforts to ensure that all of Lilac Lane was included in KU's Historic District, and were able to make sure that resident and alumni voices were represented at the table when it came time to renovate the halls. We are preserving these beautiful buildings for years to come.

Above all else, we are honoring Elizabeth Miller Watkins's legacy of philanthropy and educational empowerment. She was a model of what a determined woman can accomplish. In a time when women were meant to be in the background, she held her own and didn't let anyone tell her otherwise. Through her giving, she did so much for KU, the city of Lawrence, and for students. Kitchen 8 has worked hard to keep the spirit of Elizabeth Miller Watkins alive. We want to make sure that KU, Lawrence, and the world won't forget Lady Bountiful. We do this by teaching new residents and scholars about her and why she means so much to us. We partner with the Watkins Community Museum as they curate the history of our community and Elizabeth and Jabez Watkins. We also share the story of her life and how she worked so hard and rose so far. That is why I'm so excited this year that my friend Norma Hoagland and Mary Burchill have successfully completed their biography of Elizabeth. Now everyone will be able to be inspired by this amazing woman!

See you in April!

With Lilac Lane Love,

Paula (Hopkins) Wrigley

Miller 2003-08

Kitchen 8 President





## WATKINS HALL

OCTOBER 2022

**Front Row (left to right):** Chloe Reynolds, Olathe, KS; Sarah Gabriel, Kansas City, MO; Marian Destifanes, Wentzville, MO; Liz Collins, Abilene, KS; Miranda McDaniel, Omaha, NE; Mary Hrenchir, Paola KS; Liz Atends, Peoria, IL; Macy Gallagher, McLouth, KS; Abby Vaughn, Wichita, KS; Julia Hintz, Emporia, KS.

**Middle Row (left to right):** Beckett Nichols, Parker, CO; Kyer Fox, Seal Beach, CA; Regine Vehige, Topeka, KS; Tiffany Ngyuen, Wichita, KS; Perse Shipley, Greenwood, MO; Emma Jones, Platte City, MO; Claire Kimball, Bella Vista, AR; Hanna Meeks, Colorado Springs, CO; Zella Lubin-Meyer, Lawrence, KS.

**Back Row (left to right):** Kaylee Butcher, Wichita, KS; Olivia Favreau, Westwood, KS; Sophia Friess, Topeka, KS; Sully Bragg, St. Louis, MO; Grace Hermreck, Linwood, KS; Emily Davenport, Fort Scott, KS; Anna Marburger, Lawrence, KS; Adi Cornali, Wichita, KS; Bailey Mowery, San Diego, CA.



# Watkins Hall Update 2022-2023

By Julia Hintz, Watkins Alumni Chair

During the 2022-23 school year, the residents of Watkins enjoyed a return to post-Covid normalcy. The 35 Watkins residents, including 17 newcomers, readjusted to the sleeping porches positively, and Watkins traditions such as Heaven and Hell, Lupi Day, community service, and Hearty Party added a festive feel to the overall atmosphere.

Whether attending basketball games, cooking group meals, studying, or watching movies, the residents of Watkins spend their time together. Hall meetings feature a best-cook award and affectionate (and often humorous) notes that the residents send to each other in the form of "Llam-nom's," and the sense of camaraderie throughout the hall is palpable.

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# Watkins Hall Update 2022-2023

By Julia Hintz, Watkins Alumni Chair



Top Left: Watkins residents returning from a KU basketball game

Top Right: Watkins Residents eating together in K3

Right and Bottom Left and Right: Watkins residents celebrating Hearty Party







## MILLER HALL

OCTOBER 2022

**Front Row (left to right):** Gracie Trammel, Silver Lake, KS; Evie Hrenchir, Shawnee, KS; Mallory Wells, Wichita, KS; Trena Stokes, Kansas City, MO; Molly Roecker, Lawrence, KS; Marian Hershberger, Wichita, KS; Sofiya Rakhimova, Tashkent, Uzbekistan; Selena Reno, Kansas City, MO; Giselle Alvarado-Ortega, Kansas City, KS; Mekaela Rynerson, Merriam, KS; Mica Jones, Kinsley, KS. **Middle Row (left to right):** Addie Sloan, Wichita, KS; Michaela Schmohl, Kearney, MO; Hayley Adams, Olathe, KS; Ashleigh Waggoner, Belton, MO; Alessandra Vedder, Nettuno, Italy; Kimberly Villaneuva, Hutchinson, KS; Margaret Bhattarai, Lawrence, KS; Helen Viloria, Lawrence, KS; Kensington Comfort, Lawrence, KS; Laura Teska, Lawrence, KS. **Back Row (left to right):** Nomin Saruultugs, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; Sian Helfrich, Pratt, Kansas; Piper Rolla, Carbondale, Kansas; Xochitl Vargas, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Abigail Casas, Kansas City, Kansas; Erin Borchers, Keller, Texas; Olivia Oborny, Spring Hill, Kansas; Alyssa Juracek, Manhattan, Kansas; Emma Atherton, Chanute, Kansas.





