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person. The meeting will be available virtually if you are not ready to be with a group. I'm happy to announce that President Ariel Jones will be in attendance. I hope to see you there!

On May 1, 2021, we will also be having our year-end Connecticut meeting. If you will have me, I have decided to run again for President and hopefully get an opportunity to do more than virtual and online projects, events and meetings. Please consider filling another open Board Position, it would be great to have a full team to work with as we get things back to normal!!

Please think about how we can continue to grow the Connecticut Senate. With so few Jaycee Chapters, we are limited in bringing in new Senators. Is there a Forgotten Senator we should think about? Is there someone who was awarded a Senatorship that didn't join the Senate? I would love to hear your thoughts on this... and I am always available to discuss by phone, email, text or smoke signals if needed!!

Let's continue to "Give 'em something to talk about" Connecticut - and finish this Senate-Year with a bang!

Michele Tarantino, Senator #63380

FROM THE PRESIDENT



CALLING ALL CT JCI
SENATORS... WE NEED YOU!

In two months Connecticut will be hosting the Region I Caucus.

Thank you to Karen Thomson for deciding to push through all obstacles so that we can meet safely on May 1st! It will be nice to see everyone that can be there in

FROM THE COB



Hello my fellow Senators!

It is never too early to start thinking about being on the 2021-2022 Board of Directors.

As the Chairman of the Board, it is my job to help fill the board for the upcoming year! Let me know if you have any questions about any of the positions! It is a great way to help further the Senate Movement!

ARTICLE XV

Elections

Section 1. Two (2) months prior to the annual meeting in each year, the Nominating Committee shall convene. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the three (3) most recent Past Presidents of the Association who are willing to serve.

Section 2. The Committee will make a reasonable effort to recommend at least one candidate for each elected office and shall notify the Secretary of their selections not later than April 15th. The recommended slate of officers shall be sent to members electronically via e-mail to those members for which the association has e-mail addresses or in writing no later than two (2) weeks prior to the election.

Section 3. Vacancies occurring in any office or committee shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors until the next meeting of the Association, when the appointment must be ratified by the membership.

Cathy Dempsey, Senator #67625

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS



One of the best parts of being a US JCI Senator is helping

out a graduating high school senior by awarding them a financial scholarship. The CT JCI Senate hosted a national meeting a few years ago, to fund our scholarship program. Thankfully we are in a position to award two \$500 scholarships every year. We then forward our two winners, onto the national level, where they compete for at least thirty \$1,000 scholarships! So, in case you weren't doing the math, that is \$30,000 that our national organization is giving away! We are a part of this, be proud!

The last couple of years, I have helped judge the awards and it was always a fun process getting together one maybe two times to narrow down the candidates. Unfortunately, due to COVID concerns, I had to switch up how we judged our awards. We received 13 awards by the deadline. Sadly, due to the US Post Office delays, one submission arrived one month after the postmark. It was coming from Bristol High School to my house in Cheshire. We had already picked our winners and the national deadline had also already passed, so this application was not part of the process. In total we had 14 submissions.

Since we had so few submissions, I decided to make copies of all the applications. I made a few phone calls and then dropped the applications off at our judge's houses. This way we could all be safe and several people gave their opinions.

The judges including myself were:
Bonnie Blaisdell, Senator #69956
Sandy Samoncik, Senator #61448
Ralph Lockman, Senator #59605 and
Kathy Doherty, Senator #52919

Even with such a small number of applications we still had a bright group to pick from. A sampling of the candidates, they had a variety of career aspirations:

pilot, stage manager, teacher, journalist, a STEM career, Orthopedic Doctor, OB/GYN Doctor, History Professor, combo politics/computer career, environmental sciences and marine science career. Most if not all were excellent students with impressive lists of grades, athletic participation, music participation and held part time jobs. Some also took college level classes already, attended HOBY, attained the level of Eagle Scout, holds a patent, donated their time back to their communities and helped out their families financially because one or both parents had lost their jobs due to COVID. One girl was even held up a gunpoint at her job.

After reading thru this impressive list of young people we picked our winners:

Coldon Bobowick

- Is from Sandy Hook CT
- attends Newtown High School
- has already been accepted to Brown University where he hopes to pursue a STEM Career
- member of the National, World Language and Science Honor Societies
- member/captain of swim/dive and cross-country teams
- Newtown REACH Youth Mentor
- member of the Ben's Lighthouse emotional stability youth mentorship program
- on the Newtown Prevention Council
- GPA: 4.157 unweighted & 4.909 weighted

Rakshita Ramakrishna

- is from Stamford, CT
- attends Stamford High School
- has already been accepted to Duke University where she hopes to pursue a political science and data science degree
- attended HOBY-Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference
- member of student council

- member of the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council
- member of the debate team
- member of the Science National Honor Society
- volunteer at Boys & Girls Club
- intern for Congressman Jim Hine's and State Representative Caroline Simmons' offices
- has her own tutoring business
- GPA: 3.9821 unweighted & 4.9471 weighted

I called both of our winners and they were very appreciative to have been picked. I have mailed their applications onto the national level, for the next round. Fingers Crossed! Please see Coldon's and Rakshita's personal statements elsewhere in this newsletter.

I would like to thank our judges for stepping up to help. Hoping that next year we can all be in the same room to judge! Until then stay safe!

Sincerely,
Cathy Dempsey

FROM THE TREASURER



2021 is off and running in a good direction. Many of us are fortunate enough to have received our vaccinations

to protect against the Covid-19 virus and hopefully see the beginning of the end of the pandemic.

Life Members are continuing to support our Senate organization by making a donation to the Connecticut JCI Senate to bolster the Life Fund, General Fund, Scholarship Fund, and Forgotten Senators Fund. Checks can be sent to the CT JCI SENATE, c/o Jack Pasquale. Treasurer, 655 Los Altos, North Port, FL 34287.

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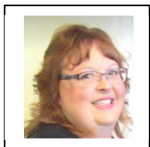
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Jack Pasquale, Senator #32806



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Hello Connecticut Senators
Last month we were expecting

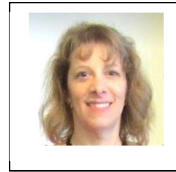
snow, snow, snow but now with the daylight savings time and longer days we can look forward to sunshine and warmer weather.

Speaking of looking forward the CT JCI Senate Annual Meeting will be held Saturday morning of the Region ONE Caucus. The registration for the Caucus is elsewhere in this newsletter. I cannot wait to be able to meet in person and socialize with my JCI Senate family soon.

It won't be long after that we will be ONTO Virginia Beach and the US JCI Senate Annual Meeting and elections. If you are going or think you plan to go, please let me know so we can circulate the information for who may be rooming with whom, Region Booth participation, and all the socialization so no one is left out.

**In Senate and Friendship,
Bonnie Blaisdell #69956**

FROM THE SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR



Hello Senators!

I hope everyone is doing well and staying warm (or for our snow birds, staying cool) and safe. I hope everyone is enjoying your CT JCI Senate Facebook page. I share not only the happenings of CT but also the information from the U.S. JCI Senate and Ariel 2021 pages to keep us all engaged. If you haven't already liked the page, you can find it at CT JCI Senate and click the join/like button. It is private (so everyone in the world doesn't see the info) so we have to accept your request to join.

If you have any questions, or if you're not on Facebook but would like me to post information on your behalf, please email me at toohyper@sbcglobal.net or call me at (860) 543-9351.

Nancy Gianetti #69463

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ Travel on a Safari with the Pasquale's March 18, 2021, 7 PM via zoom. Link sent via email
- ❖ “Where Are We Now” with the Potuchek's in April date TBA.
- ❖ May 1, 2021 CT JCI Senate Annual Meeting and Elections
- ❖ May 1, 2021 Region ONE Caucus hosted by the CT JCI Senate 2021.

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.

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US JCI SENATE ANNUAL MEETING

REGION ONE BOOTH

Greetings CT Senators,

The National Meeting is quickly approaching! Please let me know if you will be attending the National Meeting in Virginia Beach June 13 - 18 and would like to volunteer at the booth on Monday, June 14th. I am coordinating ordering t-shirts for a "uniform" in the booth to go with the theme "Friends Living the Creed", the shirts should cost no more than \$10.

