

Women's League of Rutgers University

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WLRU MISSION STATEMENT:

The Women's League of Rutgers University (WLRU), founded in 1932, raises funds to support scholarships for Rutgers-New Brunswick undergraduate students. WLRU also provides educational and social opportunities for its members.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, MUFFIN LORD

Dear WLRU Members & Friends,
What a year we had!

Our official partnership with the Rutgers Alumni Association continues to be beneficial. The RAA publishes a web-based newsletter every month and includes a post from the WLRU. The result has been a number of new members and a variety of connections.

The WLRU Endowed Community Service Scholarship, established in 1983, recognizes undergraduates who achieve academic excellence, have financial need, and demonstrate significant public service involvement and commitment. In its first year, WLRU presented awards of \$100 each to three students. Last year, because of so many generous donations, we were able to make awards of \$1400 to ten undergraduates, whom we honored at our annual Scholarship reception.

Our fall programs and events included a Welcome Gathering; our Garage Sale, which raised over \$5000 for our scholarships; a visit to the Zimmerli Art Museum for "Smoke and Mirrors," an exhibit featuring artists with disabilities; and finally our Holiday Luncheon, with Shawna Hudson, RC 1992, and Senior Associate Dean for Population Health Research at RWJMS and Vice Chancellor for Dissemination and Implementation Science at Rutgers Health as our speaker. In the spring we enjoyed a conversation on Zoom with past Scholarship recipients; we visited the Zimmerli Art Museum again, this time for "Indigenous Identities: Here, Now, & Always;" we visited

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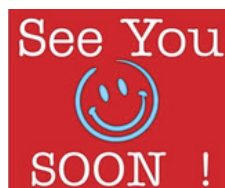
Elijah's Promise Culinary School for brunch and a cooking class; we had a table at Highland Park Street Fair; and finally our End-of-the Year Luncheon which included a presentation by Laura Lawson, Dean of SEBS.

We look forward to our 93rd year with a full calendar of events! Here's a teaser: the speaker for the End of the Year Luncheon will be Ellen Mappen, telling us about her progress writing a history of the WLRU.

We hope you will support the WLRU through membership, attendance at our programs, and donations - and we also hope you will tell your friends and colleagues about all that we offer. I am happy to talk with you about what we do and about your Rutgers experiences. I love hearing about people's backgrounds and connections to the University! Give me a call at 908-812-9414 or email me at womensleagueru@gmail.com



Best,
Muffin Lord, WLRU President



Executive Board Members 2025-2026



President	Muffin Lord	Historian	Ellen Mappen
1st VP	Rebecca Reynolds	Nominations	Evelyn Sedehi
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ANNUAL DUES

- ★ **Reminder:** Dues are a crucial way to support scholarships.
- ★ WLRU MEMBERSHIP DUES are \$25 and are paid annually in January.

SCHOLARSHIPS



The Women's League of Rutgers University has awarded scholarships to Rutgers-New Brunswick undergraduate students since 1983. Our recipients must demonstrate academic excellence, commitment to public service, and financial need. The 2024 awards were \$1400 each. Donations to WLRU are always welcome.

Your dues and participation in WLRU events, in addition to donations, help us to recognize and support deserving students.



WLRU works with the Office of Financial Aid at Rutgers to distribute scholarships. Our recipients are from the Schools of Arts and Sciences, Environmental and Biological Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Pharmacy. The recipients are selected through each school's Scholarship Office.

Individual donations of \$500 or more will result in one of our scholarships being awarded in that donor's name at our Annual Scholarship Award Reception in November.



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SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR 2024-25 DONORS

*indicates a donation of \$500 or more

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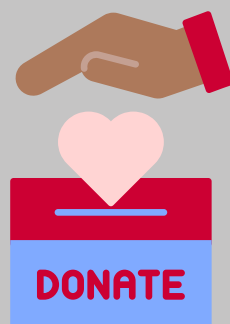
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PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION TO EITHER OF THESE TWO SCHOLARSHIPS



1. The WLRU Endowed Community Service Scholarship Award: Please designate allocation 20224. All monies donated to this account go toward scholarship awards for Rutgers New Brunswick undergraduate students.
2. The Roy and Harriet Bowers Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in 1990 by Dean Emeritus Roy A. Bowers. The recipient will be a Rutgers School of Pharmacy student.