# Miller Hall Update 2022-2023

By Mallory Wells, Miller Alumni Chair

With the start of the spring semester, life in Miller Hall is its usual hustle and bustle as residents begin to settle back in for another exciting year of fun. With close to 30 new residents, Millerites have enjoyed celebrating old traditions and creating new ones. On move-in day, executive members welcomed new residents with music, enthusiasm, and lots of helping hands. We kept the “Big-Little” tradition alive with a late-night gift exchange at the Campanile. September sun brought lots of fun with the Scholarship Hall Olympics. Millerites displayed their dazzling talents in a variety of events from dodgeball on the Battenfeld lawn to spectacular karaoke at Douthart. Volleyball, trivia, and watermelon eating competitions gave Millerites a chance to prove themselves and everyone rose to the challenge. With our brother hall, Stephenson, we were crowned Scholarship Hall Olympic Champions.

October brought cooler evenings, pumpkin painting, and spooky surprises with the annual haunted house. Our social chairs worked together to plan the event, deciding on themes (a haunted hospital), costumes, and decorations. Millerites signed up for a variety of tasks from scarers (clad in “bloody” scrubs), hair and makeup professionals (lots of face paint and hairspray) and decorators (cobwebs, construction paper, plastic skeletons, oh my!). A few residents were responsible for leading guests throughout the haunted house and the sound of laughter and screams echoed all through the night. With how hard everyone worked, it was rewarding to know that over 120 people visited the haunted house.

October couldn’t be complete without Chili and S’mores with our wonderful alumni Judy Niebaum. She generously welcomed us into her home, and we had a lovely time trading old stories and talking about our plans for the future.

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# Miller Hall Update 2022-2023

Another fun event was the winter formal. Millerites enjoyed putting on their dancing shoes and spending the evening mingling with other Schol Hall residents in the Kansas Union ballroom. Residents enjoyed informal events too, with spontaneous movie nights and community service trash cleanups in the backyard. We strived to give back to our community this semester with food and clothing drives. We celebrated finals week with a Stop-Day brunch. Exec members worked together to make breakfast for all the residents to celebrate the end of the fall semester.

After we came back from winter break, we celebrated Elizabeth Miller Watkins birthday with K8

and Watkins. It was a lovely way to start the semester. Adventure is around the corner at Miller and everyone is excited for all that the future brings, from the return of sleeping porches in the next school year to our last few events of the semester, Joe's Place and Alumni Tea. Regardless of what the future holds, I know that Millerites will rise to the challenge and reach for the stars.



Left: Members of Miller's Executive Board welcome residents back on move-in day





# EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

## TRADITIONS OLD AND NEW

The 2022-23 KU school year brought with it the return of some favorite events of the Kitchen 8 calendar.

In August, we gathered with new residents from both Miller and Watkins in the backyard of Watkins for some cool treats. Our New Resident Ice Cream Social was a big hit last year, so we were happy to bring it back! Members of Kitchen 8's Board came with coolers full of popsicles, fudge bars, and other creamy treats ready to make introductions welcome the residents into our family. We discussed the history of Kitchen 8, the legacy of Mrs. Watkins, and the purpose of our organization. They shared with us their educational goals and how life in the halls is progressing.



In October, Miller Campus Coordinator Judy Niebaum was able to bring back her delightful tradition of welcoming Miller residents to her home for a chili supper and s'mores dessert. Judy, along with K8 President Paula Wrigley, shared about their days in Miller and enjoyed hearing about how things have changed and still stayed the same. We have missed these get-togethers, and it has been a joy to be able to return to gathering together and breaking bread, while still keeping everyone healthy.



In January, we were back in Miller to celebrate with both Watkins Hall and Miller Hall residents the 162nd birthday of Elizabeth Miller Watkins. Watkins and Miller Campus Coordinators and members of K8's Board brought cake and punch while residents brought their festive energy and all donned fake pearl necklaces as a nod to the birthday girl. Kitchen 8 gave each hall a copy of their hall photo and a gift in memory of EMW. Watkins asked for and received funds to have their upholstery cleaned, and Miller received a Target gift card to get odds and ends for the house.