. Also, I'm looking for a few people who crochet to assist with a project. If you crochet and want to know more, please email me at toohyper@sbcglobal.net

Nancy Gianetti #69463
 Region ONE Booth Chairman



Rebus Puzzle

Rebus puzzles convey meanings by using symbols and the way words are arranged on a page.

Here are two examples: HEAD HEELS = "head over heels"
 ban/ana = "banana split"

1 CCCCCC	2 LE / VEL	3 GIVE GET GIVE GET GIVE GET	4 ABCDEFGHIJKLMNORSTVWXYZ	5 T O W N
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IN CASE YOU MISSED THE FEBRUARY 20, 2021 ZOOM MEETING HERE ARE THE ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR FELLOW SENATORS?

- 5 Hung out with Paul Newman while chairing the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Jaycee State program.
- 10 Started taking karate at age 42 and currently working on a black belt.
- 15 Spent 14 years serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission and another 14 years serving on the Town Council.
- 3 Taught high school Spanish and am currently rereading Don Quixote in Spanish.
- 12 When I was a baby, my favorite stuffed animal was a lamb that was my mother's when she was young. I still have it.
- 2 Collected coins as a child, mostly pennies... and still has the collection.
- 17 Hot Dog Fanatic...Travels the US sampling and photographing at hot dog establishments.
- 6 Worked on several Trump development Projects and appeared on one of his Apprentice commercials.
- 16 Was on a special security team in the Navy to check bases for security and protect high-ranking officers at special functions. So... I was dressed in dress blue tux.
- 18 Enjoys Listening to Polkas
- 1 In the 2nd year of the Jaycee career, chaired a daylong Free Health Clinic which attracted, in addition to several physicians, over 3000 attendees. The hard work and success of this project earned not only a State "Best Community Action Project" but an Honorable mention at the National Level.
- 11 Related to Henry Ford
- 4 "Mooned" the Senate Exec VP along with 7,000 people high up on the hill with Mint Juleps in their hands at Churchill Downs.
- 9 Kissed Bobby Vinton on the cheek while having a photo taken with him.
- 8 Avid wine enthusiast who attends tastings and visits vineyards to learn more.
- 20 Saw performances of James Taylor, Marshall Tucker Band, Roy Orbison and Lionel Hampton one night at a festival for free.
- 19 Attended multiple International JCI meetings in Asia, America's, Continental Europe & British Isles.
- 7 Saxophone Playing Senator
- 14 Likes to take pictures of unusual or interesting scenery and post them on Facebook.
- 13 Spent 10 years a full-time firefighter before starting a fire equipment business.

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| 1) Bill Potucheck | 11) Bonnie Blaisdell |
| 2) Cathy Dempsey | 12) Nancy Gianetti |
| 3) President Ariel Jones | 13) NVP Rosaire Longe |
| 4) Linda Stonaha Gorzelany | 14) Fran Kass |
| 5) Jeffery Shoneck | 15) Peter Falk |
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| 7) Jack Pasquale | 17) Vin Lentini |
| 8) Allison Forsythe | 18) David Perlot |
| 9) Karen Thompson | 19) John McAuliffe |
| 10) Michele Tarantino | 20) Sue Zetoff |

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Personal Statement

Write (type or print) a statement of 300 to 500 words maximum, indicating your chosen field of college study. State your reasons for this choice and how this scholarship will impact your future. Include pertinent experiences, activities and accomplishments.

The knocking on my door was unexpected. So when I went up to the door, ready to ward off a lawn care specialist, I was surprised to find my district's state representative on the other side instead. She introduced herself, handed me a flyer that outlined her positions, and started chatting about me and the issues I cared about. She answered my questions with a contagious cheeriness, and left me with some of my own: What is a state representative? Why did she want to know what issues I cared about and was there something she could, and would do with that information?

