

2019 Scholarship Awards

2019 MEMORIAL AND HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

ZACH HERMAN: Scholarship in memory of Marion Storm, founder and first President of the Fine Arts Society of Sarasota

MADISON MILLER: Scholarship supported by a donation by Karen Mathis

ANABETH KOOPMAN: Scholarship in memory of Linda Kopeck, supported by a donation for her mother, Carol Kopeck

KATHERINE ACOSTA: Scholarship in honor of Walter Maytham

AUSTIN CANON: Scholarship supported by a donation from Lois and Alan Schottenstein

STEVEN STAUB: Scholarship in honor of Lois Page

ELIJAH SCHILDKRAUT: Scholarship supported by a donation from Maryann Armour

ZOE VERBIL: Scholarship supported by a donation from Nancy Stukenberg



KATHERINE ACOSTA

Dance

Florida State University

Katherine is a very talented, hardworking, dedicated young lady. One of her professors said, "Acceptance into the FSU School of Dance is very competitive. Only the highest level of emerging performing artists and young scholars who demonstrate the highest artistic and academic potential are accepted. She is a "model citizen." Katherine was asked to perform as a full cast member. It is unusual for a first-year student to be cast in so many projects. "Ms. Acosta excelled on every level evidenced by her citizenship, critical thinking and writing skills, attention to time management and kindness in all regards."

SOMMER ALTIER

Music / Violin

Florida State University

Sommer, a returning FASS Scholar, is an extraordinary violinist, both at FSU, where she is Concertmaster of the FSU Philharmonia, and at the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra, where she is a permanent substitute violinist. In her senior year at FSU, she intends to earn her Masters and Doctorate, then perform as a violinist for a major orchestra and teach violin on the graduate level. Recommendations were glowing, including, "She has been an exemplary student, citizen, and human being".



MOENASIA BEALL

Theater Arts

Alabama A&M University

Moenasia Beall is a senior at Booker High School in the VPA Program. She has been accepted at Alabama A & M and hopes to receive a BFA Degree. She has been involved as an intern with the Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe and received a Certificate of Excellence from the Booker High School VPA Theatre Program. She has been described as a "phenomenal performer." In addition to her performing, Moenasia is also on the girls' varsity volleyball team and plays soccer.

EMILY CAIN
Architecture

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

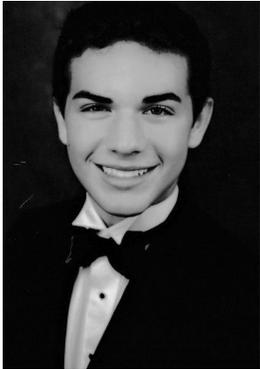
Combining her love for mathematics and art, architecture is Emily's passion. Emily is a returning FASS Scholarship winner. Among other outstanding and satisfying accomplishments several years ago Emily and her father built a "tiny house" together. Her professors at RPI are in full agreement about her exceptional talent. "Ambitious and astute," Emily has been on the Dean's Honor List the entire time she's been at RPI. She is off to study at Tongji University in Shanghai in the Spring of 2020. Her ultimate goal is to design sustainable cities in a way to combat the degradation of the environment.



ZACHARY TIMMONS

Fashion Design, Illustration and Design
Savannah College of Art and Design

Zachary is graduating from the Booker High School VPA Program and would like a career in fashion design, illustration and design. He is ending with a 4.2 GPA and has been on the Honor Roll throughout high school. Zach's art work is exceptional – creative and delightful. He has won numerous awards at Ringling, Art Center Sarasota, Sarasota Education Foundation, Embracing Our Differences and the list goes on. We are proud to have him as one of our awardees.



ELIJAH SCHILDKRAUT
Musical Theater/Composition
Berklee College of Music

Eli is a Junior at Berklee College of Music where he maintains a 3.97 and has been on the Dean's List every term at Berklee. His career goal is Piano Performance/Music Director. He is already in demand as an accompanist and musical director for many performances at Berklee and in the Greater Boston area. Eli has been the recipient of FASS scholarships in the past years, and we are pleased to have him as one of our scholarship winners this year.