What's a party without cake and punch? Served up by Miller alums Emily Bannwarth and Paula Wrigley and Watkins alum Camille Olcese



Top Left: Miller Campus Coordinators Judy Niebaum and Emily Bannwarth pose with Miller residents.

Above and Left: Miller and Watkins residents mingle

Somewhere over the rainbow: Miller alum Kristy Teska snapped this shot while arriving on campus to visit her daughter in Miller





# 2022 Hybrid Annual Meeting Brings Together the Spirit of Elizabeth Miller Watkins

By Ali Zayas

Alumni, residents, and scholarship recipients joyously gathered together for Kitchen 8's return to in-person events at the Annual Meeting on April 23, 2022. This year, the Annual Meeting was also streamed online, welcoming attendees near and far who otherwise wouldn't be able to join the meeting in person.

Kitchen 8 President Paula (Hopkins) Wrigley commenced the meeting by expressing her delight at seeing everyone gathered together in person. Paula noted that despite the challenges of the pandemic Kitchen 8, Watkins and Miller halls, and the scholarship recipients demonstrated great resiliency and we have much to be thankful for as we reflect upon the past year and look forward to the future.

After the welcome and introductions, Paula presided over the business portion of the meeting. Kitchen 8 Treasurer Norma (Decker) Hoagland presented the Treasurer's report and the membership approved the 2022 Kitchen 8 Budget. Norma also reported on the status of Kitchen 8's archive collection. A group of volunteers successfully sorted through the archives and pared our files down to two boxes. The archives will be housed at the Watkins Museum of History in Lawrence as part of our affiliate membership with the museum. The membership also reviewed and approved the 2021 Kitchen 8 Annual Meeting Minutes.

Kitchen 8 Member Pat (Jolly) Putnam then presided over the election of officers, as current Vice President Elizabeth (Ervin) Boman was on the Slate of Officers and therefore disqualified from running the elections. The K8 membership approved by acclamation the Slate of Officers as presented. During a subsequent call for nominations for open positions, Leah Bye was nominated for and elected to the position of Newsletter Coordinator.

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# Annual Meeting, continued

After the election, Watkins President Mary Hrenchir and Miller Alumnae Chair Kathy Martinez Reynaga reported on the State of the Halls. Watkins announced that its residents decided to return to sleeping in the sleeping porches starting Fall of 2022, while Miller residents decided to continue sleeping in the study rooms, due to the residents' health concerns. However, both halls reported an increase in social activities for the 2021-2022 academic year, as pandemic restrictions have eased at the university.

The Annual Meeting program is always a highlight of the meeting and this year's program did not disappoint. Norma (Decker) Hoagland provided an engaging overview of Elizabeth Miller Watkins' life and the book she and Mary Burchill co-wrote about Elizabeth and her husband Jabez's life and business. Norma shared a few tidbits from the book and her research and promised that more surprises were to come! The book is expected to be printed in 2023 and available at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting concluded with the Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship (EMWMS) Awards Presentation led by EMWMS Selection Co-Chair Kayla Wegley. For the 2021-2022 academic year, Kitchen 8 awarded 10 new scholarships, including one scholarship given in memory of Kitchen 8 member Roselyn (Skonberg) George, and 7 renewal scholarships. Kayla introduced each scholarship recipient and those recipients present at the meeting shared a few words of gratitude.

The Kitchen 8 Board also held its annual board meeting on April 22, 2022, at the Watkins Museum of History in Lawrence and online via Zoom. The Board plans to continue hosting hybrid meetings in the future and looks forward to connecting with K8 members at the 2023 Annual Meeting, whether in person or virtually!



