



# High Twelve International February 2023 Wolcott Update

February 14, 2023



## WOLCOTT FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



**Information on the Wolcott Foundation Fellowship Recipients, videos of Wolcott Luncheon Speakers, and Wolcott Fellowship Application information are available at: [www.wolcottfoundation.com](http://www.wolcottfoundation.com)**

**Wolcott financial reports are on the High Twelve International website at [High12.org](http://High12.org) under the Wolcott tab at the top of the page**

### **Wolcott Foundation Mission Statement**

The Wolcott Foundation Inc is a nonprofit 501C-3, supported by Masonic High Twelve International. It is established to provide Fellowship Grants to graduate students attending George Washington University's College of

International Business, Public Management, and International Affairs, who exhibit an interest in government service. These students must possess outstanding scholastic achievement, social awareness, and high individual ethical standards.

### **Attention State Secretaries and Officers**

The Wolcott Foundation would like to make a Wolcott Foundation presentation at your next State Convention. Please email the date, location and contact person to:

[mikecofgr@comcast.net](mailto:mikecofgr@comcast.net)

**Secretaries and Treasurers**-Due to banking procedures of the Wolcott Foundation and banks in general, it may take 3-5 months for a Wolcott contribution check to be processed by your Zone Trustee, Trustee Representative, Wolcott Administrator, and/or at least two banks.

Please be patient!

### **Cochise Masonic High Twelve Club Honors Long Time Wolcott Contributors**

On January 13, 2023, the Cochise Masonic High Twelve Club No. 703, awarded two Wolcott Foundation "Dr Phillip D. Grub awards" to two of the club's charter members. Cochise High Twelve Club No. 703, was chartered in 1974.

In the photo left to right, are Brothers Charles Fortner and Andrew Anderson, in the background is Wolcott Trustee Representative, Brother Harry Brown. Over the years these two Brothers, have donated \$5,000 (50 Century Club donations). Cochise High Twelve Club 703, has been recognized, and awarded best in the Zone Wolcott patch (Zone 2) many times, which is directly related to their unselfish efforts, along with many other members of Club No. 703.



**Wolcott Foundation Fellows  
George Washington University  
Class of 2022 – Graduating in June 2024**



**Amber Torell**

Elliott School of International Affairs



**Ian Cameron**

Elliott School of International Affairs



**Caitlin Mattrick**

Elliott School of International Affairs



**Isaiah Nielsen**

Elliott School of International Affairs



**Camella Saia**

Elliott School of International Affairs



**Maria Sherwood**

Elliott School of International Affairs  
(Deferred Wolcott Fellowship until 2023)  
Received Fulbright Scholarship to Morocco



**Brendan Fusco**

Elliott School of International Affairs



### **Wolcott Fellow, Also a Fulbright Scholar**

The Wolcott Foundation Fellowships are awarded to outstanding students who are chosen not only for their scholarship achievements but for their moral and Masonic character shown in their public service activities.

Maria Sherwood has received a Wolcott Foundation Fellowship and was selected as a Fulbright Scholar, one of the most prestigious Scholarships awarded to American students. Maria will delay by one year beginning her Wolcott Fellowship studies, so she can study in Morocco as a Fulbright Scholar.

Congratulations Maria, and we look forward to seeing you in the Fall of 2023.

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### **We received this email from Maria Clara Sherwood currently studying in Morocco**

Dear Michael,

Greetings from Morocco! I hope that this email finds you well.

I'm well underway with my Fulbright grant here in Tangier. I have just finished my first semester and am excited to begin the second in February. I am teaching at the King Fahd School of Translation, a graduate school famous for producing interpreters and translators who sometimes go on to work at the UN. Morocco has been a great experience thus far, filled with many challenges and rewards. When I'm not in the classroom, I am taking 3 language courses (Arabic, French, and the Moroccan dialect), as well as traveling to neighboring cities, volunteering at conferences, and trying new food.

Unfortunately, the break in between my semesters did not line up with a

trip to DC in March, so I send my regrets because I will not be able to attend the Alumni Reception this year. I look forward to attending next year and am already excited to be back in DC this upcoming Fall to begin my time at GW.

Thank you again and I hope that the reception is a lovely time.

Best wishes,  
Clara Sherwood

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**Wolcott Foundation Fellows  
Class of 2021- Graduating in June 2023  
from George Washington University**



**Laura Hillard**



**Elkana Chan**



**Christian Spencer**



**Brevin Anderson**



**Molly Klein**

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## **Wolcott Trustees to Select New Fall 2023 Wolcott Fellows**

### **At Meetings at George Washington University**

The Wolcott Foundation Board of Trustees will meet at George Washington University in Washington, DC from March 1-4, 2023 to select the recipients of the Fall 2023 Wolcott Fellowships. These Wolcott Fellows will graduate in June of 2025.

