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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello Connecticut Senators! I feel honored to be your President this year and I am quickly getting up to speed. I have participated in several Zoom trainings with our new National President Ariel Jones. Her theme this year is "Bee the Inspiration" and she is buzzing with excitement and enthusiasm.

In Connecticut, I thought about some type of fun theme as well, and came up with "*Let's Give Them Something*

to Talk About"! Not only do I sing along when I read that - but also it is something we really need to think about. During this challenging time, we need to communicate! So this year we will *give them something to talk about*.

The members of the board and I have met to discuss plans for this year. Because of social distancing we need to be creative with our activities. We have a couple fun things in the works - stay tuned for details! If you have any ideas please let me know! Past President Cathy Dempsey had planned to have a banquet with the Jaycees during her year which was cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions. The goal is to try to do it early next year as long as we can be close again!

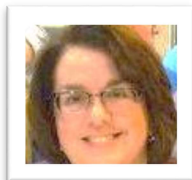
This is the ideal time to look how we have been doing things and identify if things need to be updated. There was a poster I saw that said, "***If you always do what you've always done... you always get what you always got***". I have lived by that for years as we need to change and adapt. Since we cannot go out as much, we may as well look at our bylaws and finances and see if there is anything we can do!

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or ideas. I am new to the board and am still learning about all of my responsibilities. I always appreciate guidance and feedback! I am also in the process of switching jobs, so be patient if I don't reply immediately!

Please join me in a different kind of Senate-year as we *Give Them Something to Talk About!*

Michele Tarantino, Senator #63380

FROM THE COB



Hello Connecticut Senators!

Oh, how I have missed you! COVID has made us appreciate being together since we cannot be together at the moment. I can't wait till it is safe for everyone to be in the same room again and not have to worry about getting sick.

I want to sincerely thank all of the CT JCI Senators who have reached out to me and my family regarding the loss of my brother, Jim, on June 24th. He entered the hospital on May 9th and due to the COVID we were not able to see him again until a few days before he passed. His funeral was also a grand adventure. Had to limit who could attend and then couldn't hug or kiss anyone. WEAR YOUR MASKS, WASH YOUR HANDS, you do not want to go thru what we went thru. The sympathy cards are still arriving from all over the country. My Mother and I have also had several meals dropped off and we are eating like Queens! There is no room in the freezer!

I am excited for the New Year under the leadership of National President Ariel and CT President Michele with one L. I met Michele and we became great friends during our Jaycee days. I had the pleasure of being her Executive Assistant when she was CT Jaycee State President. She is excited about being our president so we all need to help her in any way possible.

When my brother would send an email or text to anyone, he usually ended it with one word, FAMILY. He would send

it to his Lacrosse Family, his actual family and to his friends. During tough times you truly find out who is in your corner. I am blessed because I have so many friends that I consider family. The Senate truly is a FAMILY.

Cathy Dempsey, Senator #67625

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS



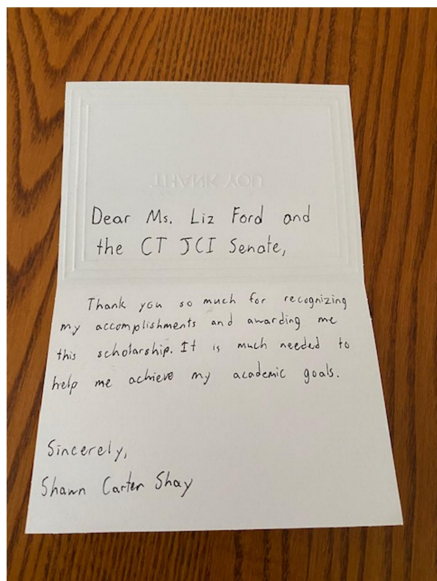
The Connecticut JCI Senate is pleased to announce that Kathery Lopez of Stamford, Connecticut and Shawn Carter Shay of Meriden, Connecticut are winners of the 2020 Connecticut JCI Senate Scholarship competition. Connecticut JCI Senate scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors on a competitive basis of high scholarship, leadership and service.

Katery is an honor student at Stamford High School and will be attending the University of Massachusetts Amherst majoring in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Katery aspires to study neuroscience to understand the power of the brain during emotional, mental and physical states particularly as it relates to non-verbal communication through diversity of movement in dance.