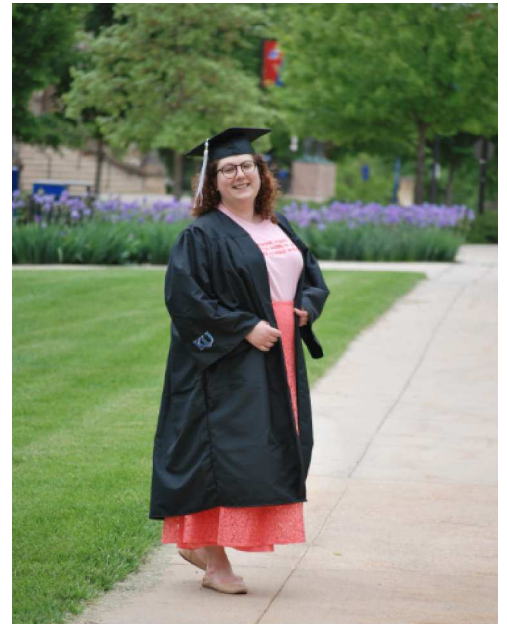
# **WHERE** **are they now?**

Checking in with a Past EMWMS Recipient

## ***Henri Gaeddert, 2020-2021***

The Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship came into my life at just the right time. I applied in the spring of 2020, hoping to get assistance to study abroad. My study abroad program was canceled due to COVID, and going to college suddenly became very complicated. I was a non-traditional student, my husband was suddenly out of work, and I was released from my student job because it couldn't be done remotely. This scholarship helped cover some of my living and school expenses at the time, which helped us get through with a sudden loss of income.

Having my senior year during the COVID crisis was not ideal, and I missed being in the classroom and the library. As COVID restrictions leveled out, I was able to complete an internship my last semester in the Kansas House of Representatives in Topeka, KS. I graduated in May of 2021 with a Bachelor's Degree in Jewish Studies and Anthropology. After graduation, I worked at KU Endowment Association as a Development Assistant for the Schools of Business, Engineering, and Law. I'm currently working at Jewish Community Relations Bureau | AJC as an Administrative Coordinator, combating antisemitism and pursuing justice in the Greater Kansas City community.



*Henri smiles at the camera in a cap and gown, worn over a pale pink T-shirt tucked into a long peach skirt, and nude flats. The text on the T-shirt reads, "Behind Every Strong Woman Are More Strong Women".*

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I grew up in a low-income family who couldn't support me financially, am a first-generation college graduate, and I've struggled to secure scholarships previously. Because of COVID, I was worried about having to drop out of school my last year to get a full-time job. Having this extra financial support to pay for my expenses made my senior year possible.

This scholarship made an impact for me during a financially difficult time, and it made a bigger impact on my confidence knowing that there are people out there I've never met and believe in my ability to succeed.

I am incredibly grateful to the selection committee and Kitchen 8 donors who believed in me, and I look forward to donating to the scholarship myself in the future.



*Henri smiles at the camera for a professional head shot. Henri has shoulder-length curly brown hair, glasses with silver wire frames, and a bright blue top.*

## Kitchen 8 Board Members 2022-2023

**President** Paula (Hopkins) Wrigley, M 03-08 [president@kitchen8.org](mailto:president@kitchen8.org)

**Vice President** Sarah Greenup [vicepresident@kitchen8.org](mailto:vicepresident@kitchen8.org)

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**Treasurer** Kristy Treska, [treasurer@kitchen8.org](mailto:treasurer@kitchen8.org)

**Historian** **Open Position**

**Website Coordinator** Hilary Wanke, W 01-03 [website@kitchen8.org](mailto:website@kitchen8.org)

**EMW Memorial Scholarship Fund Advisory Committee Chair** Norma (Decker) Hoaglund [advisory@kitchen8.org](mailto:advisory@kitchen8.org)

**EMW Scholarship Selection Committee Chair** Nancy (Archer) Rehkamp, W 70-74 [scholarship@kitchen8.org](mailto:scholarship@kitchen8.org)

**Lizzie's Legacies Coordinator** Elizabeth (Ervin) Boman

**K8 Newsletter Coordinator** Leah Bye, W 12-13  
[communications@kitchen8.org](mailto:communications@kitchen8.org)

**Watkins Campus Coordinator** Camille (Icenogle) Olcese, W 71-74

**Miller Campus Co-Coordinators** Judy (Johnson) Neibaum, M 58-61, Emily Bannwarth, M 03-04, 07-08

*If you have any interest in becoming an active Board Member, please reach out to Paula.*

# THE BOOK: BIOGRAPHY OF ELIZABETH WATKINS IS FINALLY HERE!

By Norma (Hopkins) Wrigley

We “daughters” of Elizabeth have always wanted to know more about her. Now is our chance. The Biography of Elizabeth Miller Watkins is itself something of a miracle: no diary or personal letters still existed: all business records were nearly destroyed during a World War II Red Cross paper drive; the business records, lined up in archival boxes, measure 627 feet. The details that emerge from the business records have taken years of research to mine and then record. Kitchen 8 played a large role in this book coming into existence.

