

# 2024

Jane M. Klausman  
**WOMEN IN BUSINESS  
SCHOLARSHIP**



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for women in business



The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship was named in honor of Jane M. Klausman, a member of the Zonta Club of Syracuse, New York, USA, and a 1990-1995 Zonta International Parliamentarian. Jane M. Klausman was a member of the Zonta Club of Syracuse, New York, USA, and the 1990-1995 Zonta International Parliamentarian. During her career, Ms. Klausman was a professional secretary, parliamentarian and entrepreneur. The first Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships were awarded in 1998 to women pursuing degrees in business leading to a business management career.

Since the program's inception, **Zonta International** has awarded **786** scholarships, totaling US\$2,230,400, to 632 women representing 75 countries.



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# Rachel VanOlmen



**District 1**

**Citizenship: United States**

**Pursuing dual Bachelor of Science degree in business administration in finance and risk management and insurance and Master of Business Administration from the University of Hartford, USA**

Rachel VanOlmen is a fourth-year student at the University of Hartford's prestigious 3+1 program, where she will earn both a BSBA and MBA with a concentration in finance within four years.

Passionate about student advocacy, Rachel dedicates her time to the Student Government Association, connecting her peers to valuable resources and fostering leadership development among students. She actively participates in events such as the Insurtech Hartford Symposium and success seminars, building her knowledge of the finance and insurance industries while amplifying students' voices on campus.

Beyond her academic and professional pursuits, Rachel is deeply committed to community engagement. She contributes at least 20 hours of community service each semester and encourages her peers to do the same through her involvement in various campus organizations.

Following her graduation, Rachel plans to attend law school, aspiring to pursue a career in corporate law. Combining her strong foundation in finance and risk management with her passion for advocacy and leadership, she hopes to represent businesses and individuals with integrity while navigating complex legal and financial landscapes.

Rachel is driven by a commitment to professional excellence, ethical principles and empowering others to achieve their potential in the business world.

In Rachel's free time, she enjoys playing the guitar and violin and caring for her bees as a beekeeper.



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# Miriam (Mimi) Braiter



**District 2**

**Citizenship: Canada**

**Pursuing bachelor's degree in accounting from Carleton University, Canada**

Miriam (Mimi) Braiter, is a passionate third-year undergraduate student at Carleton University, majoring in accounting. Her aspiration in pursuing a career in accounting is to demystify financial management for individuals and help ease their concerns about navigating their finances effectively.

Mimi's commitment to making a difference extends far beyond academics. She previously co-founded A Ripple Effect, an organization that connects Ottawa high schoolers with children experiencing financial hardships, disabilities or illness. Through this initiative, high school volunteers act as big siblings to these children, providing them with companionship and support. Beyond the weekly mentorship, A Ripple Effect organizes community-wide events, fostering connection and inclusivity among volunteers, children, parents and local supporters.

On campus, Mimi is equally engaged in giving back. As the charity director for the Sprott Business Students' Society, she spearheads initiatives in partnership with nonprofit organizations. Her leadership has driven successful events supporting causes like CHEO, Movember and the Ottawa Food Bank, raising funds and awareness for vital community services.

In her downtime, Mimi enjoys staying active through sports like golf, pickleball and volleyball. She also nurtures her creative side by reading, painting, creating miniatures and continuously seeking ways to engage and contribute to her community.



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# Jabrea Harding



**District 3**

**Citizenship: United States**

**Pursuing Master of Business Administration with a specialization in data analytics from the University of Baltimore, USA**

**Holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Towson University, USA**

Jabrea Harding is a graduate student at the University of Baltimore's Merrick School of Business, where she is pursuing a Master of Business Administration with a specialization in data analytics. Her previous bachelor's degree in business administration built a strong foundation in business innovation and strategy.

Jabrea currently holds roles that align with her passion for driving positive change through data and technology. She is a data analyst intern and business developer for Full Potential, a nonprofit organization and soon-to-be-developed private charter school in Baltimore. In this role, she conducts market research, identifies growth opportunities, develops client relationships and supports funding initiatives to provide educational services for underserved youth.

As a digital navigator with AmeriCorps, Jabrea works to bridge the digital divide by empowering individuals with essential technology access and digital literacy skills.

In addition to her professional work, Jabrea is an active leader in the National Society of Leadership and Success, serving as both the fundraising and success networking team facilitator. She organizes meetings, supports peers in achieving academic and professional goals and promotes scholarship opportunities for members.

Jabrea aspires to become a business analyst, leveraging her skills in data analytics and strategic planning to create meaningful impact. In her free time, she enjoys mentoring students, learning new technologies and traveling to explore new cultures and perspectives.



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# Julianna Ttoni



**District 4**

**Citizenship: Canada**

**Pursuing master's degree in accounting from York University, Canada**

Julianna Ttoni is pursuing a master's degree in accounting at York University's Schulich School of Business, currently working toward her CPA designation. Julianna has a strong desire to create a positive impact on people and organizations and believes her academic background will empower her to achieve this goal.

Throughout her academic journey, Julianna has combined her passion for business with community service. She was elected as conference chair of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Society, where she organized Canada's largest undergraduate-run CSR conference. As vice president of corporate relations at the Schulich Charity Association, Julianna and her team significantly contributed to charitable causes, raising substantial funds for local organizations. During her master's program, she was elected as master's degree in accounting representative, serving as the voice of her cohort.

Professionally, Julianna had the opportunity to participate in a global work term through KPMG's Global Internship Program. As one of only two Canadian students selected for this international experience, she worked as an audit intern in the United Kingdom, gaining valuable insights into global business practices.

Julianna envisions joining the board of a charitable organization or founding her own charity, leveraging her accounting expertise to create meaningful change. She hopes to inspire other women to achieve their professional goals, just as the women in her life have inspired her. Julianna is committed to breaking the glass ceiling and helping more women succeed in all their ventures.



