

# **Women's Fund HER Scholarship Reception**

**Thursday, August 21, 2025**

**5:30 – 7:30 PM**

Remarks starting at 6 PM

Woman's Club of Wisconsin  
813 E Kilbourn Avenue, Milwaukee

## **AGENDA**

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### **Mix and Mingle**

### **Opening Remarks**

Beth Odian, Board Chair

### **HER Scholarship Presentation**

Jerri Washington, Board Director and  
HER Scholarship Committee Chair

### **Women's Fund Update**

Lisa Attonito, Executive Director

### **More Mixing and Mingling**

From HER Scholars...

*"I'm always grateful for cool women who are willing  
to help other women realize their own potential."*

*"It came at a time when I needed it most.  
Above all, to be associated with the Women's Fund makes me feel like  
I am a whole person; makes me want to be involved,  
give back, and do more."*

*"I remember feeling really special receiving the HER scholarship.  
It made me realize that I had great potential.  
I hope I used my potential well."*

**WOMEN'S FUND**

## HER Scholars Academic Year 2025/26

### \$22,500 to 7 HER Scholars

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#### **Alverno College**

**LaTash Moore**

Nursing, May 2027

*Funded by Patrick and Anna M. Cudahy Fund*

**Jane Michelle Morrissey**

Leadership, May 2026

**Gekita Washington**

Leadership, May 2026



#### **Mount Mary University**

**Erika Martinez**

Human Resources, December 2025



#### **University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee**

**LaTrice Lynette Luckett**

Public Health, May 2027

*Funded by College Endowment Association*

**Elizabeth Mensah**

Nursing, December 2026

**Kenya Shaundel Moses**

Business Administration, December 2026



## About the Women's Fund of Greater Milwaukee



The Women's Fund stands at the forefront of the women's movement locally. We are fostering gender equity by protecting rights, removing obstacles, and creating ripples of change for women, their families, and our community. We challenge the status quo through advocacy and policy work, relevant programming, strategic grant making, and scholarship awards.

Those who engage deepen their understanding of the status of women. Our supporters champion gender equity by participating in meaningful conversation, mobilizing their networks, and investing generously.

We measure our impact through program engagement, the positive outcomes derived from grants and scholarships, reported shifts in attitudes and behaviors in the community, and the overall level of investment the Women's Fund makes locally. We always imagine the possibilities beyond the present.



Founded in 1986, and established as an independent organization in 2006, we remain committed to mobilizing philanthropy and fostering unity for gender equity, *just as we've done for almost forty years. We are proud members of the Wisconsin Alliance of Women's Funds and the Women's Funding Network.*

## HER Scholarship Program

For nearly three decades, our HER Scholarship Program has provided support to non-traditional students — women aged 35 and above who face tremendous hurdles — enabling them to achieve lasting economic self-sufficiency through higher education. More than 155 women have earned a bachelor's degree. These scholarships are made possible by your collective philanthropy. Thank you.

## Creating Ripples of Change...



## WF Board of Directors

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Carol Voss ~ Jerri Washington



Erika Sander  
1941 – 2025

Erika began serving as a Women's Fund Board Director in 2019 and had just entered her third term. A committed feminist and strong advocate for women, she is especially remembered for her steadfast support of the HER Scholarship program. May she rest in peace...

## WF HER Scholarship Committee

Jerri Washington, *Chair*  
Kenyatta Barber  
Barbara Hughes  
Melissa McCord  
Cheryl Moore, PhD  
Kathleen Turner, *HER Scholar*