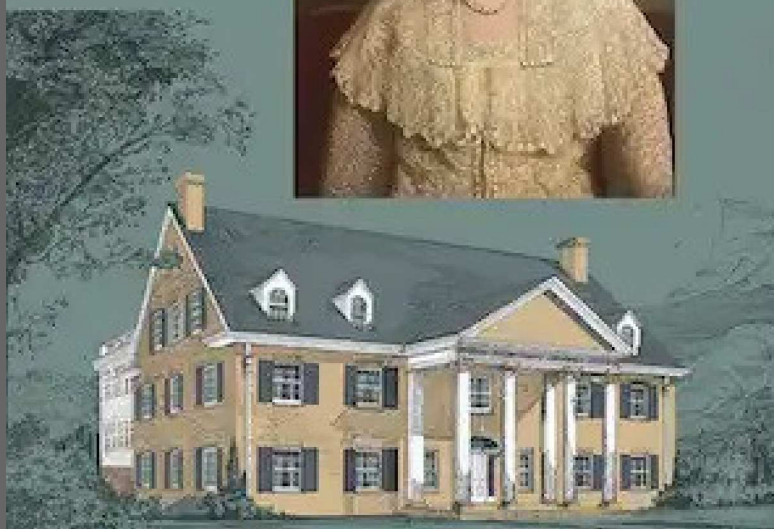
Norma Decker Hoagland, compiler of the book Watkins & Miller Halls, is a long-time member of Kitchen 8. At one of the K8 meetings, Mary Burchill, Lawrence native and Watkins researcher, gave a program about her work exploring the JB Watkins' papers at Spencer Research Library on KU's campus. When the two women met, a friendship followed and a partnership to bring JB and Elizabeth to life.

The book gives insight into the childhood of each Elizabeth and JB and weaves the tale of their meeting and most eventful life together. Their business interests involve Kansas, Louisiana, Texas, New York and England. Once known as the “wealthiest man west of the Mississippi,” Elizabeth became his trusted partner, and eventually, his wife. The story of their philanthropy and of Elizabeth's fight to accomplish what they wanted to do with their fortune, takes several unexpected twists. Their influence continues to affect the city of Lawrence and KU. Not just with the buildings Elizabeth build, but with a legacy that surprisingly even encompasses KU's athletic life. You'll be delighted by the details you'll learn about Elizabeth. (She liked sports and bought tickets from Phog Allen!)



# The Life and Legacy of **Elizabeth Miller Watkins**

*A Pioneering Philanthropist*



Mary Dresser Burchill & Norma Decker Hoagland

## EMW Biography Book Signing



Saturday, April 16

— 2pm-4pm —



Watkins Museum of History

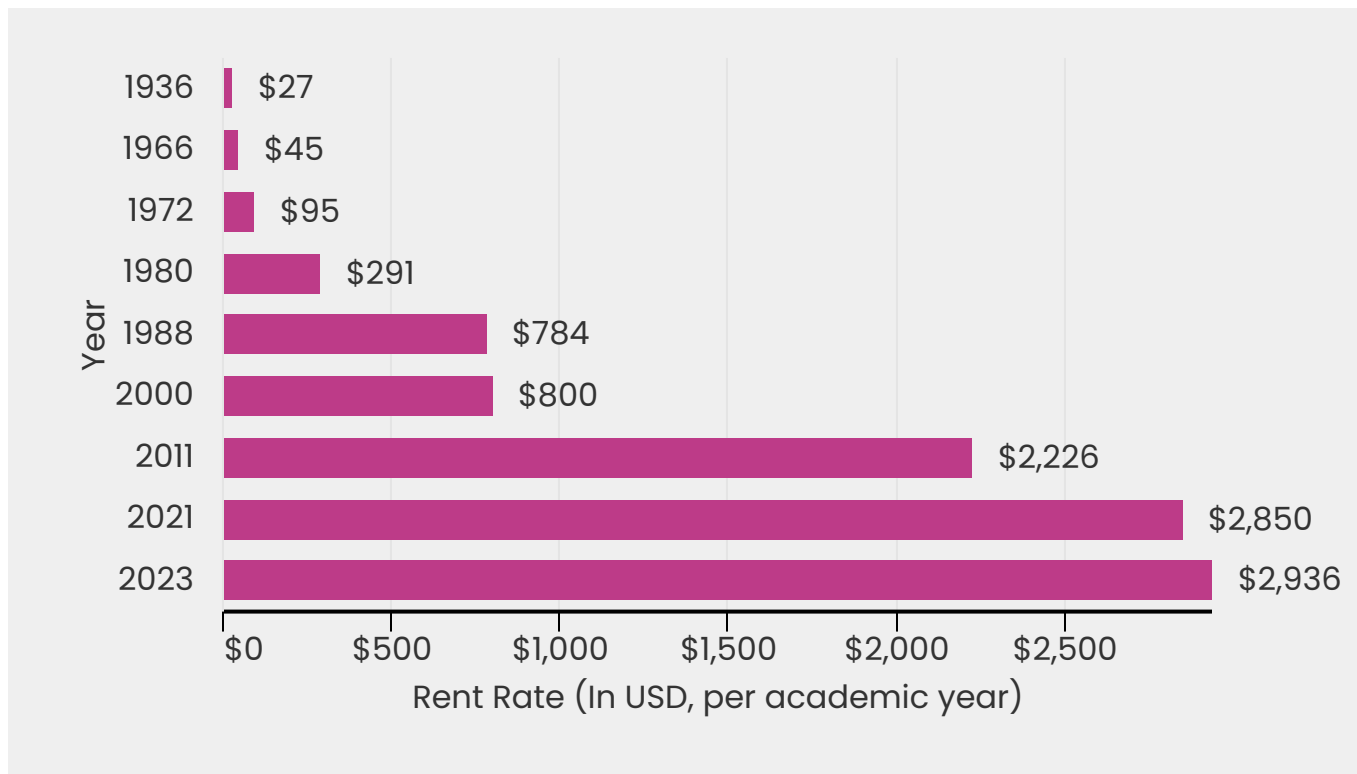
— 1047 Massachusetts Street, Lawrence, KS 66044 —