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# Kayla Bischoff



**District 5**

**Citizenship: United States**

Pursuing master's degree in arts administration and a graduate certificate in fundraising and development from University of Kentucky, USA

Holds bachelor's degree in studio art from Bellarmine University, USA

Kayla Bischoff is an arts administrator and visual artist with more than a decade of experience serving the arts community of Louisville, Kentucky. Currently the development manager at Louisville Visual Art (LVA), Kayla is passionate about supporting it's mission to nurture youth art education and professional artist development.

Her commitment to advancing arts organizations stems from her firsthand experience with the challenges faced by small nonprofit teams with limited resources. This inspired her to expand her skill set by pursuing a master's degree in arts administration and a graduate certificate in fundraising and development from the University of Kentucky.

As a first-generation college graduate with a bachelor's degree in studio art and minor in psychology and art history, Kayla brings a unique perspective to the business of art and nonprofit management by blending creativity, emotional intelligence and strategic thinking. Her own journey as an artist fuels her empathy for the challenges artists face, and her leadership goals are driven by a lifelong passion for visual art.

Kayla is also a nationally exhibited and award-winning painter, as well as a two-time recipient of the Great Meadows Foundation artist professional development grants. She also attended the Art Basel festival in Miami and the Venice Biennale art festival in Italy.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Kayla enjoys gardening, sharing home-cooked meals with friends and family and loves to spend time with her husband, Zachary and their dog, Pinto.



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# Victoria Taperova



**District 6**

**Citizenship: Russia**

**Pursuing dual bachelor's degrees in finance and comprehensive design and a minor in Spanish from Indiana University, Bloomington, USA**

Victoria Taperova is an international student at Indiana University Bloomington, pursuing a double major in finance and comprehensive design with a minor in Spanish. Her education combines analytical and creative disciplines, equipping her with a multidimensional perspective to approach complex problems.

Victoria's professional experiences highlight her expertise in financial modeling and operational efficiency. Two summers ago, she interned as a Financial Analyst at JSC Opticom in Russia, where she analyzed investment projects and implemented financial strategies to improve business performance. Building on this foundation, she further honed her skills as an intern in financial planning and analysis and business operations at Tesla in San Francisco. There, Victoria automated complex workflows, including creating a 1,000-line SQL forecasting tool that significantly streamlined processes for supply chain and finance teams. Additionally, she developed a comprehensive financial dashboard that provided Tesla's leadership with actionable insights to improve decision-making.

Beyond her internships, Victoria contributes to student success as a peer tutor in business technology courses and demonstrates leadership in extracurricular activities such as business case competitions.

Fluent in English, Spanish and Russian, Victoria combines technical expertise with creative problem-solving and global awareness. She aspires to integrate her skills to drive impactful solutions in both financial and design-focused industries, leveraging her diverse educational and professional background to innovate and lead.



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# Abigail Hutchinson



**District 7**

**Citizenship: United States**

**Pursuing dual bachelor's degrees in operations and supply chain management and leadership and management with a minor in data analytics from the University of St. Thomas, USA**

Abigail Hutchinson is a highly engaged and dynamic student who thrives on staying busy, whether academically, socially or through personal hobbies. She is deeply involved in campus life and student organizations, serving on the boards of the Supply Chain & Operations Club, the Special Olympics Club and GLOW – Girls Living Out Wellness, which she co-founded in March 2024. As the co-founder and co-president of GLOW, Abigail has helped the club grow into the largest on campus, with more than 470 members, fostering a strong sense of community and forming countless new relationships.

Abigail is also part of the honors program and is a Fauth Business Scholar, an honor she earned based on her thoughtful responses to business scenarios and ethical dilemmas. Additionally, she works part-time in the Admissions Office as a student visit experience coordinator, where she creates schedules for prospective students, helping them fall in love with St. Thomas, just as she did.

In her free time, Abigail enjoys thrifting—particularly clothes and unique trinkets to add character to her living spaces—and staying active through walks, runs and workout classes. She completed her first-ever half marathon in 2024, and her passion for wellness inspired her to create the GLOW club, which has become a cornerstone of her college experience.



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# Clementine McLemore



**District 8**

**Citizenship: United States**

**Pursuing bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Washington, USA**

Clementine McLemore is a senior studying finance and international business with a concentration in Spanish at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington. After moving from Mississippi to Maryland when she was young, she became inspired to seek a degree in finance to enhance the level of financial literacy in underrepresented groups, helping some of the people she grew up with.

In addition to her studies, Clementine also grades for a business ethics class and has interned at Goldman Sachs in private wealth management. She is the president of the Certificate of International Studies in Business Program for the Spanish track, a consultant for the Net Impact group aimed at incorporating sustainable practices, and has been published for her research into supply chain disruptions in the Seattle area.

Additionally, she has been a consultant and project manager for various projects for the Business Impact Group, helping Seattle-based small and medium-sized businesses across a variety of issues, including customer relationship software integration and grant proposals.

During her free time, Clementine likes to volunteer at non-profits in the Seattle area and go hiking on the weekends. She had the opportunity to study in Barcelona, Spain, during her college experience and would love to continue traveling or working abroad in the future.



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# Rachel Draper



**District 9**

**Citizenship: United States**

Pursuing Master of Business Administration and Master of Science degree in computer and information technology from the University of Pennsylvania, USA

Holds bachelor's degree in global supply chain management from Brigham Young University, USA

Rachel Draper is an MBA/M.S. dual degree candidate at the University of Pennsylvania. Rachel is obtaining a business degree through the Wharton School and a master's degree in computer information technology through the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

Prior to business school, she worked at Boeing for five years, where she held various roles across commercial satellite contracts, international payroll and supplier management. She also worked as an internal consultant within Boeing's Corporate Strategy team, leading or supporting projects spanning sustainability, finance, human resources, IT and engineering.

Before Boeing, Rachel worked as a manufacturing operations intern at O.C. Tanner. She also served for two years on the board of directors of Marafiki Africa, a non-profit that sends volunteers to Tanzania to complete community development projects, work in health clinics or teach basic business principles.

