

2024 District 23 Recipient



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BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Jane M. Klausman WOMEN IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

Nicolette Chen



CONGRATULATIONS TO NICOLETTE, OUR 2024 DISTRICT 23 JMK RECIPIENT

Our 2024 District and International Scholarship Winner is Nicolette Chen. She is studying at the University of Tasmania and pursuing an MBA with a Finance focus to support female refugees in achieving financial independence by helping them start businesses. She also holds a Bachelor of Economics Degree, which aligns with her career goals and Zonta International's mission to empower women economically. She will join Deloitte Australia's business restructuring team in January 2025 for hands-on experience across industries, enhancing her capacity to guide refugees in various business fields.

Her nine years as a Hospital Administrator in Singapore developed her leadership and stakeholder management skills. She further refined through roles as President and Careers Director at UTAS's Business Student Society (TUBES) and volunteer work as a children's church teacher. The scholarship would aid her self-funded education, empowering her to inspire and mentor refugee women, aligning with Zonta's vision of creating a better world for women and girls.

Linda Tinning, JMK District 23 Coordinator, said - *"Nicolette has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, reflecting her dedication and inspiring vision. Her journey—from leadership in healthcare to pursuing an MBA focused on empowering refugee women through business—demonstrates her commitment to creating meaningful impact. She truly embodies Zonta's mission to build a better world for women and girls, making her a very deserving recipient of this Scholarship."*

Nominated by the Zonta Club of Hobart Derwent Inc, the club honoured and awarded Nicolette with AU\$500. Beyond this local achievement, her application stood out in District 23, earning her the opportunity to compete at the international level. Her submission was subsequently forwarded to Zonta International (ZI) where she emerged as one of the 32 District US\$5,000 awardees.

On receiving this news, Nicolette said - *"It is an immense privilege and honour to be recognised as the awardee for the Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. This recognition reflects not only my dedication to my studies and contributions to society, but also the shared commitment of women everywhere striving to make a mark in business and in various leadership capacities. Winning this award would reduce the financial pressures associated with my current studies, allowing me to direct more focus to contribute to other areas in the Tasmanian society, while developing the skills and leadership qualities that Zonta champions."*

Nicolette received the District 23, Area 5 JMK Award, supported by all five clubs in Area 5 and coordinated by Linda Tinning of the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs.