

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE CHAIR
P.E.O. INTERNATIONAL PEACE SCHOLARSHIP FUND
2021-2022

Perhaps more than ever in recent years, the dedication and generosity that nourishes each one of our P.E.O Projects offer the world a beacon of hope and optimism for the future. P.E.O.'s International Peace Scholarship Fund, established in 1949, provides scholarships for women from other countries who are pursuing graduate study in the United States and Canada. When they return home to pursue careers, they will not only be carrying their own story forward, but will also be carrying our P.E.O. belief that education is fundamental to global peace and understanding.

In just the past year alone, IPS has awarded 1.8 million dollars to 163 recipients! These women have come from all corners of the world (63 countries in total), and their majors are as diverse as their places of origin. Our current recipients join the more than 6,500 women since the project's founding to benefit from the IPS Fund.

When a chapter makes a minimum donation of \$500 to IPS, and submits a "Partners in Peace" form to the s/p/d treasurer before the deadline of January 31st, they will be matched with an IPS recipient. The encouragement and support from PIP chapters, in the form of notes, emails, and invitations to chapter socials, means a great deal to IPS recipients far from home.

Internationally, 786 chapters were Partners in Peace in 2021-2022, an increase from last year! P.E.O.s have responded to the need for higher education that recent years have made acute. Seven IPS recipients have been studying here in the state of Ohio, at six different universities. Warm recognition and thanks go to our wonderful Ohio PIP Chapters for supporting IPS! Thank you, Chapters L, AB, AE, AG, AH, AI, AU, AV, BG, BQ, CH, CN, CQ, CS, CY, DG, DL, DO, DP, DQ, DR, DU, DV, DY, ED, EE, EF, EG, EJ, ET, and FI.

Additionally, Ohio is one of only three s/p/ds to have an IPS Named Scholarship donor! A donation of \$12,500 to the P.E.O. Executive Office, and completion of the IPS Named Scholarship form, covers an entire scholarship amount for one IPS student. We are most grateful to Chapter AF for their generous support of the Marian K. Hume International Peace Scholarship!

This chair never ceases to be amazed at the quiet and meaningful difference the P.E.O. projects are making in the lives of women. The time and effort our sisters provide to their local chapters have a profound impact on the health of every project. This chair has been grateful for the kind support and assistance of the executive board, the project supervisor of IPS, and the IPS chairs in each chapter. Thank you to all who have graciously supported IPS, and are carrying our story forward around the world!

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