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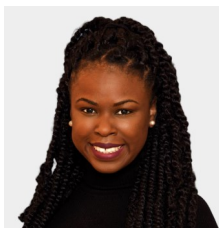
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WELCOME MESSAGE



Welcome to the Spring 2025 edition of the New Haven Scholarship Fund Newsletter! We extend our warmest greetings and heartfelt gratitude to all of you who make the New Haven Scholarship Fund possible. Your unwavering support and generosity have transformed dreams into realities for countless New Haven students. Together, we are paving the way for brighter futures and opening doors to opportunities that would otherwise remain out of reach.

As we continue on this meaningful journey, we are inspired by your commitment to education and the profound impact you make in the lives of our scholars. From students achieving academic excellence to inspiring tales of perseverance, this newsletter is a testament to the impact of your generosity. We invite you to celebrate these moments with us and take pride in the lives you've helped transform. Each milestone reached and every story of triumph reflects your dedication and belief in the power of education. Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, let's continue to make dreams a reality!



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - MARY A INGE: AN INSPIRING JOURNEY

By Chenee Gallagher

Mary A. Inge, a proud recipient of the New Haven Scholarship Fund, has an impressive academic and professional background that embodies dedication and passion. After graduating from Cooperative Arts & Humanities High School, Mary attended Smith College, where she majored in Political Science (International Relations) and minored in Education, graduating in 2016. Her time at Smith was enriched by her love for the arts, as she actively participated in the Smith College Glee Club, Chamber Singers, and Orchestra.

Mary's passion for the arts extends far beyond college. As the co-vice president of the Smith College Alum Chorus Board, she is currently planning an international music tour for 2026, fostering connections with alums from diverse backgrounds and bringing people together through the universal language of music. Additionally, she gives back to her community by teaching weekly religious education classes for high school students at her local church. Her dedication to life-affirming theology, especially as it relates to black life and liberation theologies, allows her to explore transformative ways for individuals to connect with faith and spirituality. Since graduating, Mary has continued to pursue her goals with unwavering commitment. She earned a Master of Arts in Sociology and Education from Teachers College, Columbia University, and a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School. Mary is now a minister-in-training at the historic St. John's Congregational Church in Springfield, Massachusetts, while also working in student affairs at Smith College. Her ultimate aspiration is to become an ordained minister and theology professor, serving both the Church and academia. Mary is actively preparing her doctoral application materials to take the next steps in her journey.

Reflecting on her scholarship, Mary shares, "Receiving the New Haven Scholarship Fund was a deeply affirming experience. It meant my community believed in me and my ability to succeed. Having this support meant that I had a group of people who both emotionally and financially invested in my dreams and were rooting for me to see them come into fruition."

Mary's advice to future recipients is to embrace change and trust the process of discovering their true passions. "It's never too late to pivot, reimagine your goals, or explore new opportunities. No matter where you start, give yourself permission to evolve, and don't let societal expectations or self-doubt limit your potential."

Mary A. Inge's journey is a shining example of perseverance, community support, and the power of following one's calling. We are proud to celebrate her achievements and share her inspiring story.

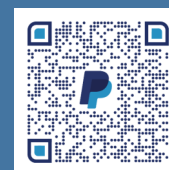
YOUR SUPPORT EMPOWERS STUDENT SUCCESS!

We thank you for shaping the leaders of tomorrow by supporting their educational journey today.

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WHAT CAN ONE PERSON DO?

Peter Stolzman

What can I do? I'm only one person. Whenever I hear or think those words, I remember Jean Paton Lovell. Jean was the founder of the New Haven Scholarship Fund (NHSF). Born and raised in New Haven, she attended Smith College and later became a math teacher in the public schools. Her birth in 1894 marked the beginning of a life dedicated to service and community.

Jean was deeply committed to World Peace—an unwavering belief shaped by the profound losses of World War I—and devoted herself to the idea of helping others. She firmly believed that peace and understanding could flourish through education. Jean was also a steadfast presence for students at the Yale International Student Center. In 1959, she and her husband, George Lovell, took action to bring their vision to life by raising money to establish the NHSF. It was Jean's unwavering determination, character, and vision that transformed this all-volunteer initiative into a reality. Though she never had children of her own, her influence has profoundly touched thousands of lives.

From just eight scholarship recipients in 1959, the Fund has now supported over 12,000 New Haven students in their pursuit of higher education. What began with \$800 in awards has grown to over \$11,000,000 distributed to local students. Jean's dream, born of a single person and a small group of friends, has flourished through generations of dedicated volunteers. So, when someone says, "I'm only one person," I think of Jean. And with great pride, I say that I am one of Jean Lovell's many children.

MAXIMIZE YOUR IMPACT: SUPPORT THE NEW HAVEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND THROUGH THE GREAT GIVE

The New Haven Scholarship Fund (NHSF) has been a cornerstone of hope and opportunity for students in our community since 1959. If you're already a donor to NHSF, you understand the power of education to transform lives. But this year, consider a new way to support the fund: through The Great Give. The Great Give is a 36-hour online fundraising event happening on **May 7-8, 2025**. Here's why donating to the New Haven Scholarship Fund during The Great Give adds even more value to your contribution:

- **Matching Funds and Prizes:** During The Great Give, donations to participating nonprofits like NHSF are eligible for matching funds and prizes provided by event sponsors. This means your gift can be amplified, allowing the scholarship fund to stretch every dollar further. In essence, your contribution has the potential to do even more for local students.
- **Building Community Momentum:** The Great Give is a community-wide celebration of philanthropy. By supporting NHSF during this event, you join a collective effort that showcases the power of unity and shared purpose. Seeing the community rally around education inspires others to give, creating a ripple effect of generosity.
- **Raising Awareness for NHSF:** Giving through The Great Give also helps raise the profile of the NHSF. As donations pour in, NHSF gains visibility among donors who may not yet be familiar with its incredible work. Your support during this event can help attract new donors and expand the fund's network of supporters.

Your generosity has already changed lives, and this year, you have the chance to make an even greater impact. Visit The Great Give website from **May 7-8** to make your gift. Together, we can amplify the power of education and transform lives—one scholarship at a time.



www.thegreatgive.org

Thank You
For your support



Thank you, New Haven Scholarship Fund for this amazing opportunity and for this scholarship to help me pursue my college education and career. Living in a small family where I have to work for myself so my parents can maintain a stable income is hard, but this scholarship helps with my expenses and creates more opportunities for me. I can't thank you enough!

C. C.

Dear NHSF,
Thank you so much for this scholarship. Because of the NHSF, I will be the first person in my family to head off to college. I will finally be able to pursue my dream of marine biology. You have no idea how much this means to me and my family.

M. O.



Congratulations 2025 graduates!