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### For Immediate Release

#### **Zonta Club of Washington, D.C. and The Zonta Club of Washington Foundation Award \$68,250 in Scholarship Funds for 2026-2027**

**Washington, D.C., August 18, 2026 ...** The Zonta Club of Washington, D.C. (Club) and The Zonta Club of Washington Foundation (Foundation) are pleased to announce scholarships awarded to 26 outstanding women attending universities in the District of Columbia.

The Club awarded \$38,250 through its medical and nursing scholarship programs established by benefactors Edith SeVille Coale, M.D. and Virginia Longest, respectively. Edith SeVille Coale, M.D. Scholarships were awarded to sixteen women attending Howard University College of Medicine. The Virginia Longest Nursing Scholarship was awarded to Lillian DuFour Raymond, attending The Catholic University of America, Conway School of Nursing.

The Club and Foundation awarded \$30,000 through its undergraduate scholarship program to the following nine recipients:

- Sidne Crawford, International Business & Marketing Major, Howard University
- Teresia Londol, Finance Major, Howard University
- Taryn Melvin, Acting Major, Howard University
- Shea Nemeskal, Finance & Accounting Major, Georgetown University
- Leah Norwood, Elementary Education Major, Howard University
- Edith Tomasek, Architecture Major, The Catholic University of America
- Daisy Venegas, Political Science Major, The George Washington University
- Teresa Vitale, Psychology & Politics Major, The Catholic University of America
- Gianna Yerkes, Global Affairs & Italian Major, Georgetown University

Scholarships are awarded based on community service, financial need, and academic merit.

The Zonta Club of Washington, D.C. is a member club of Zonta International which was founded in Buffalo, New York in 1919. Zonta International is a leading global organization of individuals working together to build a better world for women and girls. The Washington, D.C. club has been serving women in the District of Columbia since it was formed in 1922.

The Zonta Club of Washington Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, was formed in 1981 to carry out the charitable objectives of the Club. Funds to support the work of the Foundation are derived from member donations, gifts from the Club, fundraisers, as well as public donations.

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