



Our AAUW Freehold Branch Honors the 2018 Award Recipients

At our May 10th Meeting the six highest ranking female students from the Freehold Regional High Schools were honored with monetary awards of \$500. These awards are named for Rose Fishkin who was a Cornell graduate, member of our branch and a believer in lifelong education for women. Proceeds from our yearly book sale which will be held from June 20th through June 23rd enable us to fund these awards.

This year's recipients are outstanding in terms of academic achievement, community involvement and leadership skills. They are:

Tara McDonald Freehold Borough High School

Tara is a member of National Honor, Math Honor, DECA (marketing club) and HOSA (health occupational students). She is a Med-Sci Leader as well as a Borough Fights Cancer Member and her research project with fruit flies will help to determine how the size of the compound Palmitic and Arachide is used to treat ALD progression. As a member of the Volleyball Club she has traveled across the United States competing in tournaments. Boston College awaits her this fall as a Bio-Chemistry major on the pre-med track.

Maha L Khan Freehold Township High School

Maha is an AP Scholar and a member of National Honor, Math and Science Honor Societies. She is a National Merit Scholar and Forensic Debater as well as co-president of the Model UN Members. As a violinist in the Manalapan Youth Orchestra she participated in concerts for senior communities and town residents. Maha led a fund-raising team supporting horse-riding for special needs children. The University of Chicago is Maha's choice and Maha plans on majoring in Economics and hopes to study Medicine post college.

Kristen Gambardella Colts Neck High School

Kristen is a member of the Law & Public Service Program at Colts Neck as well as VP of National Honor, Board Member of Science Honor and President of Cougars for Cancer Awareness. She still finds time to work at an oral surgeon's office and during the summer at a camp for underprivileged children and volunteers at a therapeutic horseback riding program. Her interest in science will continue at the University Of South Carolina with studies in premed.

Ellie Gabriel Manalapan High School

Ellie competes in her school's Science League and is a member of National Honor, Science and Math Honor Societies. In addition to tutoring students at her high school she is an AP Scholar of Distinction and a finalist in the Presidential Scholar's Program. She started a 501c3 non-profit program "My Swim Friends" for children and young adults with neurological challenges in honor of her younger brother. It has grown to 150 members in three years and Ellie extended the program in the fall as "My Sports Friends". Community service began when Ellie raised \$8000. for Centra State Hospital earning her Junior Humanitarian. Yale University is her choice of schools and she will be studying bio-engineering and hopes to develop devices which help make the lives of the medically challenged more functional.

Sara Recarey Howell High School

Sara participates in the Freehold Performing Arts and dance is her passion. She is a member of the Shore Math League, National Honor and the Academic Challenge Team. This past summer she attended the NJ Governor's School of the Sciences. Her research project has implications for developing and improving time-released drug delivery technology. Sara obtained her EMT certification and was elected Platoon Sergeant for the cadet division at Morganville's First Aid & Rescue Squad. These experiences have led her to pursue bio-engineering at Harvard in the fall.

Shreya Nara Marlboro High School

Shreya is a senior at Marlboro High School's Business Learning Center and is co-founder of the Female Rights Education and Empowerment Club. A National Merit Finalist, Secretary of the CEO Advisory Board, Treasurer of Marlboro's Deca Chapter and a Girl Scout Gold Awardee, she created workshops in her town on Woman's Rights. Shreya also traveled to India last summer to teach a course in entrepreneurship to students in the slums of Hyderabad. She has a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall majoring in economics.

We congratulate each senior and wish them continued success in their chosen endeavors.