The daylong meeting of the Board will also contain discussions of Wolcott Foundation business, hear reports from its Financial Advisor, as well as annual discussions on the policies and procedures of the Foundation.

The Trustee's will also enjoy an annual reception hosted by George Washington University atop the Elliott School of International Affairs Building overlooking the Washington Monument. Invitations have been sent to all Wolcott Senior Fellows and Current Wolcott Fellows inviting them to an evening of fellowship, fun and conversation. This annual event is one of the highlights of the days spent at George Washington University by the Wolcott Foundation Trustees.

An evening dinner with several University Dean's and Administrators also hosted by the University completes the week's activities.

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### **The Wolcott Foundation-Chairman's Challenge 7/22 May 1, 2022-April 30, 2023**

#### **High Twelve Clubs Can Win Historic Lapel Pins and Ladies Necklaces**

**(HURRY!!!! SUPPLIES ARE VERY LIMITED)**

**Men's Diamond Lapel Pins are all gone, however you will  
receive a similar lapel pin without a diamond.**

**Necklace with charm are all gone, but ladies will receive a  
Wolcott charm without necklace.**

**Once current supplies are gone, there will be no substitutes.**

The Wolcott Foundation announces a special opportunity to receive recently discovered, historical High Twelve International/Wolcott Foundation Award Pins. **(As long as supplies last)** These Award Pins etc. will be awarded High Twelve Clubs qualifying for Purple or Blue Level Wolcott Award Patches for the Years 2022-2023. Here are the simple requirements for your Club to receive these Award Pins and Necklaces.

**A High Twelve International/Wolcott Century Club Pin (with diamond,  
and a High Twelve necklace for each member's Lady and/or club**



widow) will be awarded to any High Twelve Club, who qualifies for a Purple Wolcott Award Patch. The Purple Wolcott Award Patch requires the High Twelve Club to average \$25.00 or more per member, in Wolcott Contributions during the contest period.

**All High Twelve Club contributions received in the office of the Wolcott Administrator between, May 1, 2022, and April 30, 2023, will count toward your club's qualification for the Awards. Offer only good for as long as supplies last.**

A strong suggestion is to be sure all your club's contributions are sent to your Wolcott Trustee Representative, or your Wolcott Trustee **BEFORE APRIL 1, 2023.**

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**Ever Wonder If YOU Could Qualify To Be Considered to Receive a Wolcott Fellowship?**

**Review the Application for a Wolcott Foundation Fellowship Below.**

**How would you do if you were applying?**

**The Wolcott Foundation Inc.  
A Philanthropy of the Masonic High Twelve Clubs  
Procedures, Terms, and Conditions**

HOW TO APPLY: Review the following procedures, terms, and conditions. If accepted, you will be directed to begin the Wolcott Fellowship application process. Applicants must download and attach all Undergraduate, college and post graduate transcripts, and a recent "passport type" photo. (males should wear a coat and tie)

**Applications will be accepted between December 15th, 12:01 AM EST, to January 15th, 11:59 PM EST for the following Fall**

**Term.** Applications and all attachments must be received within the time frame of December 15 to January 15th for the following GWU Fall Semester. Early, late, or incomplete applications **WILL NOT** be considered.

**PURPOSE:** The Wolcott Fellowship program is designed to encourage young scholars with outstanding academic, civic, and social credentials to pursue Public Service careers, and intended to be a full-time graduate study program of nine (9) to twelve (12) hours per semester, not to exceed forty (40) credit hours. The Trustees recognize the value of the learning



experience in the many job opportunities in the Washington D. C. area, and therefore students working full time for government, or related services, may enroll for six (6) semester hours in the Fall and Spring semesters. Students enrolling for fewer hours must have written permission from the Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Fellowship applicants must be United States citizens who have NOT previously earned an advanced degree and may not be older than 30 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, preceding their first Fall semester. **They must possess a Bachelor's Degree (or be a graduating senior in an undergraduate college) with an overall Grade Point Average of 3.80 or better, (NO EXCEPTIONS)** and have applied to the School of Business and Public Management, the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Management, or the Elliott School of International Affairs at The George Washington University, Washington, D. C. by January 1<sup>st</sup> for the following Fall semester. Fellowship awards are contingent upon admission to the George Washington University in Washington, DC.

