



High Twelve International September Update *Additional!*

October 6, 2022



**WOLCOTT FOUNDATION
NEWSLETTER**



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www.wolcottfoundation.com

Wolcott financial reports are available on the High Twelve International website at 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.

Wolcott Foundation Trustees Elect 7 New Wolcott Fellows Class of Fall 2022-2024

The Wolcott Foundation Board of Trustees met on March 4, 2022, at George Washington University in Washington, DC, to conduct Foundation business and most importantly choose the recipients for the Fall 2022 Wolcott Class at George Washington University (GW).

The Foundation received 38 applications for a Wolcott Fellowship during the 30-day application period from December 15, 2021, to January 15, 2022. Nine of the applicants did not meet the minimum requirements for consideration, leaving 21 qualified applicants to be considered by the five Wolcott Trustees.

Each trustee submitted their top choices and after much discussion, the trustees decided to award 7 Fellowships for Fall 2022. Wolcott Chairman, Michael Clark, had the honor of personally calling each recipient to give them the good news of having been chosen to receive a Wolcott Foundation Fellowship. Carol DiPietro, our Wolcott Administrator, began contacting those chosen on Monday, March 7 to complete all paperwork associated with receiving a Fellowship.

The trustees indicated that once again, the high quality of the applicants continues to demonstrate the respect given to the Wolcott Foundation Fellowships, by students wanting to enter Public Service.

The tuition for a two-year graduate level, 40 credit hour degree at GW is more than \$80,000.00. The Wolcott Foundation provides \$30,000.00 and GW assists our Wolcott Fellows in obtaining the balance of their tuition from other sources.

Each Wolcott Fellow graduate must serve for two years in a non-political, Foundation-approved government position, as part of their agreement.

Thank you to all the High Twelvians who graciously contribute to the “Little Red School House” each meeting to assist us in providing funds for these outstanding students and representatives of our country.

New Wolcott Fellow, also a Fulbright Scholar

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

Maria Sherwood has not only received a Wolcott Foundation Fellowship but also 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.

George Washington University
Class of 2022 – Graduating in 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 WF until 2023)
Received Fulbright Scholarship
to Morocco



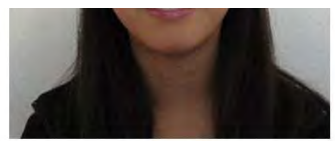
Brendan Fusco
Elliott School of
International Affairs

**Five Wolcott Foundation Fellows
Class of 2021 - Graduating in 2023
Begin the Second Year of Graduate Degree Study
At George Washington University**





Laura Hillard



Elkana Chan



Christian Spencer



Brevin Anderson



Molly Klein

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

Retired United States Ambassador to Honduras and 1975 Wolcott Fellow sends thanks for Wolcott Fellow Certificate and for Wolcott Fellowship.

Please note: (The requirements for selecting a Wolcott Fellow and the types of financial assistance provided to Wolcott Fellows in 1975, were very different from the types of financial assistance provided by the Wolcott Foundation today.)



Dear Michael,

I just wanted to send you a short note of thanks for forwarding my certificate last month as a Wolcott Fellow in 1974/75. Without this scholarship, I would have been unable to begin my journey as a Foreign Commercial Service officer serving in Latin America, Europe and Washington DC for over 30 years.

When I ended my career as US Ambassador to Honduras in 2005-2008 I reflected back on how much I was able to do in my public service career thanks to this scholarship. It was a pleasure to speak at your annual convention in Philadelphia in 2013 and share my experience.

Thanks again and very best wishes for continued success!



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

The Wolcott Foundation announces a special opportunity to receive recently discovered, historical High Twelve International/Wolcott Foundation Award Pins, for each member of your High Twelve Club, and a beautiful High Twelve Necklace for the ladies. (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 (without diamond) will be awarded to any High Twelve Club that qualifies for a Blue Wolcott Award Patch. The Blue Wolcott Award Patch requires the High Twelve Club to average \$15.00 or more per member, in Wolcott Contributions during the contest period.

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.

This will ensure time for the mailing and processing of your club's contribution.

We wish you good luck and know you will enjoy wearing these distinct pins

We wish you good luck and know you will enjoy wearing these diamond pins and your ladies will enjoy wearing their High Twelve necklaces.

