

Kathleen Simone Women in Business Scholarship | Justine Lewicki

I impacted the community through my work in business by participating in the Quinnipiac VITA program. The VITA program is a program where Quinnipiac accounting students visit the M.F. Keefe Center in Hamden and help prepare individual tax returns for the less fortunate who many not be able to pay an accountant. Truthfully, I love taking part in this program because I can practice for my future career while helping people in the community. I feel rewarded that I can showcase my skills while doing something that I know is significantly impacting those I help.

I am passionate about business because this is a field I excel in and I feel the most comfortable in. I enjoy doing tax returns and helping to make a difference in a male-dominated field. I feel that in the future I can renovate the accounting field and prove my skills to the rest of the workforce by advocating for young women to hold higher power positions.

In high school, I was one of two girls in an accounting class filled with men. I felt that I was never taken seriously when speaking up about problems or scenarios we came across in class. I am passionate about ensuring that women do not have to feel unprofessional or that they are not taken seriously. This scholarship would help me achieve my goals by helping fund a program at my high school which promotes women in business. I would love to run a club at Wolcott High School that brings in women in the accounting field and allows them to talk to aspiring young accountants. I would show young girls to never be afraid of a career field just because of how it seems in high school. I wish I had someone to help guide me and realize how successful I can be in this field.