Mary and Norma welcome you to come to the book signing party the weekend of the Kitchen 8 Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards Brunch.

We look forward to seeing you!

# RENT RATES AT MILLER AND WATKINS HALLS

Most of us remember what we (or our parents) paid for our years in Watkins or Miller Halls. Here's a timeline of the rental rates down through the years.



Watkins resident Sam Bunnyfield compiled this data for K8 in 2011 and we have added more current rates to her calculations. These figures are condensed from KU documents, Department of Student Housing statements to residents, and the Deeds to the Halls from Mrs. Watkins to the Kansas Board of Regents.

For comparison, the suite-style rooms at the newer Scholarship Halls, like the KK Amini and Margaret Amini are estimated to be \$4,750 for 2023. For reference, in 2019, yearly in-state tuition at KU was \$26,300.

There was a large jump in rent rates from 2000 to 2011. KU Student Housing re-evaluated the way rent was set about that time. Please see the article on the Watkins & Miller Halls Trust for more information.

# WATKINS & MILLER HALLS TRUST

ESTABLISHED BY ELIZABETH WATKINS IN HER WILL, 1939

In Elizabeth's Will, the 12th directive was to establish a Trust with \$250,000 "to invest and reinvest the same...perpetually for the maintenance, upkeep and operation of WATKINS HALL and MILLER HALL...equally, share and share alike." The original bank, First National Bank of Kansas City, has merged and changed over the years. Currently Bank of America holds the Trust.

If you use 4.7% as a return rate compounded twice a year (these are the figures KU Endowment uses in calculating an endowed scholarship) then \$250,000 invested in 1939 would be worth about \$9M in 2016. The Trust, as of 8-31-2022 shows a balance of \$3.6M. There were questions raised around 1999 about the management of the Trust. The residents were not even aware they had a Trust! This brings us to the large jump in rent rates at that time. In 1999-2000, the residents filed a lawsuit against the bank holding the W&M Halls Trust, asking that they be allowed to see the accounting, as beneficiaries of that Trust. KU joined the lawsuit with the bank, against the residents. The result was a ruling that only the current residents in the Halls had legal standing to request or receive financial information.

Eventually the bank did begin to send an accounting to the residents, although it is difficult to have continuity of this Trust information with a different hall treasurer or rates chair nearly every year. Accountings are mailed to Watkins one year, Miller the next. We alumni offer to assist in understanding these complex Trust statements. One positive result is the Department of Student Housing meets with the residents yearly to show them how much is transferred from the Trust into their budget within Housing. From the statements we alumni have had access to, it appears the Trust contributes approximately 5% of the value of the Trust into W&M budgets within Student Housing. In 2022, the Trust distributed \$182,553.50 into the W&M Hall budget. That is a widely accepted rate of disbursement.