Thank you for your contributions to the Wolcott Foundation.

Michael E. Clark-Chairman/CEO



Wolcott Chairman Awards “Chairman’s Challenge” Pins and Necklaces

Wolcott Chairman Mike Clark always enjoys visiting Maritime High Twelve Club #771, of St. Clair, MI. The restaurant is located a stone’s throw from the St. Clair River and giant ore boats pass by on a regular basis. The food is fantastic, and the High Twelvians are jovial and have much fun at their meetings worth every minute of the three-hour drive across the lower part of the State of Michigan.

Maritime High Twelve Club #771 has always been a strong Wolcott Foundation supporter and recently they outdid themselves, being one of the first clubs to present a check covering an amount equal to \$25.00 for each of their members.

This contribution placed them as one of the first clubs to receive their Wolcott Diamond lapel pins and necklace for their ladies.

Michigan State Association David Patterson and Maritime President Brian Zeppa presented the Wolcott Chairman with a check and an enjoyable hour of Fellowship. Maritime #771 and Moline #88 have qualified for “The Chairman’s Challenge”.

It is easy to do. Multiply the number of High 12 members you have reported to the High Twelve membership list by \$25.00. Make out a check to The Wolcott Foundation and send it to your Zone Trustee, or Trustee Representative. Be sure to email or call Wolcott Chairman Michael Clark, so he can send you your pins and necklaces. Don’t miss out on this one-time opportunity to receive these historic pins and necklaces.





Wolcott Chairman Visits IL Association Annual Convention

Wolcott Chairman Michael Clark, along with High Twelve International President Mark Nokes and Past High Twelve International President Mike Haxton, joined 35 members of the Illinois State Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs for their Annual Convention in Mattoon, Illinois.

State President, Terry Hills and representatives of the Illinois High Twelve Clubs conducted a very entertaining and productive meeting, followed by a wonderful dinner and installation of officers for 2022-2023.

The Wolcott Foundation Chairman was presented with checks totaling over \$600.00 from the Illinois clubs.

Thank you Illinois High Twelvians for your generosity and hospitality.



Wolcott General Counsel Knighted by the Queen

The London Gazette announced that Brother Matthew Dupee, General Counsel for the Wolcott Foundation Inc., was promoted to Knighthood on April 14, 2022, and he will attend the Annual Investiture Ceremony in October in Houston, Texas, performed by Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester, who is the Grand Prior.

Brother Matthew is one of three Americans to be knighted by Queen Elizabeth II of England for his outstanding contribution to The District of

Elizabeth II of England for his outstanding contribution to the Priority II in the USA of the Order of St. John, an international family of charities whose mission is to lead globally in first aid and medical responses to community healthcare needs. The organization also supports St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group. Brother Matthew has been a member of the Order for 30 years.

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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 a career in Public Service.

“THE WOLCOTT FOUNDATION FELLOWS ARE AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE OF YOUR COUNTRY”



“That’s all the Wolcott News for now.”
“I’m ready for pie and coffee!!!”

From the Editor

The following article had been previously attributed to Jeff Snyder in error, and has been corrected with our apologies.

1st Vice President
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rick@high12.org

Fellow High Twelvians,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and having meaningful memories with their families and loved ones!

As I mentioned during our **Annual Conference in Kansas**, I look at each of you as High Twelve Ambassadors. It is up to each of you to spread the word, get in front of other Master Masons and let them know of all the benefits and fellowship awaiting them as High Twelve Members.

It is thru your efforts we can take advantage of the outstanding opportunity staring at us to grow our Clubs and State memberships and prepare for a very successful High Twelve International Future.

So, considering this, I have ordered hundreds of High Twelve Ambassador wooden coins to use. I ask that you hand these out to potential Members and tell them this coin allows them to enjoy one free lunch at your next meeting. This gives you the opportunity to share fellowship, a great meal, and let them experience for themselves the same fulfillment we all experience at each Club Meeting.

These coins can be collected from your guest and reused repeatedly so... make sure to reach out to our International Treasurer Kevin Hokerk-Robinson to order some free of charge.

This method is easy to use and gives us an opportunity to spread the word and grow our Clubs.

I also view this as a sense of pride being able to present these coins and let our fellow Master Masons know that YOU are a proud representative (Ambassador) of an outstanding Masonic Organization!



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