

Scholar Spotlight: Tina, NY

Meet Tina! In 2007, Tina decided to enroll in a community college for a Human Services degree. During that time of her life, Tina found herself pregnant, afraid, alone, and living in a domestic violence shelter. Nevertheless, Tina graduated with her Associate's in 2009. She has continued on toward her Bachelor's and hopes to work with women infected with HIV/AIDS as a social worker.



She also wants to go on to get her Licensed Masters in Social Work! Tina was the only one of her family to receive her high school degree and has already come so far from where she once was.

While juggling life as a single-mom and going back to school, Tina started her own non-profit in 2016, Southern Charm Charities, a community outreach agency aimed at coordinating youth and volunteer programs.

"I love to learn, grow, and pay it forward and I believe I that having the opportunity to continue my education is a great investment for a future social worker dedicated to alleviating the conditions of those in need of help and social assistance. My surroundings drive me to succeed and make a positive change."



It's Time to Talk: Forums on Race

On March 19 we held our 2nd annual "It's Time to Talk: Forums on Race" program at the UGA Tate Grand Hall Student Center. Dr. Anna M. Scheyette, Dean and Professor at the University of Georgia School of Social Work was the keynote speaker. She talked about the importance of having these kinds of conversations to make sure that #HATEWONTWIN. She was at the University of South Carolina, Charleston in June 2015 when the Charleston church massacre occurred.

Each table of participants held a conversation using Reflective Structured Dialogue facilitated by trained Volunteer Racial Justice Facilitators.

"The table conversations were honest and people took risks in sharing their experiences with race issues. Across all tables, students and adults alike gave feedback that they want increased opportunities for these types of conversations at school," said Dawn Myers, Associate Superintendent of Policy and School Support Services, Clarke County School District.

Thank you to everyone who participated! A huge thank you to our sponsors for their support in helping to make this happen.

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Thank you for your leadership in bringing together a diverse group of community members to dialogue about improving race relations in Athens.

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For the last two years, the Coca-Cola Foundation has given us a generous grant to help us empower more women through education. This year we were able to fund 60 more women! Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Letter from the Executive Director

Greetings Friends and Supporters -

Happy Volunteer Appreciation Month!

Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers!

In January I had the honor of meeting and spending the day with JRF Scholar Madelyn. Madelyn really brought it home to me how important our JRF Scholarships are to the women who receive them. She shared with me how she was in a homeless shelter, reeling from an episode of intimate partner violence and how she was at the lowest point of her life. Then she received a phone call from us, letting her know she had received a JRF Scholarship. That call gave her the confidence to pick herself up and start over again. She is now finishing her junior year and plans on a career helping women who have experienced similar challenges. Watch Madelyn's her whole story: <https://youtu.be/M2r0sc7tk5U>

Your support makes it happen everyday for our JRF Scholars! We've been able to award more scholarships because of your generosity. Thank you for helping us help more women achieve their dreams and climb out of a life of poverty.

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**Yours for Women and Education,
-Karen**



Jessica Gauthier (left), JRF Scholar Madelyn (middle), and Gretchen Maclachlan (right) at the Hawaii House Party.

Endowed Scholarships 2017-2018

An Endowed Scholarship is truly the gift that keeps on giving. A \$50,000 gift will provide a JRF Scholarship for years and years to come. We are so grateful for our Endowed Scholarship Donors. Many, many thanks to the following Donors for providing this gift that honors a loved one while supporting a JRF Scholar every year.

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A Sponsored Scholarship provides the opportunity for a JRF Scholar for one year. We are so very grateful for the following Donors who that made this commitment in 2017/18.

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Scholar Spotlight: Maritza, FL



Maritza is currently a JRF Scholar and we are giving her a special shout-out for receiving her Associate's Degree in December. But she isn't stopping there! She is going straight into her Bachelor's of Science in cyber and network security program. Maritza is a first generation Cuban-American and is excited to finally be on the road to receiving the college degree she has always dreamed of. So here she is, 30 years later setting an example for her children that "education is the only hope for a successful future".

"I took a 30 year detour on my journey to a college education, and now find myself a middle aged mom and wife. I truly appreciate how important an education is, something I clearly took for granted at the tender age of 18. As a result, I feel a deep desire to set an example for women, Latinos and especially moms who like myself, for whatever reason were unable to finish their degrees and now find themselves later in life thinking they can't go back and they're "stuck". I want to inspire them that if I can do

this at 47, ANYONE can! Thank you to Coca-Cola and the Jeannette Rankin Fund for their generosity in helping me to pursue my life-long dream of a college education. There's NO WAY I could have accomplished this without them!"

Honoring a Mother and a Sister - Vera and Anne Purser Endowed Scholarship

"On their way to visit an ailing relative, we lost my mother, Vera, and sister, Anne. A careless driver caused a senseless car accident, killing them both. Mom was 83. Anne was just 52.

Among our family and friends, the grief was profound, and the loss was too harsh to accept. Mom and Anne's example of love gave us an option that provided solace amidst our grief. Their compassion and service to others was a legacy to preserve. We realized that education had been a silent partner in their lives. Mom used it to realize a childhood dream to become a nurse. Anne used it to reinvent herself as a teacher, and to reaffirm her dedication to her family and community. We decided to give that silent, empowering partner a voice, a presence and a mission.

As it heads into its fourth decade, the Jeannette Rankin Foundation has helped hundreds of women with the same level of desire and determination displayed by Mom and Anne. No other organization speaks the language as clearly and eloquently for a group looking for assistance and affirmation. This is why the Jeannette Rankin Foundation now has a scholarship named the Vera & Anne Purser Award. It is a scholarship that will be given every year in perpetuity. Anne's son Caleb and I donated to the foundation so that other women who need financial assistance will be able to go to college. For generations to come, women in need will benefit from the generosity of the Jeannette Rankin Foundation while being inspired by the legacy of Mom and Anne. The gift education brings to these hard-working women will allow them to square their shoulders to each day, carry themselves with confidence and share their stories of success with others." - Michael Purser, former JRF Board Member and long-time supporter.

You can find out more about leaving a legacy with JRF at: www.rankinfoundation.org/support/legacy



Thank you for your continued support for the following Scholars: Christine R.; Elizabeth L.; Janna J.; Vanessa W.; Kaci A.; Karen H.; Sofia A.; and Deborah M.

2018 JRF Board of Directors

JRF board members came from near and far to participate in the Annual Board of Directors Retreat held in February at the Griffin Dubose Healing Lodge in Athens, GA. The day was spent working on the JRF strategic plan, which included discussion on the best ways to move the JRF mission forward and how to best impact on the lives of our scholars.

Pictured from left to right: Rob Larsen, Angela Roffle, Ruth Bettendorff, Charmaine Wilson, Michelle Cook, Courtney Davis, Libby Pollock, Danine Hodge, Jacki Gaytan, Robin Hatcher, Genie Chamberlin, Alexis Crewse, Karen Sterk, LaTrena Stokes, Susan Elkins, Kimberly Reeve, Maxine Thomas and Steve Hollis. Missing: Betsy Batch, Nelson Holland, Michele Ozumba and Frank Pasztor.