Checks for either scholarship may be made payable to the Rutgers University Foundation and mailed to:
Rena Falk, 420 Lincoln Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904
Please indicate which account you prefer.



To donate directly online, go to
www.support.rutgers.edu/WLRU

This is a tax deductible donation.

Please indicate if this donation is: In memory of _____, In honor of _____, or On the occasion of _____.

Be sure to include appropriate contact information so that we can inform the family or individual of your donation in their name.

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2025-26 Academic Year Welcome Reception

Wed. 9/10/25 @ Janet Potenza's
38 Hillcrest Dr. Piscataway, NJ
Coffee, tea, desserts, & conversations
RSVP: j2potenza@optonline.net



*You're
Invited!*

Register
NOW



TOUR



Thur. 9/18/25 @ 2:00pm
Rutgers Gardens
112 Log Cabin Rd, North Brunswick
Cost: \$15
RSVP needed by 9/10

debrahehir27@gmail.com
Zelle to womensleagueru@gmail.com or
Checks sent to Debbie Hehir,
116 North 2nd Ave. Highland Park

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HIGHLAND PARK TOWNWIDE GARAGE SALE

WLRU's Biggest Fundraiser!

Sat & Sun: 10/18 & 19

Set up on Fri 10/17

Save your donations for the sale!

Sign up to help with set up and sale days



Scholarship Reception

NOVEMBER: TBA

Join us as our 2025-26
scholarships are
presented to our
wonderful students



Holiday Luncheon

Tue. 12/16/25 @ 12:00 pm

The Rutgers Club

Speaker: Amanda Eubanks
Winkler, Rutgers Music Dept



New this year: participate in
our beautiful baskets raffle

RSVP: details to follow
Reservations: \$\$

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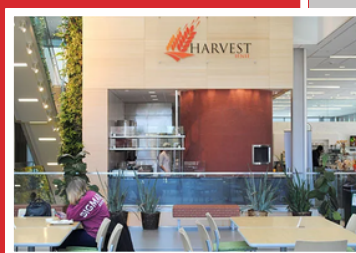
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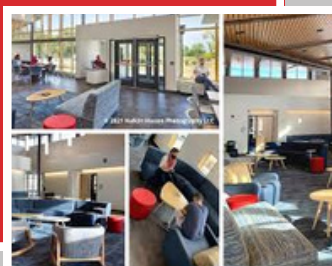
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FEBRUARY: TBA

Lunch @ Harvest Cafe
Rutgers Cook Campus
Food Science & Nutritional
Sciences Bldg.
61 Dudley Rd,
New Brunswick



After lunch we will visit
Rutgers Center for Adult
Autism Services
100 Dudley Rd



Where R They
NOW?

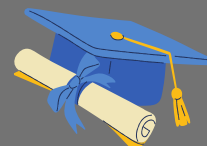
4th Annual Conversation with Past
WLRU Scholarship Recipients

JANUARY 2026 TBA

Zoom @ 7:30pm

Cost: Free

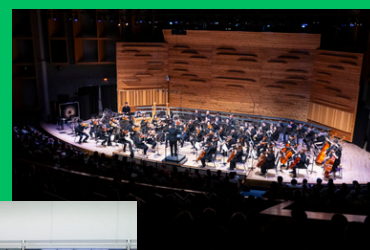
Hear about the impact of WLRU
Scholarships



Register: to Rena Falk
rena.falk123@gmail.com

Mason Gross Performance
and lunch

MARCH: TBA



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Rutgers Day!

APRIL 25th, SATURDAY

10:00am-4:00pm

Volunteers needed for
Tabling on Voorhees Mall



Trip to BAPS Swaminarayan
Akshardham USA
112 N. Main St, Windsor, NJ

APRIL: TBA

Visit to the temple and lunch
at their cafe



WLRU End of Year Luncheon

@ The **Rutgers** Club * May 7th, Wed. 12:00

Speaker: Ellen Mappen on WLRU History



****Do you know who the founding president of the WLRU was?***

****What were the two main committees in the founding years?***

Join us to find out these and other interesting facts about the start of the WLRU!

Registration details to follow

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