

Palatine Area Chamber of Commerce 2017 WIBAF Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the 2017 Women in Business Advisory Forum scholarship recipients! Judging criteria included business coursework, employment experience, and roles in clubs, activities, and organizations. The applicants also had to submit two short response essays, two letters of recommendation, and a high school transcript with a minimum non-weighted GPA of 3.0. This scholarship is funded through monthly luncheon raffles and special fundraising events hosted by WIBAF.

Join us in congratulating these talented young women at the complimentary Palatine Park District Net @ Nite event!

**Thursday, July 20 | 5:00pm-7:00pm | Palatine Hills Golf Course | 512 W. Northwest Hwy
Food | Beverages | Raffles | Giveaways**



Kathleen McManus | Fremd High School

Kathleen will be attending University of Alabama where she plans to major in Marketing. Kathleen's many activities in high school ranged from clubs to theater groups to the competitive dance team. Kathleen has been working in marketing while attending high school through an internship in digital media—a position she earned through a networking connection formed in her Business Incubator class at Fremd. Kathleen is a blogger and can be found online at www.letsgetpreppy.com. One of her favorite parts of social media revolves around its "encouraging and collaborative environment." These are important traits of the WIBAF networking group as well, making Kathleen an excellent choice as this year's recipient from Fremd High School.



Nina Vrtjak | Palatine High School

Nina will be attending University of Minnesota-Twin Cities where she will be majoring in Accounting. Nina's application demonstrated a strong combination of coursework and employment experience and she was also very involved in clubs and athletics at Palatine High School. One of Nina's essays described a mentoring relationship she built as part of her Small Business Incubator class—which truly relates to the relationships built by members of the WIBAF networking group. Nina plans to study accounting, which she describes as being like a "jigsaw puzzle" because there is always "an answer that adds up." In the end, it was Nina's scores that added up to make her this year's very worthy recipient from Palatine High School.