

2022  
**SCHOLARSHIP**  
LUNCHEON  
THURS, MAY 5 | 12pm-1pm



This scholarship program fosters the academic and career success of women in Dane County. This event is a true celebration of this year's amazing scholarship recipients. This year **we are awarding \$7,500** in scholarships!

**2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:**

**Ericka Boeey\***      **Vanessa Kana**  
**Jessica Jacops**      **Kathleet Voss**

\*Judy Rose Scholarship Recipient

**WITH SPECIAL  
GUEST SPEAKER  
NICOLE BARRETT**





# SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Thank you for joining us for our annual scholarship luncheon! The Business Forum Foundation Scholarship Program helps to foster the academic and career success of women in financial need in Dane County.

The first TBF scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded in 1989. Since then, TBF has awarded more than \$457,000 in scholarships for women of all ages.

This year's virtual event will still be a true celebration of this year's amazing scholarship recipients. Recipients will be awarded their scholarships and share their stories with TBF members and guests.

**This year we are awarding \$7,500 in scholarships to four deserving applicants:**

**Ericka Boeey\***  
**Jessica Jacobs**  
**Vanessa Kana**  
**Kathleen Voss**

*\*\* JUDY ROSE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT*

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**NICOLE BARRETT**  
**2021 JUDY ROSE**  
**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

**Nicole** is a proud mother of three and operates her own agency in the Dane County area in which she provides direct support to individuals in the community that needs assistance to enhance the quality of life who struggles with mental illness. She has been in the healthcare industry for nearly 16 years, as a certified nursing aide all the way to medical records, medical administrative and healthcare management. Nicole graduated with a bachelor's degree from Upper Iowa University in 2019, and has been pursuing a second degree in Healthcare Administrations through the MBA program at UIU.

In Nicole's free time she loves being creative, traveling, decorating, and spending time with family. Nicole is striving to make a difference in her community and most importantly within her family. Nicole's long-term goal is to pursue a career in Healthcare administration where changes can be made for the better starting with Local Healthcare insurances and Community clinics.

## ERICKA BOOEY

Scholarship Amount: \$3500

Judy Rose Scholarship Recipient

The Business Forum's Judy Rose scholarship recipient for 2022, **Ericka Boeoy**, was born and raised in an economically challenged area of Gary, IN. She moved to Madison, WI to create a better life for herself and her four sons.

Ericka has a Human Services degree from Madison College and has just completed and graduated from the UW Odyssey Project. Her plan is to attend the University of Wisconsin's School of Social Work where she will earn a bachelor's and master's degree in social work.



## JESSICA JACOBS

Scholarship Amount: \$1,500

**Jessica Jacobs** is a 41-year-old full-time student at Madison College. One night a week she also attends a Sociology: Race and Ethnicities class through the UW Odyssey Project. While completing the Odyssey Project last year, she gained confidence and a voice. She openly shared her stories of overcoming obstacles such as addiction and incarceration. A mother of four, Jessica's struggles have

made her resilient, passionate, and intuitive. Her future goals are to achieve a bachelor's degree in social work potentially specializing in trauma, to become bilingual in English and Spanish, and to start her own non-profit organization working with individuals re-entering the community from incarceration.



## **VANESSA KANA**

**Scholarship Amount: \$1000**

**Vanessa Kana** attends U-W Madison in the School of Education, in Early Childhood Education. Her goal is to one day open her own daycare business. She is the oldest of 5 in her family, and works really hard to achieve her goals and dreams. She is the first generation in her family to attend college, she wants to let people know that they are capable of achieving anything as long as they put their minds to it and don't give up.

One memory that really stays with her is when her family moved to America. They had no background in English. It was very difficult for her to learn English, but she was happy to have persisted and stayed determined as she was learning the language. She is also very happy and appreciates her parents for their support and also her teachers who were there to help her.

When she started going to school here in America, it was not easy. She was often bullied at school because of the color of her skin and the way she looked different from other students. But that did not stop her. Her teachers and parents have inspired her to become what she is today.



## KATHLEEN VOSS

Scholarship Amount: \$1500

**Kathleen (Katie) Voss** is finishing up her pre-requisite classes with plans to start the nursing program at Madison College in the fall of 2023. After graduation, her plans are to utilize her nursing degree to become an in-home hospice nurse at Agrace HospiceCare in Fitchburg.

Approximately eight years ago, her family experienced hospice care with the death of her step-father, that led to a volunteer opportunity with Agrace. That hands-on patient care experience solidified her calling of becoming a hospice nurse. She wants to give patients and families the same comfort that her family received with the passing of her step-father.



# SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Most of the fundraising we do throughout the year directly benefits our scholarship fund; we couldn't do what we do without the support of our members and the outside community.

To get involved, please **attend** any of our events, **sponsor** an event, or make a **donation** directly to the TBF Scholarship fund at: [www.thebusinessforum.org/Donate](http://www.thebusinessforum.org/Donate)



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