Rachel received her bachelor's degree in 2019. She is certified to teach English as a foreign language and taught English in Peru full-time for six months before graduating.

Outside of work, Rachel enjoys hiking, backpacking and traveling. She has hiked extensively throughout the Wasatch Mountains and is happiest when spending time outdoors with family and friends.



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# Nieava Carrera



**District 10**

**Citizenship: United States**

**Pursuing dual Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Science in management information technology from the University of Oklahoma, USA**

**Holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Oklahoma, USA**

Nieava Carrera is a first-year graduate student at the University of Oklahoma's Gene Rainbolt Graduate School of Business. Building on her Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing, which she earned summa cum laude in May 2024, Nieava is advancing her business expertise to achieve her goal of becoming a marketing manager at a leading marketing firm.

Nieava has been actively engaged in various leadership roles and professional experiences during her time at the University of Oklahoma (OU). As an undergraduate, she served as a resident advisor, where she developed skills in mentorship and community building. She also gained valuable industry experience as a marketing intern for OU's Department of Facilities Management, a role she has held throughout her academic journey. Currently, she contributes to the Gene Rainbolt Graduate School of Business as a Rainbolt Student Ambassador, guiding and supporting newly admitted MBA students.

Outside of academics and professional responsibilities, Nieava is passionate about travel and community service. She broadened her global perspective through a study abroad program in Spain and is set to further her global experiences with a study abroad program in Southeast Asia this year.

Dedicated to empowering women, Nieava has been an active member of the student-run nonprofit organization Women's Health Advocacy for more than three years and is enthusiastic about becoming further involved with Zonta International.



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# Lily Sweet King



**District 11**

**Citizenship: United States**

**Pursuing master's degree in sport management from the University of Texas, Austin, USA**

**Holds bachelor's degree in integrated marketing communications from the University of Mississippi, USA**

As one of only 12 graduate students selected for the 2023–25 cohort in sport management at the University of Texas in Austin, Lily Sweet King hopes to use her degree as a catalyst to drive positive change, challenge the status quo, and make room for more women at the board tables in elite sports programs.

Lily Sweet attends school full-time while serving as a senior recruiting assistant in recruiting operations for the Texas Longhorns Football program, where she works closely with coaches to recruit and sign nationally ranked players.

Lily Sweet's experience includes working as part of the 2023 Houston Texans' Draft Class, serving as an assistant to President Greg Grissom and as the 2023 SEC and 2024 Big Ten team liaison. She has also been an assistant to the director for two Texas Tax Act Bowls, a football operations training camp associate for the Arizona Cardinals, and a lead marketing and fan experience intern for Ole Miss Athletics.

The opportunity to pursue a graduate degree is a game-changer in the field of sports, especially in the age of name, image and likeness. Understanding the complexities of sports management equips her to win championships, create memorable experiences and lead elite teams to success.

Above all, Lily Sweet views sports as more than a game—it is a transformative catalyst to effect change in society. In a time of global chaos, sports remain one of the few places where diverse groups, including both men and women, find common ground. Athletes, through their popularity, have the power to engage people in dialogues that counter prejudice and inequality.

Supported by Zonta's generosity, Lily Sweet promises to channel the power of sports into something even greater than winning.



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# Dareen Khairi



**District 12**

**Citizenship: Jordan**

**Pursuing Master's of Business Administration in finance and sustainability from the University of Colorado, Boulder, USA**

**Holds Bachelor of Science in business administration with a concentration in finance, with double minors in accounting and international studies from the University of Denver, USA**

Dareen Khairi is a financial analyst at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, where she supports the Strategic Energy Analysis Directorate. Her work focuses on the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, the Office of State and Community Energy Programs and the Joint Institute of Strategic Energy Analysis. In this role, Dareen applies her finance expertise to drive sustainable energy initiatives and contribute to policy analysis.

Dareen earned her Bachelor of Science in business administration with a concentration in finance, along with double minors in accounting and international studies, from the University of Denver. Currently, she is pursuing a Master of Business Administration at the University of Colorado, Boulder, specializing in finance and sustainability. Her academic focus reflects her dedication to integrating sustainable practices into the financial sector.

A passionate advocate for women's empowerment, Dareen is committed to fostering inclusive environments in both her personal and professional life. She is an active member of Women in Business clubs at the University of Denver and the University of Colorado, Boulder, supporting gender equality initiatives.

Through her work and studies, Dareen is committed to advancing the role of women in leadership and sustainability, with the goal of shaping a more inclusive and equitable future in business.



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# Hannah Viller Møller



**District 13**

**Citizenship: Denmark**

**Pursuing Master of Science in finance at Georgetown University, USA**

**Holds bachelor's degree in economics from the University of California, Berkeley, USA**

Hannah Viller Møller is a master's student in finance at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business. She is enrolled in the accelerated program and expects to graduate in June 2025.

Hannah holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of California, Berkeley, where she played Division 1 tennis for the Cal Women's Tennis Team. During her time at Berkeley, she developed strong leadership skills by tutoring student-athletes in Calculus 2 and interning as a Product Analyst with Healthy Amplified. She was one of the highest-ranked college players in the U.S. from 2020–2024, achieving rankings as high as #12 in singles, #14 in doubles and #4 in team standings. Hannah was named an Intercollegiate Tennis Association Scholar Athlete and Academic All-American. Additionally, she was an active member of Berkeley Women in Business, where she published business and economics-oriented articles.

Hannah grew up in Copenhagen, Denmark, where she won several national tennis championships and represented the Danish national team in the Billie Jean King Cup. With a strong analytical mindset and a passion for working with numbers, Hannah looks forward to pursuing a professional career in finance after completing her studies. Currently, Hannah serves as a volunteer assistant coach for the women's tennis team at Georgetown University while finishing her finance degree. Beyond her academic and athletic achievements, Hannah enjoys spending time with her family and traveling. She is an active and competitive person by nature, with a love for yoga, hiking and long-distance running. She enjoys exploring new places, experiencing different cultures and meeting people from all over the world.



