

## Quincy Chamber and Woodward School Launch Partnership Offering Tuition Breaks for Chamber Member Families



From right to left, Head of School Alex Magay, Chamber Present Julie Pagano, Director of Enrollment Jennie Donegan

QUINCY — The Quincy Chamber of Commerce and The Woodward School for Girls announced an academic partnership recently that will provide Chamber member families with significant tuition discounts and preferential enrollment opportunities at the historic downtown institution.

The collaboration includes a \$2,000 tuition scholarship for girls of Quincy Chamber of Commerce Members in grades 6-12, application fee waivers, and priority enrollment access, creating what officials describe as a "bridge between business and education" in Quincy.

"This partnership creates more educational opportunities for deserving students while supporting local businesses," said Alex Magay, Head of School at Woodward. "Almost every business in Quincy has volunteered to host a Woodward intern because they know our students are smart, competent, hardworking, and fun. The Quincy business community has

been so generous with their time that it made sense to give back."

The 130-year-old school, founded by Dr. Ebenezer & Mary Greenleaf Woodward, cousins of John Adams, affectionately known locally as "Big Blue," has been an active Chamber member for many years. It regularly participates in the annual business showcase at Granite Links and hosts and attends Chamber events at and near its downtown Quincy location.

Enrollment at Woodward has surged by 50% over the past four years, making it an increasingly popular option for young women seeking academic challenges and leadership development. With an average class size of just 8-10 students and a remarkable 4:1 student-teacher ratio, Woodward provides the personalized mentoring and support that helps girls excel.

Chamber President Julie Pagano emphasized the arrangement's mutual benefits: "At the Quincy Chamber, we believe thriving communities start with strong partnerships. This initiative provides our members with meaningful, lasting value—both educationally and economically."

The partnership builds on Woodward's IMPACT Learning program, which provides career-focused internships for students with local businesses.



Boston Scientific CEO, Mike Mahoney, Eden, Woodward students & Head of School, Mr. Magay pose together at the Quincy Chamber's Leadership Breakfast in 2024.

Eden, L. '25, a Woodward senior headed to Simmons College in the fall, exemplifies the program's success through her diverse internship experiences. After completing a sophomore-year internship with Reebok's apparel design department, Eden sought to explore marketing as a potential career path.

Her opportunity came after attending the Quincy Chamber's Leadership Breakfast in 2024, where she met Boston Scientific CEO Mike Mahoney and then-Chamber President Tim Cahill. Demonstrating the confidence Woodward instills in its students, Eden approached Cahill directly about internship possibilities with the Chamber's marketing team.

Eden joined their marketing department last spring for her internship and immediately made an impact. She brought fresh perspectives to their social media strategy and helped them connect with younger entrepreneurs in the community.

While at the Chamber, Eden participated in event planning, updated member communications, and helped design promotional materials for Chamber initiatives. These experiences became central to her college application essays. "My internships through Woodward's IMPACT Learning program gave me the confidence to find my voice and speak up in important conversations, even with CEOs and organizational presidents," Eden said. "Working at the Chamber taught me how a business organization functions from the inside and showed me how marketing connects different community sectors."

Magay noted that Eden's journey from Reebok to the Chamber demonstrates the program's value. "I'm sure Eden will be in the C-Suite soon after college. We're proud of all she's accomplished and excited to provide similar experiences to girls throughout Quincy and the South Shore."

Chamber members can combine the new \$2,000 tuition discount with the Quincy Scholarship for an additional \$1,000 off for Quincy residents. Members will also receive a 10% discount on the Woodward Summer Program for grades 4-9 and application fee waivers.

"It's been great getting to know Julie Pagano, who visited Woodward recently to discuss this partnership," Magay added. "She was excited to help make Woodward's nationally recognized academic program more accessible to girls in our community, preparing them for success in college and careers at an affordable cost regardless of socioeconomic background—something we've been doing for 130 years."

Founded in 1894, The Woodward School provides college preparatory education for young women in grades 6-12. It is located in downtown Quincy, with easy access to public transportation, including the MBTA Red Line and Commuter Rail.

For more information about admissions, the Quincy Chamber Scholarship, or the Quincy Scholarship, contact Jennie Donegan, Director of Enrollment Management, at (617) 773-5610 ext. 219 or [jdonegan@thewoodwardschool.org](mailto:jdonegan@thewoodwardschool.org). Chamber members can access these benefits by presenting proof of membership during the application process.