Shawn Carter Shay is an honor student at Lyman Hall High School and will be attending the University of Connecticut majoring in Environmental Engineering and Spanish. Shawn was recognized by the Connecticut Conference on Natural Resources in the CT Maps Competition for his creation of an interactive website, "View the Q", detailing wildlife sightings along the Quinnipiac River. Shawn hopes to use his passionate interest in the outdoors and ecology as an engineer to help address local and global environmental changes.

Kathery's and Shawn's personal statements appear elsewhere in the newsletter.

Thank you Liz Ford, Senator # 65072, Scholarship Chair and the Scholarship Committee for reviewing the applications in the selection process to identify the 2020 recipients.



FROM THE TREASURER



Effective July 1, 2020 the annual dues to the US JCI Senate increased to \$7.00 from \$5.00. Our Connecticut JCI Senate Life Fund does not currently and has not for several years generated sufficient income to cover life member dues at \$5.00 per senate member per year much less \$7.00. We are asking that Life Members consider making a voluntary contribution to the Connecticut JCI Senate to bolster the Life Fund, Operating Fund and Scholarship Fund.

Thank you Art Gilbert Senator #35010 for your contribution to the Life Fund.

As of June 30, 2020 we received \$25.31 from Amazon through online purchases

using the Smile Amazon charitable giving program. Have you "*SMILED LATELY*"?

Unfortunately our summer picnic social and budget meeting had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. We will be voting on acceptance draft Financial Statement for FY July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 and the proposed budget for FY 2020-2021 at the August 21, 2020 Virtual Budget Meeting and Social.

Jack Pasquale, Senator #32806

US JCI SENATE E-NEWS

A good way to keep up with what is going on with the US JCI Senate, JCI, JCI USA, is to subscribe to the bi-weekly E-Blast by going to the USJCISENATE.ORG web site and clicking on the E-News Subscription link on the left side of the home page to enter your name, senate number and email address.

SECRETARY



Who could have predicted these unprecedented and disruptive times at mid-year when we were anxiously awaiting and planning for spring and summer activities. During this time of uncertainty, given the ongoing pandemic, all in person meetings and socials are cancelled until further notice. The Covid-19 pandemic brought words like quarantine, social distancing, Zoom meeting, mask, work at home, into our everyday vocabulary. As Jaycees we learned to plan, reevaluate and react to complete a project. As Senators we practice what we learned.

The Senate is soliciting your input regarding what you would like the

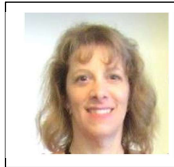
Senate to offer. Please fill out the survey at your earliest convenience when you receive it.

Bonnie Blaisdale, Senator #69956

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Virtual Budget Meeting and Social August 21, 2020 7 PM via Zoom
- Virtual Pampered Chef Social week of Sept 5, 2020 Day TBD
- US Fall BOD Meeting Lawton, OK Sept 24-27, 2020
- Region ONE Fall Frolic, Stowe, VT October 22-25, 2020
- NEFLA, North Port, FL February 10, 2021
- Virtual Scavenger Hunt TBA
- Virtual Hawaiian Night Social TBA
- Spirit Social TBA

FROM THE SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR



Hello Senators!

I will be assisting President Michele with promoting our meetings and events, as well as U.S. JCI Senate information on social media. The Connecticut Senate has a Facebook group, if you are not already part of the group, find us by searching **CT JCI Senate** and requesting to join. While there are Senators from other states in our group, the privacy setting is set to make sure only Senators are taking part (I've had some requests from individuals who aren't even Jaycees to join).

I look forward to helping all of you stay connected with the activities of the CT Senate on Facebook!

Nancy Gianetti #69463

CONGRATULATIONS

Cathy Dempsey and Jack Pasquale for their nomination by fellow Senators and recognition by US JCI Senate President Lawrence Pittman with the Purpose Passion Award for contributions to the Connecticut JCI and US JCI Senate Organizations.

WHERE ARE YOU

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Lee Carlson	Lauren Cattel
Mark Corvino	Paul Doherty
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John Purdy	Daniel Quintard
James Raymond	Roderick Ricci
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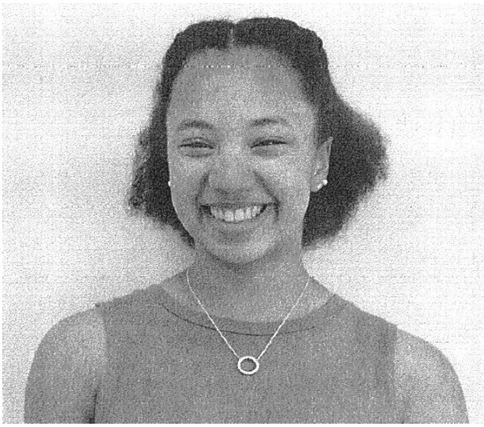
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Kathery Lopez

Personal Statement

Growing up in the foster care system, my childhood experiences have made me question the *why's* and *what ifs* of each situation. When dance was introduced in my life, it became my therapy and outlet to release all the negativity that tried to rule out my success. As a result of these experiences, I have developed an interest in studying neuroscience to complement my knowledge of dance to understand the power of the brain during emotional, mental and physical states.