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# Maria Lipovenko



**District 14**

**Citizenship: Russia**

Pursuing master's degree in management and technology from the **Technical University of Munich, Germany**

Maria Lipovenko holds a bachelor's degree in economics and is currently completing her master's degree in management and technology at the Technical University of Munich, specializing in entrepreneurship and computer engineering. Her interest in entrepreneurship began during her participation in the Manage and More program at UnternehmerTUM, Europe's leading startup hub.

Maria has gained extensive experience through multiple internships and two years of work experience at a venture capital firm, where she managed investments in Central and Southeast Asia and contributed to international innovation programs.

Currently, Maria is actively engaged in research at Stanford University, addressing gender inequality in entrepreneurial ecosystems. Her work focuses on factors such as cultural norms and gender dynamics, aiming to design inclusive models that support women entrepreneurs globally.

Maria enjoys skiing, traveling and living in different countries to experience diverse cultures and meet new people. She has studied in Germany, South Korea, the United States and Singapore. Passionate about giving back to the community, she co-founded an initiative to help women in developing countries access higher education.

Maria's long-term goal is to start her own company to inspire and encourage women and girls to step confidently into the world of entrepreneurship.



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# Olivia Murphy



**District 16**

**Citizenship: New Zealand**

**Pursuing dual bachelor's degrees in international business and law from Canterbury University, Christchurch, New Zealand**

Olivia Murphy was raised in the rural region of Fiordland of New Zealand, where her interest in business began at a young age. From buying and selling sheep on her family farm to exporting show-jumping ponies she trained to Australia, Olivia gained early entrepreneurial experience. She also worked in various roles, including cheffing and waitressing, at her family's Italian pizzeria.

Recognizing her aptitude and interest in the business world, Olivia chose to study commerce and law to deepen her understanding of business mechanisms. During a two-year period working in the partnerships sector of a university mental health charity, Lads Without Labels, Olivia helped achieve six-figure growth. This experience solidified her belief that given our capitalist society, money, when directed well, can drive meaningful change in the world.

Currently, Olivia is exploring potential career paths after completing her degree. Her exchange to Sweden earlier this year allowed her to engage with aspirational women in the Swedish business world, inspiring her to pursue a career in negotiations and mediations. She envisions this leading to roles in dispute resolution in Australia or New Zealand, or potentially more specialized opportunities internationally. Ultimately, Olivia aspires to work in a business-centric environment within NGOs, combining her passion for business with her desire to create social impact.

In her free time, Olivia enjoys skiing, spending time in the mountains and by the sea, running, producing young horses and hosting dinner parties for her friends.



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# Elgene Bermudez



**District 17**

**Citizenship: Philippines**

**Pursuing master's degree in applied mathematics, majoring in mathematical finance from Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines**

Elgene Bermudez is a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in applied mathematics, majoring in mathematical finance at Ateneo de Manila University. She previously earned her bachelor's degree from the same institution's honors program, graduating cum laude.

In her final undergraduate year, Elgene was selected as one of ten delegates from the Philippines to represent her university at the National University of Singapore (NUS) Enterprise Summer Programme in Entrepreneurship. She was awarded the Temasek Foundation-NUS Youth Entrepreneurship Initiative Scholarship, which enabled her to study at NUS, explore Southeast Asia's business and startup ecosystems, and collaborate with delegates from countries including China, Singapore and Chile.

Following this experience, Elgene interned with UnionBank of the Philippines, where she worked on projects in transaction banking, open finance and digital services. Her contributions supported initiatives aimed at fostering a more secure and inclusive financial system.

Elgene's academic and professional experiences have fueled her ambition to pursue a career as a financial analyst, with long-term aspirations of becoming a leader in finance and business management. She views the Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship as a significant recognition of her dedication to driving meaningful change in the finance industry. This opportunity aligns with her vision of promoting a more inclusive and equitable society through her work.



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# Trương Thị Hà Ninh



**District 17**

**Citizenship: Vietnam**

**Pursuing master's degree in international business from the SKEMA Business School, France**

Born in Hai Phong, Vietnam, Tru'ong developed a keen interest in logistics, supply chains and international trade from an early age. This passion was cultivated during her studies at the Foreign Trade University in Vietnam. She collaborated with professors on scientific research in international trade to deepen her understanding of global opportunities and challenges, particularly for Vietnam.

Beyond academics, a strong commitment to community service shaped Tru'ong's career aspirations. Through the Support Poor Women to Start Businesses program, she witnessed firsthand the struggles many women face in achieving financial independence, particularly in regions where patriarchal norms persist. The ambition of these women to export agricultural products inspired her commitment to equipping underserved communities with essential skills in risk management and international trade.

Tru'ong currently aspires to become a risk management consultant. Her ultimate goal is to empower women worldwide to thrive in international business, foster resilience and grow in global market research focusing on portfolio management, risk management and financial modeling.



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# Selasie Esi Mensah



**District 18**

**Citizenship: Ghana**

**Pursing bachelor's degree in business administration from Ashesi University, Ghana**

Selasie Esi Mensah is a final-year business administration major at Ashesi University with a deep passion for sustainable corporate finance. Her dedication to leveraging financial strategies to drive meaningful social impact has guided her academic focus and career aspirations. Selasie aspires to become a Chartered Financial Analyst and pursue a master's degree in finance and strategy, with the goal to integrate sustainability into corporate strategies to achieve both business success and positive social outcomes.

Currently, Selasie is an active member of Finance Bridge, where she plays a key role in organizing and leading financial literacy sessions. She and her team have identified significant gaps in financial literacy and management among women-led small businesses and are working to equip these entrepreneurs with essential skills to help their businesses escape cycles of financial mismanagement. To date, Selasie and her team have engaged with about 50 women entrepreneurs, and remains optimistic about the program's potential for lasting impact. This experience has further solidified her commitment to fostering inclusive economic growth.

