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Thank you all for allowing me the privilege of being your branch president this past year. We had a very successful fundraising year and were able to help 11 young women work toward their goals. I am looking forward to a great year ahead, with new fundraising opportunities and great branch programs for all to attend.

Thank you to my board for all your hard work and time. You are all amazing women committed to helping other amazing women.

Hope everyone has a great summer. See you in the fall.

Sue Luerssen

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The branch scholarship fundraiser for the coming year will be a raffle of tickets for the chance to win up to \$10,000 toward a trip with Tauck Tours (plus \$1,000 for travel expenses). Those who don't wish to travel can opt for \$5,000 in cash.

The winner will be drawn in a special presentation following the November scholarship luncheon.

Ticket sales will begin Aug. 1 for members and friends. Watch your email for details!

# SAVE THE DATE

Sept.	17,	4—6	p.m.	—Author talk
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Local author Linda Black will be the guest speaker as members catch up after the long, hot summer. In addition to the talk, there will be a book swap and snacks. The meeting will be at UUVC; more details will be provided later.

Nov. 2—Scholarship luncheon and raffle drawing

Dec. 6—Night of Angels

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## TRANSFERRING/TRANSFERRED STUDENTS

**Virginia Pitts:** Transferring to UALR with a plan to major in technical writing and a strong interest in grant writing. Married with four children, Virginia still found time to be heavily committed to a fundraising campaign for autism.

**Ebony Jackson:** Transferring to UALR to complete her bachelor's in social work. Mother of two, Ebony believes you can be anything you want through determination and hard work. She completed an internship at Reach and Rise, a Y program committed to youth development.

**Emma McKnight**: Transferring to University of Central Arkansas in the field of business with an emphasis on marketing & management, Emma then plans to earn her law degree and specialize in the area of immigration. She helped NPC implement a recruitment process for its Honors Program.

Kaitlin Simmons: Already at UALR and seeking a degree in molecular biotechnology, Kaitlin plans to work for UAMS in research. In addition to a full load at college, she works at Dollar Tree to help pay college expenses. She's determined to make a difference (in the world), even if it is a small one.

#### NATIONAL PARK COLLEGE

Melissa Kennedy: A Cutter MS graduate, Melissa anticipates a business associate degree with a plan to obtain a four-year degree in the same field. Inspired by not only her father but Sen. Boozman, Melissa learned to "listen and learn about leadership roles." She also works at Old Navy to help with expenses.

Sarah Duran: Sarah will earn her RN next May. While raising her three children she also worked as a physical therapy technician and a CNA. Now it's back to school, where she will be a first -generation college graduate. Sarah is part of Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society.

Kacee Young: Kacee will earn her associate's in nursing in 2020 and then plans to attend Henderson for her bachelor's. Married with two children, she is one of 12 children herself and will be the first to obtain a college degree. Nursing will give her "the opportunity to give back and help people..."

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There are a total of 13 scholarship recipients for 2019-2020—the next edition of the Hot Sheet will introduce the remaining amazing women.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Welcome back to member Pat Mershon. Pat's info: Pat Mershon 24 Sallent Lane Hot Springs Village, AR 71909 Phone : 922-1885 Email: pat1273hm@gmail.com BS in nutrition from Penn State University