We alumni need to be aware of the Trust, its value, and use. Elizabeth intended her Trust to keep W&M rate rents as low as possible. From 9-1-2021 to 8-31-2022, the Trust lost 20% of its value, or approximately \$1M. During this same period, our scholarship fund held at Greater Kansas City Community Foundation lost approximately 12%, as it was a difficult period for investments. But another surprising note in this history: the W&M Trust was valued at \$3,168,436.93 on 8-31-1999.

A number of alumni feel a need to ask about the investment strategy KU is using with Bank of America to be sure the Trust is here for many more years, as Elizabeth envisioned. She assisted us, and we need to assist her. Your board will discuss what action to take at their April meeting. We will keep you informed.





# TREASURER'S REPORT

By Kristy Treska with contributions by Norma Hoaglund

Thank you for your interest in the finances of Kitchen 8. Every dollar you donate to Kitchen 8 is used for the residents and to help our members stay informed and in touch. There are two options to financially support our all-volunteer organization. BOTH OF THESE OPTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

**KITCHEN 8 SUGAR BOWL:** Give to Kitchen 8, the umbrella group founded in 1997 to support the residents who live in Watkins and Miller. This tax-deductible gift goes to projects such as:

- Presenting each hall with a large photo print of all the residents
- Supplying New Resident Booklets to all new residents
- Celebrating Elizabeth's birthday with treats and gifts for the halls
- Gifting 4-year graduates with a copy of the Watkins & Miller Halls book
- Inviting residents to be our guests at the Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards event

Donations can be done by credit card via our secure website at [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org) or by mail to:

Kitchen 8  
c/o Watkins Museum of History  
1047 Massachusetts Street  
Lawrence, KS 66044

**ELIZABETH MILLER WATKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** If you wish to give to our Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund, send your donations to Greater Kansas City Community Foundation. Please specify WATK01 on your check and mail to:

GKCCF  
1055 Broadway, Suite 130  
Kansas City, MO 64105

Another giving option is to go to the donations tab on our website at [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org) and note your online donation is for the "Elizabeth Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund."

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is a short review of income and expenses for both funds.

## Kitchen 8

Donations	\$ 9,293.61
Annual Meeting	\$ 908.01
Product sales	\$ 37.29
Interest	\$ 0.32
Total Income	\$10,239.23

Affiliate Fees	\$ 200.00
Annual Meeting Expenses	\$ 808.17
Filing and Bank Fees, Postage	\$ 28.66
Hall Events and Photo	\$1,191.84
Total Expenses	\$2,228.67

Net Income	\$8,010.56
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\* All K8 financial records are maintained in QuickBooks.

## The Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance 1/1/2022	\$1,424,076.63
Contributions	\$ 13,050.00
Scholarships and Grants Awarded	\$ 77,000.00
End of Year balance 12/31/2022	\$1,515,836.56

Many contributed to K8 and the EMWMS Fund in memory of Ann Beckman over the past 2 years, so a new scholarship will be awarded this spring in her name.

Please remember Kitchen 8 and our mission to keep Elizabeth's legacy alive during 2023. A donation is a great way to celebrate a special person, anniversary, birthday, or retirement.

Submitted by  
Kristy Teska  
Kitchen 8 Treasurer  
Miller 1984-1987



# SISTERS WE HAVE LOST

by Norma Hoagland



*Kitchen 8 would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to all the families who have lost a loved one. Sadly, we don't always know when a sister passes away, but we always care.*

Mary Ann Deckert Berthelson was born in 1922 and died June 24, 2022, at the age of 100. She passed away in Peoria, Arizona. A gift in her memory was given by Mr. and Mrs. Duane E. Berthelson of Sun City, Arizona, to our EMW Memorial Scholarship Fund.

A Friend to Kitchen 8: Nancy Lindsey Helmstadter of the KU Class of 1952 lived in Lawrence her whole life. She devoted her time to several local organizations, including the Watkins Museum of History and the Douglas County Senior Resource Center. Nancy was 91.

Nancy was the last person in Lawrence to have known Elizabeth Miller Watkins and was interviewed by Mary Burchill for the Elizabeth's Biography. Nancy's grandfather had built the Granada Theatre and Nancy would stay with him on Saturdays at the Friend's Lumberyard. It was across Massachusetts Street from the Watkins Mortgage and Bank Building which is now the Watkins Museum.

Grandfather would take her to the movies and then pick Nancy up when it was over. She recalled Mrs. Watkins would arrive at the theatre, have her chauffeur buy her ticket and help her from the car. Dressed in white, in a nearly Victorian style, Mrs. Watkins would be formally dressed, with gloves. She always sat in the back row, as did Nancy. Nancy said one of the movies was scary so she moved down by Mrs. Watkins and asked if she could sit next to her until it was over. Mrs. Watkins commented on Nancy's gloves, and Nancy truthfully replied she wore them so she wouldn't chew her fingernails! She was 6 or 7 at the time. We appreciate her retelling of her encounters with Mrs. Watkins. She will be missed!