Beyond her academic pursuits, Selasie serves as the soprano lead of the Ashesi University Chorale, the deputy finance head of the Ashesi Mastercard Foundation Scholars Community, and the immediate past president of the Ashesi Research Club. During her tenure as president, she played a key role in organizing Ashesi's inaugural Research Festival, an event designed to foster a robust research culture on campus.



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# Ingeborg Weber Jara



**District 19**

**Citizenship: Chile**

**Pursuing Master of Business Administration with a focus on sustainability from TIAS School for Business and Society, Netherlands**

**Holds a Bachelor of Science in engineering in information systems and management control from the Universidad de Chile, Chile**

Ingeborg Weber Jara is a dedicated professional with a passion for fostering positive change through business and community initiatives. She holds a Bachelor of Science in engineering in information systems and management control from Universidad de Chile and is currently pursuing an MBA with a focus on sustainability at TIAS School for Business and Society in the Netherlands.

With more than five years at KPMG Chile, Ingeborg rose to assistant manager in transaction services, specializing in financial due diligence and mentoring junior consultants. She also supported entrepreneurial development at INACAP, driving innovation in underserved regions.

Ingeborg's dedication to empowering others extends beyond her professional career. She served for seven years with ONG El Ayllu, progressing from math tutor to vice president of the board of directors, where she honed her skills in coordination, team building and social impact. Additionally, she provided pro bono advisory services to startups through Réseau Entreprendre (Netmentora), mentoring entrepreneurs to refine their business strategies and prepare for investment opportunities.

A firm believer in lifelong learning, Ingeborg combines analytical expertise, cultural adaptability and a dedication to advancing equitable opportunities, she aspires to continue supporting women's leadership and development globally.



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# Lara Alazawi



**District 20**

**Citizenship: Finland**

**Pursuing master's degree in finance from Aalto University and CEMS master's degree in management from Aalto University and The London School of Economics, Finland and United Kingdom**

**Holds bachelor's degree in finance from Aalto University, Finland**

Lara Alazawi is currently pursuing dual master's degrees, in finance from Aalto University and international management from the London School of Economics. She holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Aalto University, where she also spent a semester abroad at Universidad Torcuato di Tella in Buenos Aires, Argentina. During her bachelor's studies, Lara was recognized for her academic excellence and awarded a grant given to top-performing students.

Lara has gained a broad range of experience through internships in strategy consulting, management consulting and product management. These roles allowed her to tackle complex business challenges across various industries and develop a strong understanding of business operations and corporate dynamics.

Alongside her professional pursuits, Lara is passionate about empowering women. She leads communications for a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting young women as they pursue careers in traditionally male-dominated industries.

Outside of her academic and professional endeavors, Lara enjoys staying active with high-intensity training, pilates and dance. She is also passionate about travel and long backpacking trips that allow her to explore new cultures and languages. Some of her most treasured university experiences include her time in Buenos Aires and London, where she immersed herself in vibrant cities, discovered new perspectives and formed friendships with people from diverse backgrounds.



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# Isabella Cramner



**District 21**

**Citizenship: Sweden**

**Pursuing Master of Business Administration from New York University Stern School of Business, USA**

Isabella Cramner has a background at the intersection of business development, media and technology, spanning industries such as fashion retail, trade, consulting and academia. She is currently pursuing an MBA in technology and entrepreneurship at NYU Stern School of Business, further honing her skills in combining business strategy with technological innovation.

In her most recent role as a global media innovation and strategy manager at H&M, Isabella contributed to driving the digital transformation of one of the world's largest fashion retailers. Her focus included leveraging emerging technologies such as generative AI and mixed reality to future-proof the company's success.

Alongside her corporate role, Isabella led research at the Stockholm School of Economics' Digital Transformation Think Tank, co-authoring articles and presenting on AI-driven supply chain and procurement strategies in Barcelona and Rio de Janeiro.

Previously, Isabella worked at the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce, where she contributed to the development and launch of the chamber's innovation platform, Gateway. Through this platform, she supported more than 100 startups and scale-ups expanding to the U.S.

Academically, Isabella holds a joint Master of Science in media management from KTH Royal Institute of Technology and Stockholm School of Economics, as well as a Bachelor of Science in business and economics from Uppsala University.

Isabella enjoys traveling and experiencing different cultures. She worked and studied in Stockholm, New York, California, London and Paris. She also stays active through her love of tennis and yoga.



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# Jenny Luong



**District 22**

**Citizenship: Australia**

**Pursuing bachelor's degree in advanced finance and economics (honors) from the University of Queensland, Australia**

Jenny Luong began her tertiary journey when she was accepted into the Bachelor of Advanced Finance and Economics Honors program, having achieved an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank over 99.

Beyond her studies, Jenny is an advocate for education, financial literacy and personal development. Growing up, she learned the value of perseverance and the power of education early in life. This foundation inspired her commitment to lifelong learning and personal growth, which continues to guide her journey.

Jenny sits on the executive board of the Real Estate Investment Student Association for the University of Queensland chapter, where she works to bridge the information gap for students in property development, real estate investment trusts and commercial real estate.

Currently, Jenny is a business banking intern in the Premium Funding Team at the Bank of Queensland. She looks forward to continuing her professional endeavors with a growth mindset. After receiving the New Colombo Scholarship to study on exchange at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, she developed a strong global perspective and an interest in strengthening international ties while building her commercial acumen across borders.

Jenny is committed to seeking opportunities that contribute to her future success and making a meaningful difference in all facets of her life. She acknowledges the role her struggles have played in shaping her character and resilience. This award from Zonta International motivates her to push her career to new limits and pursue her aspirations with dedication and enthusiasm.

In her spare time, Jenny enjoys listening to podcasts and finds inspiration in women who challenge the status quo. She also enjoys hobbies such as exercising, swimming and spending quality time with her loved ones.



