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Thank you to our speakers for a successful virtual January Western PA College Success Roundtable Meeting

Our meeting featured: Gene Natali CEO and co-founder of Troutwood and author of *The Missing Semester* and *The Missing Second Semester* and Jennifer Marino from the Pittsburgh Foundation.

Gena Natali provided a variety of resources for our members and demonstrated the Buy Sell Hold app. You can subscribe to the Troutwood email list at: www.troutwood.com and reach out Gene with interested beta testers by emailing to gene.natali@troutwood.com

Troutwood:
Troutwood LIVE: Weekly series interviewing a guest from an S&P 500 company. Live every Wednesday from 12:00-12:30 and recordings are posted afterwards
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The Missing Semester

Jennifer Marino discussed scholarship opportunities for students in our region that are available through the Pittsburgh Foundation and how to apply. She mentioned that the Pittsburgh Foundation scholarship recipients may be eligible for additional grant funds through the PATH program with PHEAA.

In updates from members, the United Way provided information about free tax filing in our region and the opportunity to volunteer to assist with tax filing. Families using the free tax filing can later receive free

assistance with completing the FAFSA. PHEAA has partnered with the United Way to provide FAFSA assistance. Please contact Tanya Baronti at Tanya.Baronti@unitedwayswpa.org for additional assistance.

Join us for our March 9th Roundtable Webinar

Kim McCurdy, Executive Assistant, Pennsylvania Dept of Education and Past President of the Roundtable will lead a discussion titled **"Reviewing Your Year: Feeling Frustrated but Staying the Course Alone and Together"** *This has been a hard year in many ways and for varied reasons, personally and professionally. Sometimes working in your silo can be a good thing – a time to regroup, educate yourself on issues, and re-commit to your purpose (your why?). Discussion will address burnout, finding your supports, and coming back stronger after some challenging times.*

In addition, we will feature a presentation from the League of Women Voters. Amy Kleissas, Director Civic Education, and Cynthia Cominsky, College/University Chair, of will discuss" **Why investing in informed, active young citizens is good for secondary/post-secondary education, but also is essential for our democracy"** The presentation will open by reviewing the broad overarching theme, "Civic Education" ("investing in informed, active young citizens"); continue with the High School Outreach portion including an update on the accomplishments, of Brentwood High School and Elizabeth Forward High School (winners Governor's Civic Engagement Award). Followed by the College/University voter education activities including an update on successes CCAC achieved participating in the "All in for Democracy Challenge." The goal of these programs is to not only register new voters, but also to empower them to become informed and active citizens who participate in our democracy. This is also the goal of the League of Women Voters.

JSS is accepting scholarship applications! Apply today if you are a Jewish high school senior or student enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate or technical school with financial need with residency in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Washington or Westmoreland county.

Apply by February 12, 2021: jfcspgh.org/scholarship

Applications for need-based college scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year are available from the **Jewish Scholarship Service of Greater Pittsburgh (JSS) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh**. This program is administered by Jewish Family and Community Services. The funds are made available through the generosity of families who have established endowments through the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, Jewish Community Center, National Council of Jewish Women, Jewish Women International of Pittsburgh *(formerly B'nai B'rith Women),* The Pittsburgh Foundation, and Rodef Shalom Congregation.

All awards are distributed on the basis of demonstrated financial need. Depending on the scholarship fund, other factors such as academic achievement, field of study, school attending, and Jewish and general community involvement will also be considered. In addition, the applicant must be Jewish, reside in Allegheny, Westmoreland, Beaver, Butler or Washington County for at least two years, and need financial assistance to attend an accredited institution of higher education.

The 2021-2022 JSS online application is available at jfcspgh.org/scholarships. **All applications are due February 12, 2021.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call (412) 422-5627 or email alowenberger@jfcspgh.org.