Greetings Friends and Supporters -

We are wrapping up the school year as well as our fiscal year at Jeannette Rankin Women’s Scholarship Fund. And an incredible year it has been! Because of your support, we were able to award 133 scholarships in 2017/18. We had a waiting list of 25 women and because you stepped up, we were able to clear that waiting list. Check out happy pictures of the Scholars you helped graduate.

Scholarship Application Readers helped us identify the best candidates for 2018/19. We had 75 renewals, so we have decided to start by awarding 50 new scholarships. As there are so many deserving women, we created a waiting list of 42 more women. Eleven women were cleared from that waiting list by generous donors in May. Our goal is to award the remaining 31 women a scholarship by December.

Yours for Women and Education,
Karen

“I am forever grateful to JRF for believing in women like myself”
Amanda N.

“I am grateful for JRF because I could not have done this without their support!”
Aziza M.

“Not having to borrow money for my education is one way I know I’m doing what I’m supposed to be doing. Thank you JRF!”
Eileen R.

“JRF Family means the world to me! Thank you JRF! I will always be grateful to JRF for this opportunity.”
Rebecca C.

“I got to graduate with my daughter! I’m so proud! Thank you JRF!”
Sofia A.

“Thank you JRF for believing in me!”
Tasa S.

“I did it! I graduated and I’m a nurse! Thank You JRF.”
Tasa S.

“Thank you JRF for believing in me!”
Tianna M.

“JRF Family means the world to me! Thank you JRF! I will always be grateful to JRF for this opportunity.”
Tiara L.

“I got to graduate with my daughter! I’m so proud! Thank you JRF!”
Tina M.

“Thank you JRF for believing in me!”
Yashi L.
Thank You to all of our Volunteer Application Readers! YOU make the difference!

70% New Volunteers
134 JRF Volunteers
900 Volunteer Hours
30% Veteran Volunteers

JRF Volunteer Fun Facts

Darlene Abney
Denise Adams
Roland Adams
Simona Alexander
Marsha Allen
Rachel Allen
Gloria Andino
Jenna Andrews-Swann
Kelly Ardoin
Betsy Bach
Renni Baker
Jeffrey Baughm
Christi Bell
James Berry
Penny Berry
Zaheerah Biggers
Rachel Bird
Cindy Blair
Meredith Bolinski
Angela Boss
Sharon Bradley
Donna Brumby
Laura Burkholder
Ellen Bushway
Carla Buss
Cheryl Coleman
Vicki Connell
Beth Conrad
Matthew Darby
Kristy Darby
Courtney Davis
Pam Davis
Terri Davis
Alicia Davis
Lorraine Doherty
Tanya Dowdy
Angela Dyb
Holly Emerson
Lindsey Emerson
Rachel Ensing
Libby Etheridge
Tyra Evans
Nichelle Evans
Rhonda Fraser
Laura French
Debbie Fung-A-Wing
Sue Gilmurray
Jennifer Givan
Marilyn Gootman
Alessia Griffin
Paula Halbert
Michael Hansen
Fabiana Hayden
Adrien Helm
Penny Herriott
Christine Hollingsworth
Catherine Hollingsworth
Christine Horan
Karen Howard
Diping Huang
Heather Johnson
Pamela Jones
Zorica Jovanoska

Noram
Kane
Linda Keller
Anne Kierg
Lynn Knasel
Haydee Kukowski
Sandra Langlois
Sean Leavitt
Lemriel Logan
Paty Lopez-Garriga
Maria Mandel
Rachel Mangan
Susan McCollough
Nancy McDuff
Sarah McGee-Gentry
Robert Meerk
Pat Miller
Elaine Mora
Sue Lawrence
Amanda Moulton
Julie Mowery
Ruth Nakano
Monica Nixon
Karen Njenga
Lisa Nunez
Jane Nute
David O’Neal
Elissa Perry
Jonathan Piek
Libby Poplick
Patrice Pugh
Kimberly Redd
Karen Ritchie
Angela Roffe
Margaret Ryder
Susan Schaffer
Trisha Sheahan
MacKenzie Smith
Mimi Sophi
Isabelle Speers
Karen Stark
Kay Steel
Amy Sterling
Stacey Thomas
Krisen Thoson
Lori Tingley
Mong Hoa To
Irina Valdez
Holly VanHouten
Diana Vathanakamsang
Ashley Waterfill
Andrea Wellington
Jenni Wenger
Lauren Williams
Cathy Williams
Tracy Wilson
Kelli Wolford
Mary Wolf
Jamie Woodruff
Rosemary Yost
Dana Zelman

Donor Spotlight: Vashti Canty

Vashti Canty has been one of the Volunteer Co-Chairs for the Atlanta SMART Party for the last two years. Vashti is a Flight Attendant who also works in Diversity and Inclusion for Delta Air Lines. She serves as the Co-Chair of the Board for Delta Care & Scholarship Fund. Vashti is passionate about education and helping all to “live their best life.” She has raised funds for the Atlanta SMART Party, tripling her donation from year one to year two as well as donating several wonderful raffle prizes. If you were at the SMART Party in 2016 or 2017, you would have seen her emceeing the raffle process. We love her spirit, passion and energy. We are grateful for what she has done to make our Scholars dreams come true.

Thank You Vashti!

Scholar Spotlight: Arlene, TX

Arlene graduated this spring with her Bachelor’s in Business and Organizational Leadership. She is one of 29 incredible JRF Scholars that are celebrating graduation this year after overcoming substantial challenges to reach her goal of receiving her Bachelor’s degree. Here is what she had to say:

"I am 37 years old and a mother of 5 children who motivated me to finish my degree. I wanted to get out poverty, live a good life, provide for my children, and show them that education is key (and a must). I am the first of 8 (total) siblings to graduate with a college degree and my family is so proud of what I have accomplished. From the age of 14-18 I was moved to 5 different foster homes (due to my unfortunate circumstances at home) and emancipated at 18. It took me years to go back and get my associates degree 7 years ago, and I was pretty sure it was done. While working for a non-profit, my boss suggested I return to school but I told her that was not something I had in mind. But living check by check I realized I had so much potential and my children deserved more. In January 2017 I decided to return to school. Boy, was I in for a surprise. Full-time job, full-time school, 5 children (with soccer, Girl Scouts, Cheerleading, tutoring, etc.) I was overwhelmed but I could not give up, my children were watching me. The hassle, the long sleepless nights, the worries, the tears were all worth it. The feeling of so much pride and joy that my children exhibit to me makes it all worth while. I have entered into a alternative teacher certification and want to become a teacher. I want to impact the lives of the children I come across. I am forever grateful to Jeannette Rankin Women’s Scholarship Fund for believing in women like myself. Financially, it is hard to overcome and when I was awarded, it was in PERFECT timing. Thank you!" - JRF Scholar Arlene