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# Nicolette Chen



**District 23**

**Citizenship: Singapore**

**Pursuing Master of Business Administration from the University of Tasmania (UTAS), Australia**

Nicolette Chen is a second-year student pursuing an MBA and majoring in finance. She grew up in Singapore, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in economics and a specialist diploma in agritechnology and agribusiness. Nicolette worked as a healthcare administrator in Singapore's public hospitals for a decade before furthering her studies at UTAS.

Nicolette hopes that studying business will provide her with the theoretical foundations to better serve society after graduation. She looks forward to participating in a vacation program with Deloitte's Turnaround and Restructuring team during the summer. She believes that businesses can serve as powerful platforms to provide opportunities for people, especially women, by supporting their livelihoods and families while delivering valuable goods and services to society.

With a long-term vision to improve the livelihoods of female refugees through business initiatives, Nicolette aspires to either enter the business advisory space or start a social enterprise.

She actively volunteers as the president of the UTAS Business School Students' Society and serves as a children's teacher in her church in Tasmania. She has also worked part-time as a school administrator, providing academic and welfare support to international college students in Tasmania.

Nicolette believes she has been gifted with much in life and seeks opportunities to give back to society, wherever she is placed.

In her free time, Nicolette enjoys reading, spending time with friends and family and taking long walks to appreciate the beauty of the created world.



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# Ojasvi Rana



**District 24**

**Citizenship: Australia**

**Pursuing dual bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering (honors) and economics at the University of Sydney, Australia**

Ojasvi Rana is pursuing dual bachelor's degrees in biomedical engineering and economics at the University of Sydney. She is broadening her academic and professional horizons through a year-long exchange at Cornell University, following an impactful semester at the University of Pennsylvania in 2023.

Ojasvi, a Democracy Fellow at the Cornell Center on Global Democracy, partners with a Costa Rican consulting firm to develop an ethical investment tool promoting democracy-aligned companies. She also writes for the Cornell Policy Review, exploring tech policy issues at the nexus of global trade, technology, and geopolitics. As a Junior Fellow at the U.S. Semiconductor Research Hub, she analyzes software and hardware vulnerabilities in the semiconductor supply chain, reinforcing U.S. tech leadership.

Ojasvi also interned at the United States Studies Centre, where she worked on AI policy and developed an executive education course on Geopolitics and Business for the University of Sydney Business School. Her internship with Siemens AG in India, where she researched renewable large-scale grid energy storage technology, sparked her interest in advancing global energy security through innovative investment frameworks.

Ojasvi has held key leadership roles, including president of the Sydney University Society of Medical Innovation and VP of student government at UPenn. At Cornell, she serves as PR chair for Operation Smile, raising funds for cleft palate surgeries. Since 2022, she has raised AU\$8,000 for a Ugandan charity supporting 330 children, reflecting her leadership for good philosophy.

The Zonta Women in Business Scholarship will support Ojasvi in continuing her growth as a leader and changemaker, with her sights set on strengthening U.S.-Australia relations in trade and technology.

In her free time, Ojasvi enjoys traveling, writing and performing stand-up comedy.



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# Manashi Pandit



**District 25**

**Citizenship: Nepal**

**Pursing master's degree in international business from Tufts University, USA**

Manashi Pandit is a second-year graduate student pursuing a master's degree in international business at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. Her specialization in finance and international legal studies allows her to explore the intersection of finance, legal frameworks and global markets, equipping her with a unique perspective on addressing complex international business challenges.

Before her graduate studies, Manashi co-founded WePlay Nepal, a software as a service-based sports startup designed to connect players with sports venues while promoting youth sports development through structured training programs. Through WePlay, she aims to create a vibrant sports ecosystem that empowers communities, fosters talent, and supports the holistic growth of individuals through accessible and inclusive sports opportunities.

Growing up in Kathmandu, Nepal, Manashi was deeply influenced by the cultural landscape and economic complexities of her surroundings, which played a pivotal role in shaping her interests and career aspirations. Through her graduate studies, Manashi aims to acquire the skills necessary to design, implement, and evaluate scalable enterprises that address systemic inefficiencies and challenges while unlocking opportunities in emerging markets.

In her free time, Manashi enjoys traveling, exploring diverse stories through movies and books and spending time with her dog.



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# Mai Kawaguchi



**District 26**

**Citizenship: Japan**

**Pursuing Master of Business Administration from the University of California Berkeley, Haas School of Business, USA**

Mai Kawaguchi is a first-year Master of Business Administration (MBA) student at the University of California Berkeley's Haas School of Business. Inspired by a personal experience when her grandmother suffered a heart attack, Mai is committed to making an impact in the healthcare industry.

After earning a bachelor's degree in pharmacology from Keio University, Mai began her career as a project manager at a Japanese medical device company. She is now dedicated to business development for a platform business in the early drug development phase at Shonan iPark, the largest life science innovation hub in Japan, where she supports over 160 leading life science companies with their research and collaboration efforts.

Mai aspires to become a development manager in the early research phase at a pharmaceutical firm. She envisions forging strategic alliances between large firms, bio-ventures and academia in Asia through initiatives like joint research projects, technology transfer and M&A. Her experience at Haas is equipping her with the necessary business acumen and leadership skills to succeed on a global scale.

In her free time, Mai pursues her passion for classical ballet. With more than 20 years of experience in dance, she trains under a former principal dancer of the Asami Maki Ballet Company, continuously refining her technique and reflecting her commitment to artistic and technical excellence.



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# Omobola Giwa



**District 27**

**Citizenship: Nigeria**

**Pursuing master's degree in entrepreneurship and innovation from the University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg**

Omobola Giwa is a candidate in the master's program in entrepreneurship and innovation at the University of Luxembourg. She holds a bachelor's degree in law from the University of Lagos and is a certified bar attorney in Nigeria.