Most Fellowships are awarded to entering first-year graduate students; however, second-year students enrolled in the School of Business and Public Management, the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Management, or the Elliott School of International Affairs who need at least eighteen (18) credit hours to complete their Graduate degree requirements are encouraged to apply.

In addition to eligibility for admission to the University, academic excellence, leadership qualities and accomplishments to date, consideration is given to applicants with Masonic family background or Masonic Youth participation, however, most students selected as Wolcott Fellows have no Masonic affiliations.

**LOAN/GRANT:** A Wolcott Fellowship is established as a "loan" which will become a "grant" if the recipient, following graduation, is employed full-time, for two (2) years in "non-political" government service. A few government positions do not qualify for Wolcott Grant Credits; lobbying, or positions with various advocacy organizations are not considered government related, and do not qualify as government service. The final decision as to qualification will rest with the Wolcott Foundation Trustees.

**RELOCATION ASSISTANCE LOAN:** Students who are not located in the Washington D.C. area who need financial help, may request a Relocation Assistance Loan to help with the added expense of moving to the Washington D.C. area. The maximum loan is \$1,800.00 and must be repaid starting six (6) months following graduation or immediately upon withdrawal from the University.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** All applicant information will be considered confidential and will be used only for purposes of the Wolcott Fellowship. It

will be reviewed by the Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc., and Foundation's advisors from The George Washington University. Information will not be shared with any other persons or organizations.

**REVIEW AND SELECTION:** All Fellowship applications will be reviewed, and selection of Fellowships will be made solely by the Wolcott Foundation Trustees. Should you decide you are no longer interested in a Wolcott Fellowship, please contact the Wolcott Chairman listed previously. **IF AWARDED A FELLOWSHIP,**

**THE APPLICANT MUST RESPOND AND INDICATE THEIR ACCEPTANCE, BY SIGNED CONTRACT, RETURNED BY CERTIFIED MAIL, POST-DATED, WITHIN 7 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF FORMAL ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION.**

**CONTRACT:** Subsequent to the selection of a recipient, and prior to the awarding of a Wolcott Fellowship, the recipient will be required to enter into a written contract between themselves and The Wolcott Foundation, Inc. memorializing, but not limited to, the terms and conditions set forth above.

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE PROCEDURES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND FULLY UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THE CONTENTS CONTAINED THEREIN. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THAT SHOULD I WITHDRAW FROM THE UNIVERSITY FOR ANY REASON, OR OTHERWISE FAIL TO COMPLETE MY CONTRACT, OR DECIDE NOT TO ENTER GOVERNMENT OR OTHER SERVICE APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES, I AGREE TO REPAY ALL FUNDS PAID BY THE FOUNDATION ON MY BEHALF. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AT A PRE-DETERMINED MONTHLY AMOUNT, AS DETAILED IN MY ACCEPTANCE CONTRACT.**

By [clicking here](#), I agree to the procedures, terms, and conditions and wish to proceed.

# SAMPLE APPLICATION

## Wolcott Foundation Application Form

**Your Full Name:**

**e-mail address:**

**Permanent home address:**

**City, State, Zip:**

**Phone Number:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Birthplace:**

**U.S. Citizen?**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

**If not a US Citizen since birth, when naturalized?**

**If naturalized, include copy of your Naturalization Certificate.**

**Do you believe in a Supreme Being?**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No

**Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense:**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No

**If so, what did you do, and what did you learn?**

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**In addition to English, I speak:**

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**At what level:**

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**I read:**

A single-line text input field with a light gray border.

**At what level:**

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In 750 words or less, tell us what **non-political, non-covid**, personal experience has made the greatest impact on your life, and how has it affected your educational and career plans?

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In 750 words or less, tell us what person from the educational community has provided the most influence in your choice of career path? In what way? Why?

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In 750 words or less, tell us why you wish to pursue graduate studies in the particular school you have chosen and why you wish to enter into government or international service. Explain what prompted your interest.

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**Transcript**

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**Your Recent Photo (Passport Sized)**

**If yes, give details:**

## **Wolcott Foundation Recognizes Wolcott Senior Fellows with a Special Certificate**

The Wolcott Foundation has awarded Wolcott Fellowships for 62 years, with over 500 Fellowships given during that period. Many years ago, each Wolcott Fellow received a small lapel-type pin that distinguished them as a Wolcott Fellow.

However, in recent years, no physical recognition has been provided to our Wolcott Fellows to signify their accomplishment.