After that encounter, I began to research the answers to those questions. This led to a passion for politics. I followed the Connecticut General Assembly's Bill Tracker like my dad follows football, constantly keeping abreast of the bills my representatives sponsored and passed. I became enamored with the process and pursued an internship with Caroline Simmons, the very same representative who had knocked on my door. I canvassed neighborhoods and phone banked, asking constituents about the issues that mattered to them. I saw how the government could impact my community at an individual level from fixing a pothole across the street to advocating for paid family leave. Working with Rep. Simmons has inspired me to mobilize to elect representatives that work to support our communities. I continued that work in my congressman's District Office. I worked as an intern on constituent casework, learning more about what the government can do for my community. Working to help people with housing and social security issues showed me the power governmental agencies have. Fielding calls from constituents who depend on government services and listening to policy requests taught me just how impactful politics can be. These experiences demonstrated the good our political system can do with effective representation that considers the voices of constituents.

I participated in the Girls Who Code Summer Immersion Program junior year. I've always gravitated towards analytical thinking, so it didn't surprise me when I discovered a love for computer science. The guest speaker, a data scientist at LexisNexis, who explained to us how he uses and analyzes data in unconventional fields, inspired me to learn more about data science and the intersection between statistics and politics. I discovered the role of data analytics in politics and voter data analysts who analyzed poll and election result data. This career path seemed like the perfect blend of my two interests.

This scholarship will help fund my education, enabling me to go to college and study political science and data science. I hope to use that education and work on a grassroots political campaign or for a non-profit as a voter data analyst or as a political analyst. After, my goal is to pursue a Ph.D. in political science and work in research, learning more about the science behind elections, misinformation, voting behaviors, and polling to ensure that communities nationwide can reap the benefits of effective political representation.



Rakshita Ramakrishna

Personal Statement

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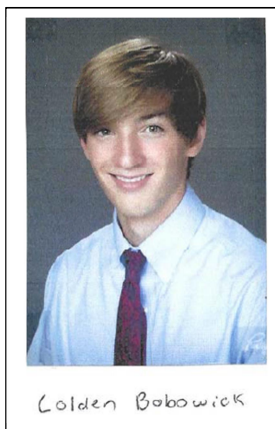
I am looking forward to an explorative first few years at college. One of the most influential driving factors for my application to Brown University was the Open Curriculum. I have a passion for Chemistry, Math, and Engineering, and I am uncertain which direction I will take my career. The Open Curriculum will allow me to take a multitude of courses in subjects I find even remotely interesting. I plan on taking courses in Economics, Computer Science, Astrophysics, and Applied Mathematics. Upon completion of a specific course, I will evaluate my desire to pursue the topic further, narrowing down my passion to a tangible, relevant major.

My passion in STEM-related fields developed well before high school. Before I could even read, I remember spending hours gazing at the colorful pictures in the Kingfisher Illustrated Nature Encyclopedia. To this day, I admire the sheer diversity of flora and fauna the world has to offer. Upon entering high school, I took Honors Biology a year ahead to open more science courses in the following years. I have since taken a multitude of advanced STEM courses including AP Chemistry and AP Calculus BC, two of the most difficult courses in Newtown High School. I received a perfect score on both AP tests. I have also completed three Engineering courses, and I am currently enrolled in Honors Aerospace Engineering and AP Physics C, the latter of which is the most difficult course in the school. While my passion for STEM far outweighs most other areas of school, I have kept my options open by taking AP English Language and Composition, and AP English Literature.

I have enjoyed my time at high school, and I believe I will miss the "good old days" from high school. But I am now beginning to realize the limitations of high school. I have largely outgrown my old school and I yearn for a larger student body, more freedom, and more challenging classes. Much like a hermit crab finding a new, larger shell, I have found Brown University. I cannot wait to explore all that it has to offer and make an even larger impact on the world.

To say that I am excited to attend Brown University is an understatement. I am elated to continue my passion for learning for another four years at minimum. Per contra, an Ivy League education is beyond expensive. Even with the substantial support of financial aid, Brown can hardly be considered affordable. Not only would the Connecticut JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship help ensure my future financial stability, but it would be an honor to be among one of the few who receive this scholarship.

No matter the outcome of this scholarship, I am wholeheartedly grateful for the opportunity to apply. There will always be stronger, smarter, and luckier people than I, but there is no one who will work harder. I will strive to be the most hardworking individual at Brown University.



Colden Bobowick



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 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;
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