

*Greetings from Cedar Falls, Iowa!* 2020 has been marked by change, and that includes some of the Women Innovating Together leadership. In August, Elizabeth Swenson transferred the Donor Relations Lead role to me, so I have the privilege of introducing the 2020 scholarship winners that will now be attending the 2021 event, along with, hopefully, an additional four 2021 winners.

### [KARYN WITZEL SCHOLARSHIP]

**Anannyya Panda** is a certified FileMaker Developer just branching out on her own. She hails from India and has been dabbling with FileMaker for the past 7 years. Apart from work, she loves to travel and explore new places. Anannyya was a first time attendee at the 2020 Virtual Claris Engage event and found it to be an amazing and wonderful opportunity. Being able to listen to inspiring stories from people from all around the world was her most uplifting experience. She looks forward to meeting all the wonderful faces whose voices she has heard and already connected through a sense of community in 2021. She is passionate about her work and believes that utter dedication will produce good results. She hopes to achieve a balance between her work and being a well-rounded individual.



Anannyya Panda



Suzanne Lafontaine

### [DAVE JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP]

**Suzanne Lafontaine** started working for non-profits in Montreal while partway through her Masters in Arts. She won a free Claris FileMaker license at a trade show and started using it for large event management, traditional and less traditional databases. Retirement is on the horizon and Suzanne wants to hone her skills and provide pro bono services to local and national organizations run by female managers and/or benefitting women. These organizations appreciate communicating their needs to a female developer in this male dominated field. Suzanne tremendously enjoyed meeting the extraordinary women of WIT during Claris Engage 2020 and is looking forward to the 2021 event to network, educate herself, and expand her views on the newer possibilities of Claris FileMaker! The pandemic is very challenging professionally as many of her projects are on hold, but Suzanne is using the time to document needs, explore solutions, and train herself.



**Margaret Harr** is a genetic counselor and research project manager at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in the United States. She works in a genetics research laboratory where she uses Filemaker to track samples, manage testing, and perform data analysis. She is the current President of the Pennsylvania Association of Genetic Counselors and serves as a lecturer, mentor, and research advisor for genetic counseling students at the University of Pennsylvania and Thomas Jefferson University. She enjoyed attending her first Claris Engage conference virtually and learning all the ways that Filemaker can improve business operations across industries. In the coming year she is looking forward to expanding her skills through interaction with the Claris community and exploring ways to advance the efficiency of scientific research. She is looking forward to attending Claris Engage 2021 in person and getting to know the other scholarship recipients and members of WITfm.



*Margaret Harr*



*Lindsay Clark*

**Lindsay Clark** is a database designer from Toronto, Canada, that molds her design work around her other life as a professional touring musician (keyboards, guitar, banjo, bass). While she wasn't able to watch Claris Engage live during the event due to a prior engagement, she is working her way through the On-Demand sessions. Lindsay is very much looking forward to 2021 Claris Engage. In terms of growth between now and then, she plans to enhance her skills further on JSON and SQL parsing and functions. She'd love to improve her code modularity, and she enjoys how JSON and SQL functions and script steps can allow for context-free retrieval of data.

These scholarship winners, as well as the leadership of Women Innovating Together, are very grateful to the many generous donors that made the scholarships possible. If that includes you, THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the donors by mail, so if you are a current or past donor, can you please send an e-mail to Sarah at [donor\\_relations@witfm.org](mailto:donor_relations@witfm.org) with your name and current mailing address?

On behalf of WITfm,

*Sarah Stickfort*

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