Having grown up learning the intricacies of business by helping manage her mother's restaurant, Omobola was drawn to an entrepreneurial career path and has since followed her passion for creating impactful ventures. She founded Fernweh Consultants Ltd, a Lagos-based company providing immigration, travel consulting and educational tour services. Through this venture, she has provided Nigerian children with transformative educational travel experiences, connecting them with diverse cultures and broadening their perspectives.

Building on her experiences, Omobola is currently working on an innovative startup in Luxembourg focused on the circular economy. This project reflects her vision of creating sustainable business solutions that bridge international markets and drive economic development.

Beyond her professional pursuits, Omobola is a devoted wife and mother who treasures traveling and spending quality time with her family.



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# Sophie Jonkers



**District 27**

**Citizenship: Belgium**

**Pursuing master's degree in economics and accounting from Ghent University, Belgium**

Sophie Jonkers grew up in Brasschaat, surrounded by a warm and supportive family. While both of her parents are doctors, it was her grandfather's fascination with the stock market that first sparked her interest in economics at a young age and inspired her to take a different path.

Excelling from a young age, Sophie specialized in science and mathematics and soon enrolled in applied economic sciences at the University of Antwerp. Now in the final year of her studies, she has developed a passion for accounting and taxation and chose to complete her degree at the University of Ghent.

Beyond academics, Sophie has been a dedicated member of the Scouts since the age of four, has served as a leader for three years and continuing to assist during camps. She also enjoys working at a nursing home on weekends, finding fulfillment in helping others. As a talented musician, Sophie has played the violin for 13 years, using music as a way to relax. In her free time, she loves spending time with family and friends, shopping and traveling to new places.



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# Alina Eckert



**District 28**

**Citizenship: Germany**

**Pursuing master's degree in management and marketing from Free University Berlin, Germany**

**Holds bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Mannheim, Germany**

Alina Eckert is currently pursuing a master's degree in management and marketing at the Free University Berlin, following her undergraduate studies in business administration at the University of Mannheim, Germany. Her academic journey has provided her with valuable insights into the functioning of companies and organizations, as well as their ethical responsibilities. This aligns with her long-standing interest in optimizing teamwork, communication processes and the contributions of organizations to the greater good.

Beyond her studies, Alina is deeply passionate about social engagement in the fields of democracy and debating. Since 2020, she has served as an honorary rhetoric trainer and jury member for a large student debating competition. For the past four years, she has also been the treasurer in the board of the debating competition's alumni association, which currently holds more than 400 members. This role allows her to promote respectful, fact-based discussions in society and politics while supporting young individuals in developing their argumentative skills and exchanging views on current topics.

In her free time, Alina enjoys spending time in the mountains, whether hiking or skiing. She also has a passion for music, playing both the violin and piano, and enjoys reading about psychology and personal development.



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# Valentina Buratti



**District 28**

**Citizenship: Italy**

**Pursuing master's degree in management engineering from Politecnico di Milano, Italy**

**Holds bachelor's degree in management engineering from Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy**

Driven by a passion for women's empowerment in business and sustainability, Valentina Buratti has shaped both her academic and extracurricular pursuits around these values. As a marketing and sales associate for Shea Matters, an Enactus Polimi project, she played a key role in building a sustainable commercial bridge between Ghana and Italy, promoting fair trade practices for shea butter and empowering women entrepreneurs. This initiative led the team to win the Enactus 2022 Italian Cup and secure a Top 16 spot at the Enactus 2023 World Cup, where she had the honor of representing the project on stage.

Sustainability continues to be a guiding principle in Valentina's academic journey, influencing a thesis focused on eco-efficiency and strategies to address resource efficiency variations over time at the shop floor level.

Beyond academics, Valentina enjoys applying knowledge to real-world challenges through business games and attending networking events focused on women's empowerment, often organized by Enactus Italy. A creative spirit, she also finds inspiration in painting natural landscapes, drawing from a passion for nature photography. These artistic pursuits fuel her creativity and motivation to drive meaningful change in both business and society.



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# Camila Alegría



**District 29**

**Citizenship: Peru**

**Pursuing Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Oxford, United Kingdom  
Holds bachelor's degree in economics with a concentration in public sector from the Universidad del Pacífico, Peru**

Camila Alegría brings more than six years of experience in social development, having held diverse roles across sectors. She began her career in government, focusing on strategic expenditure evaluations for local governments and managing nationwide education and employability programs at Peru's Ministries of Economics and Education.

Transitioning to the international sphere, Camila led impactful education and social inclusion projects in Peru while overseeing teams to implement and monitor initiatives at the World Bank. With a master's degree in public policy from the London School of Economics, she has developed extensive expertise in policy design, mediation and implementation. This has given her a comprehensive understanding of how to approach, evaluate, and drive impact across various sectors, including NGOs, civil society, research, teaching, consulting, public sector, social entrepreneurship and international cooperation.

Camila's passion lies in "connecting the dots" between policy, business and diverse sectors to create synergies that empower human capital development and improve lives. Currently pursuing an MBA at Oxford University, she aims to deepen her understanding of how the private sector can drive social innovation and systemic change. She is particularly focused on leveraging technology-driven solutions to expand access to education and unlock human potential, envisioning a future of global social impact through innovative, blended institutions.

Beyond her professional and academic pursuits, Camila finds joy in nature and has traveled to more than 30 countries. A lifelong lover of dance, she embraces rhythms from Peruvian folklore to salsa, bachata and reggaeton. At Oxford, she continues her passion as a member of the open salsa team with the Oxford Salsa Society.



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# Sara Langeveld



**District 29**

**Citizenship: Netherlands**

**Pursuing bachelor's degree in international business administration from Erasmus University, Netherlands**

Sara is driven by her mission to use business as a positive force for social and environmental impact. Her passion for sustainability emerged at just eight years old, when she convinced her parents to let her become a vegetarian. In high school, personal experiences with mental health challenges shaped her perspective, leading her to discover that contributing to society provided her with purpose and meaning.