My dance training began by following along the steps from *Step Up* to then creating my own dance moves in my living room. Beginning as a hip hop dancer and expanding my dance repertoire with contemporary, jazz, and ballet, I have come to realize that this art form has diversity in movement, and has allowed me to build my trust in collaborating with others, both in and outside of the studio. In addition to dancing as a member of two pre-professional companies, contemporary and hip hop, I have gained the respect and authority to be a leader alongside the director as a Teacher Assistant. Having the opportunity to work with and motivate children who look up to me and share my same passion, is inspiring. As the director has acknowledged, I have learned that even those who are already at the top can learn something new from one who is below them with a different perspective.

Dance has taught me to communicate without saying any words, and has allowed me to understand myself, so that I can better understand other people. Combining scientific principles with dance will allow me to study how the brain can be affected through dance movements and give me the chance to have a unique perspective in fields I am passionate about.

Explain any special personal family or financial situation you believe merits consideration:

On April 09, 2012, the Stamford Superior Court for Juvenile Matters entered an order committing me to the Connecticut Department of Children & Families and appointed them as my legal guardian according to Connecticut law. This order stays in effect until I turn 23 years old on January 20, 2025. I have lived with my current foster parents, who are licensed by the state of Connecticut, since August 29, 2012, and have lived in four homes prior. Being considered an independent, DCF is responsible for providing me with financial expenses (housing, food, medical, etc). The parents in the 'Parent or Guardian Information' section are my current foster parents and are not expected to assist with finances.



Shawn Carter Shay
Personal Statement

I am interested in pursuing Environmental Engineering. My desire to protect the environment has been developed through long hours outdoors and handling every organism I could. As a child, I was outside lifting up rocks and moss searching for woolly bears, and soon enough I was catching salamanders and snakes. Subsequently, I enrolled in a high school with a vocational-agriculture program focusing on Wildlife Biology. Field ecology, zoology, dendrology, forestry, and wildlife management are just a few of the topics discussed. My sophomore year I began volunteering regularly at Meigs Point Nature Center, tending to the animals and assisting visitors. Summer of 2018, I participated in UConn's Natural Resources Conservation Academy, where I learned various sciences, such as aquatic ecosystems, soil science, and geospatial technology. Following that first week, I began to map the Quinnipiac River in an effort to increase local interest. I kayaked and hiked along the river with GPS, and I recorded wildlife sightings with my camera and trail-cams. After many months of field expeditions and the creation of an interactive website (a story map), I attended the Connecticut Conference on Natural Resources where I presented my project. My story map, *View the Q*, was entered into the CT Maps Competition, where I received an award for being among the Top 5 entries for the high school division. This program solidified for me that this is my passion. My physics teacher encouraged me to consider engineering. He understood I had an aptitude for it. Since then I have job shadowed with several engineering firms. Now in my senior year, I am taking environmental science and calculus dual credit courses with UConn. Knowing that engineers set the foundations for our world, I wish to help address the radical changes happening globally now and in the near future.

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My mom's income is limited by the number of children the state allows licensed home based child care providers to have.

Our house was refinanced in 2005 prior to the housing bubble bursting, and just prior to divorce. My mom was left with debt and the under-water mortgage. She has been working to pay down the mortgage for over 10 years. I don't quite understand this, but it is what she said.

My brother Kyle has some learning and physical disabilities. My mother needs to regularly pay for some medical treatment not covered by insurance. Also, she recently needed to hire a special education and disability attorney in an effort to help Kyle to receive an appropriate education.



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Tax Deductible Donations are Welcome!

The Connecticut JCI Senate is always looking for donations. If you would like to donate, we have many options for you: General Fund; Scholarship Fund; Forgotten Senator; or any other area you would like to designate. Remember we are a 501(c)(3) organization, so your donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. You may also use this form to update any of your information.

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The Jaycee Creed

Written: by C. William Brownfield - 1946

We Believe

That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;
That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;
That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;
That government should be of laws rather than of men;
That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;
And that service to humanity is the best work of life.