

## 2024 Annual Report: Irene Keyes Memorial Scholarship

### National Conference for Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

Once again, the committee reached out to friends, professors, colleagues from the area college campuses. We are pleased that we found a perfect candidate for the scholarship. Lily Hardwick, a first-year student at Marist College is the recipient of The Irene Keyes Memorial Scholarship to attend NCCWSL. Lily is majoring in Political Science with double minors in Environmental Policy and Global Studies while earning a paralegal certificate. She is enrolled in the Honors Program, Emerging Leaders Program, and is a Peer Mentor. Lily's goal is to combine all her passions of diversity, equity and inclusion, politics, and climate change to become an Environmental Lawyer. Lily was "adopted from China by immigrant parents and is a member of the LGBTQ+ Community."

Her leadership abilities have been evidenced by her work with the League of Women Voters. She was one of the youngest speakers at their National Convention. She is a member of the Citizens Climate Lobby Mid-Hudson Chapter, and works at the Marist Institute for Public Opinion where she is a student representative for recruitment and retention. She will be reporting back on her experience.

We are constantly searching for recommendations for "contacts" on the area campuses. We are looking for suggestions and hope to make stronger contacts at area colleges, Perhaps "tableling" at campus events. Suggestions and new committee members are always welcome.

Committee members: Marcine Humphrey (coordinator), Betty Harrel, Pat Luczai, Marylou Davis, Mary Coiteux, Shaileen Kopec, and Maureen Tremblay.