This realization propelled Sara to represent Dutch students at the UN Climate Action Summit in 2019. Later, as a board member of the Dutch National Youth Council, she led initiatives to amplify youth participation and promote mental health awareness. Today, she continues to inspire others by sharing her personal experiences at professional events and advocating for systemic solutions to mental health challenges.

Sara's experiences have inspired her to pursue a career with an international firm that balances financial success with a strong commitment to social and environmental responsibility. She is currently completing a bachelor's degree in international business administration. She expanded her expertise in sustainability and data analytics during an exchange semester at the University of Technology, Sydney. She also gained practical experience as a market researcher at a venture studio, exploring the intersection of business innovation and social impact. Recognizing the transformative potential of data-driven solutions, she will pursue a master's degree in business analytics next year.

Outside of academics and advocacy, Sara finds joy through running, which challenges and grounds her as she prepares for her first marathon.



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# Nurgyul Salimova



**District 30**

**Citizenship: Bulgaria**

**Pursuing bachelor's degree in marketing from D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics, Bulgaria**

Nurgyul Salimova is a Bulgarian chess player from the town of Popovo, Bulgaria who was raised in the village of Krepcha, Targovishte district. Chess is not only her passion but also her profession, which she balances with her academic development, inspiring younger generations along the way.

Nurgyul began playing chess at the age of four under the guidance of her father, quickly discovering her passion and talent for the game.

Over the years, Nurgyul has established herself as one of the leading chess players in the world. In 2023, she reached a significant milestone by reaching the final of the Women's World Championship and becoming the European Individual and Team Champion with the Bulgarian National Team. She has also won numerous national and international titles, including the U12 World Championship.

She graduated from the primary school Vasil Levski in Krepcha in 2017 and completed her secondary education at the Vasil Levski gymnasium in the town of Opaka in 2023. Currently, she is a second-year student at the D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics in Svishtov, majoring in marketing.

Nurgyul speaks three languages—Bulgarian, Turkish and English—and has recently started learning Spanish through online classes. In her free time, she enjoys going on walks, which helps her relax.



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# Lucine Benoit



**District 30**

**Citizenship: France**

**Pursuing master's degree in business and management from Toulouse Business School, France**

After two years in preparatory classes, Lucine Benoit joined Toulouse Business School, while simultaneously pursuing a dual degree at the Institut Catholique de Toulouse, balancing two jobs and engaging in volunteer activities. During M1, she took part in a pre-specialization in sustainable development, later focusing on big data—a field where women remain underrepresented—during a university exchange in Spain. Next year, she will pursue a specialized master's degree in banking and financial engineering, aiming for a career in financial markets.

Committed to volunteerism, Lucine has worked with organizations dedicated to protecting women and children, provided tutoring to young girls from disadvantaged backgrounds and actively promoted gender equality. In addition, she has organized conferences and round tables on key societal issues, including events featuring Mathilde Mignot and Jean-Marc Jancovici, further strengthening a dedication to equal opportunities and meritocracy.

Professionally, Lucine has held various leadership and management roles, including secretary of a student association, team leader in a logistics warehouse, project manager in public service at Service Départemental à la Jeunesse and venue manager at the Paris Olympics. During a gap year, Lucine completed two six-month internships, as a sustainable finance consultant at EcoAct and as an environmental, social and governance analyst at Edmond de Rothschild.

For these accomplishments, Lucine is honored to receive the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship, further motivating her commitment to driving impact in finance and sustainability.



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# Hsuan-Wei (Cassidy) Chao



**District 31**

**Citizenship: Taiwan (R.O.C.)**

**Pursuing global Master of Business Administration from National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taiwan (R.O.C.)**

Hsuan-Wei (Cassidy) Chao is a dynamic and accomplished professional with six years of experience in the tech industry, specializing in project management for hardware product development and market launches. During her tenure at Wistron NeWeb Corporation, Cassidy consistently achieved top performance ratings, earning the prestigious MVP Team award. Her leadership in cross-functional teams was instrumental in overcoming challenges such as logistics instability and material shortages during the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to successful product launches that generated millions in annual revenue.

As an MBA candidate at National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU), Cassidy has demonstrated exceptional leadership and collaboration in academic projects, spearheading business plans and securing insights from key industry figures. Cassidy's commitment to excellence extended to international competitions, where her team placed among the top 20 out of 276 teams at the prestigious Bangkok Business Challenge.

Cassidy's blend of technical expertise, strategic leadership and community spirit is also evident in her role in organizing a corporate visit for her peers in Thailand, an initiative that strengthened connections between NYCU and global industry leaders.

Looking ahead, Cassidy aspires to drive impactful solutions in elderly care and champion women-empowered workplaces. In her free time, she enjoys brewing coffee to start her day and playing tennis to stay active, finding both activities a source of energy and inspiration for her innovative pursuits.



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# EunByeol Lee



**District 32**

**Citizenship: South Korea**

**Pursuing bachelor's degree in international trade at Kongju National University, South Korea**

EunByeol Lee is a fourth-year student majoring in International Trade at Kongju National University in South Korea. She has been an active member of the student council for all four years, even serving as the president. In her spare time, Eunbyeol enjoys participating in proposal and slogan competitions, which has fostered her interest in creating project proposals; she aspires to become a merchandiser in the future.

This year, Eunbyeol participated in a marketing project for a game company, where her effective social media marketing proposals earned her the Excellence Award. Currently, she is interning at the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries in the Government Complex, where her main task is preparing for the 30th Anniversary Maritime Day event. Her team is developing campaigns and hands-on activities to engage citizens in celebrating the event.

After completing her internship, EunByeol plans to study English and aims to achieve a TOEFL score of 90 or higher. Following graduation, she plans to embark on a working holiday in Canada, where she intends to pursue a career as a merchandiser. By combining her academic background and professional ambitions, she hopes to become a successful female leader in the field of merchandising.