The Wolcott Board of Trustees discussed and passed a motion to provide each known living Wolcott Senior Fellow with a diploma-type certificate, recognizing them as a Wolcott Fellow. Work began on the design and completion of the certificate and letter from the Chairman to the individual recipient. An inquiry was made as to the best method of mailing the certificate. Several challenges needed to be overcome, most seriously the mailing of each certificate, as the USPO would not accept more than 20 large envelopes per day, due to varying postal rates depending upon the destination of each large envelope.

A total of 308 certificates were mailed out over a four-week period, and the Foundation has received emails, letters, and phone calls from many recipients thanking the Foundation for the certificate and their intention to have it framed and placed next to their George Washington University Diploma.

The Board of Trustees will now award yearly certificates to each Wolcott Fellow at the Wolcott Foundation reception, held at George Washington University in March of each year, during the annual Wolcott Fellowship Selection Meetings.

# The Wolcott Foundation Inc.



*A Masonic Educational Foundation  
The George Washington University, Washington D.C.*

*Proudly Awards Recognition of*  
**Dr. Michael E. Smith**  
*A Wolcott Foundation Fellow*

*And is entitled to all the rights, privileges and dignities, associated with this designation.  
In witness thereof, the Wolcott Board of Trustees has issued this certificate.*

  
MICHAEL E. CLARK, CHAIRMAN/CEO



JUNE 1, 2022

DATED

## **Sample of Wolcott Senior Fellow Certificate**

**Wolcott Senior Fellow and Brother Mason**  
**Sends Thank You Letter for Wolcott Fellowship**  
**and Certificate**



OCT. 19, 2022

DEAR MR. CLARK,

THANK you so much for the certificate.  
I truly appreciate it. I'M NOW  
retired from the federal government AND  
have moved to Michigan from D.C. I  
continue to maintain my membership in a  
D.C. Masonic lodge AND am active in an  
episcopal church here in Bloomfield Hills.  
I am fortunate to have had a satisfying  
career of service to our nation. And I'm  
grateful for the Wolcott Fellowship.

Most Sincerely,

Thomas Russell

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**Michigan Deputy Grand Master and Lady visit  
their new High Twelve Club Furniture City #236  
and join Wolcott Century Club**

Long time Vehicle City High Twelve Club member, and Wolcott contributor, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Larry Judson and Lady Mary made the two-hour drive to Grand Rapids to attend their new High Twelve Club, Furniture City #236, following the closing of the Vehicle City Club in Flint.

Along with his new 2023 HTI/Furniture City Membership Card, Right Worshipful Larry received his Wolcott "Chairman's Challenge" pin, and Lady Mary will receive her "Lady of Furniture City" card.

The Deputy Grand Master and Lady Mary made a contribution to the Wolcott Foundation, qualifying them for membership in the Wolcott Century Club, and received their Wolcott Century Club certificate. We are honored to have Deputy Grand Master Larry and Lady Mary as members of Furniture City High Twelve Club #236.



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**Wolcott Chairman Visits New, Very Active  
Chi-III #791 High Twelve Club**

Wolcott Chairman Michael Clark made the four-hour drive around the Southern end of Lake Michigan from his home in Grand Rapids, Michigan to the North Chicago town of Addison, Illinois to attend the monthly

meeting of Chi-III High Twelve Club #791. He was joined by High Twelve International President Mark Nokes, who lives a short distance away. This club demonstrates what may be the future of High Twelve International. Most of its members were under the age of 50, they meet in various restaurants in the area each month, they include their wives, and they are loud and fun!

Chairman Clark presented the members of the Chi-III club with several awards, including The Wolcott Club Award, and membership in the "Chairman's Challenge", which included the distribution of a special historical lapel pin for the men and historic necklaces for the ladies, both with a diamond chip embedded in the Wolcott Lamp of Learning insignia.

A great evening of fun, information, and fellowship was held with over 30 of these enthusiastic High Twelvians and included recognition of their ladies' charitable activities, of not only providing funds but also giving of their time by volunteering at various charitable events. WHAT A GREAT IDEA!!!! Thank you, Chi-III Club #791, for your contributions to the Wolcott Foundation and your dedication to helping others in the Chicago area.

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**Thanks to all the High Twelve Clubs across our nation, and in the United Kingdom, who generously contribute money to The Wolcott Foundation.**



**Your continued support of the Official Philanthropy of High Twelve International, the Wolcott Foundation, enables highly qualified students at George Washington University, in Washington, DC, to prepare themselves for non-political careers in Public Service.**

**"THE WOLCOTT FOUNDATION FELLOWS ARE AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE OF YOUR COUNTRY"**

**"The United States of America"**



## **“Fill up the Little Red School House”**



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