..... *Thank you to our* .....

# DONORS

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**Thank you for your efforts to support the mission of Kitchen 8 & the EMW Memorial Scholarship as together we promote the legacy of Elizabeth Miller Watkins**

## KITCHEN 8 SUGAR BOWL

### General Fund

Kris Bair 70-73

Rhonda Cash 71-75

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Mary Boyce W 83-87

Meredith Nelson W 95

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### Hall Photos

Norma Hoagland W 69-71

### EMW's Birthday treats for Miller Hall

Judy Niebaum M 58-61

### In Memory of Ann Beckman Watkins Hall

James (Jim) Beckman, Battenfeld Hall

### Annual Meeting

Beverly Benso W 54-58

Ann Branden W 56-59

Judy Niebaum M 58-61

Norma Hoagland W 69-71

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Patricia Putnam W 71-75

Nancy Rehkamp W 70-74

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# GIVING TO KITCHEN 8...leaving your own legacy

Elizabeth taught us the far-reaching effects of intelligent giving and we strive to follow that example. Reading our magazine demonstrates the importance of continuing her legacy.

We offer you two options to financially support our all volunteer organization. **BOTH OF THESE OPTIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.**

## KITCHEN 8

**KITCHEN 8 SUGAR BOWL:** Give to Kitchen 8, the umbrella group founded in 1997 to support the residents who live in Miller and Watkins. This tax-deductible money goes to projects such as New Resident Booklets, Career Day, Elizabeth's Birthday Party, and gifts to the halls. Every dollar you donate to Kitchen 8 is used for the residents and to help our members stay informed and in touch. This can be done via our secure website at [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org) or by mail to:

**Kitchen 8  
c/o Watkins Museum of History  
1047 Massachusetts Street  
Lawrence, KS 66044**

You can celebrate a special person, anniversary, birthday, or retirement with a donation to Kitchen 8; give in honor of a former roommate; or ultimately in memory of a dear one you have lost.



### ELIZABETH MILLER WATKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**FUND:** If you prefer to give to our Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund, send your donations to Greater Kansas City Community Foundation. Please specify **WATK01** on your check. Go to the donations tab on our website at [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org) or mail to:

GKCCF  
1055 Broadway, Suite 130  
Kansas City, MO 64105

*Please note your donation is for the "Elizabeth Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund."*

Many of us have planned ahead and named this fund in our wills. Let your family know Kitchen 8 and Watkins and Miller are your priority. Both the K8 fund and our Scholarship Fund are under the direct control of our alumnae group. Your donation does not go to KU Endowment. Given Elizabeth's intent and the history of the W&M Trust under the control of KU Endowment, we think that is important for you to know.

### DONATION FORM

*Clip out here and mail*

#### ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK TO SUPPORT:

\_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen 8 Sugar Bowl (expenses for student activities)

\_\_\_\_\_ Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund

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YEARS/HALL (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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# WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

JOIN US FOR OUR 2023 ANNUAL MEETING AND  
AWARDS CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 15th, 2023  
Maceli's Banquet Hall  
1031 New Hampshire St  
Lawrence, KS 66044

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Saturday, April 15th

**9:00-9:30am** Event Check-In

**9:30am** Business Meeting and Program "Who Was Left Out of Your Textbook?  
Forgotten Women in History" by Guest Speaker Diana Carlin

**11:00am** Celebratory Brunch with EMWMS Recipients  
and Watkins/Miller Hall Residents

**12:00pm** Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship  
Awards Presentation

**2:00pm** Book Signing Party for The Life and Legacy of Elizabeth  
Miller Watkins: A Pioneering Philanthropist  
at Watkins Museum of History  
1047 Massachusetts St

### Sunday, April 16th

**3:00pm** Alumnae Teas at Watkins and Miller Halls

Watkins RSVP: [juliahintz713@ku.edu](mailto:juliahintz713@ku.edu)

Miller RSVP: [mnwells@lu.edu](mailto:mnwells@lu.edu)

Register online at [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org)

Please consider donating the cost of a meal for an EMWMS recipient or Hall resident,  
who are our guests at this event.

We hope you can join us in person at Maceli's. We will also be live-streaming the event  
for those unable to join us. See our website closer to the event date for more details.