LUCA STINE

Jazz Trumpet/Classical Violin

Luca Stine is a tremendously talented musician performing both Jazz Trumpet and Classical Violin. His goal is to get a doctorate in music and to teach and perform. He has played with the Sarasota Youth Orchestra for eight years and is now concertmaster. This year he was a finalist in the Edward and Ida Wilkof Young Artists Concerto Competition. Luca is constantly performing in solos, competitions, festivals and with ensembles. He is graduating with a 4.1 GPA.



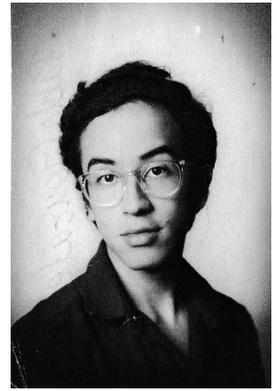
AUSTIN CANON
Music-Trombone

New England Conservatory of Music

Austin Canon, a returning FASS scholar, will be a senior at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. He studies trombone under Stephen Lange of the Boston Symphony. Mr. Lange states that having Austin as his student is "any teacher's dream." Austin volunteers for the Boston Youth Orchestra and is the NEC Brass Department Assistant. His goal is to return to Sarasota and play in the Sarasota Symphony. Austin also wants to be an active clinician and performer working with brass players in the schools.



PABLO GONZALEZ
Graphic Design
Parsons School of Design



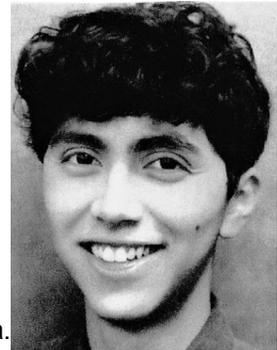
Pablo Gonzalez is a multi-skilled young man graduating from Pine View. He is committed to the exploration of communication through the visual arts. His work shows complexity, experimentation of integrating mediums and a depth of conceptual understanding. The research behind his concept development is beyond what one would expect of a high school student. In addition to his natural artistic talent and apparent mature appreciation of concepts he has shown leadership consistently through his school and community. He will be a student that will benefit from and contribute to the prestigious Parsons School of Design.



ANDREA GUAITA
Music/Violin
Cedarville University

Starting at the age of five, Andrea developed into an exceptionally adept violinist. She is the Concertmaster for the Sarasota Youth Orchestra Symphonic Strings as well as the lead violinist for string quartet and the string trio. A winner of the Edward and Ida Wilkof Young Artists Competition, Andrea was awarded the opportunity to perform as a soloist with the Sarasota Orchestra. Her letters of recommendation are filled with accolades for her talent and high praise for her exemplary character. Andrea's goal is to major in violin performance and music education.

MIGUEL JASSO-RUIZ
Music
University of Central Florida



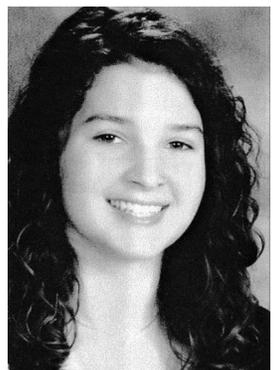
Miguel will graduate from Booker High school with a 3.8 GPA. His career goal is to be a music education teacher with an emphasis on music theory. He is an exemplary student and exhibits a strong work ethic. Most impressive among his many extracurricular activities is his position as vice president and club leader in Unidos Now (an organization dedicated to empowering Latinos to achieve their American Dream). He is a very talented musician as a violinist, pianist, and composer performing in many ensembles across campus even stepping in as student conductor for the Booker HS Orchestra.



ZAINE LODHI
Painting/Digital Art
Ringling College of Art and Design

Zaine is a returning FASS Scholar entering his Sophomore year at Ringling College. "Zaine is able to see beauty in the mundane giving even a parking lot visual luster". He says about himself, "I separate myself from other artists by applying my own collective visual library and experience to my work... that fuses elements of everyday life with the unusual. Despite focusing on digital media, I do not see it as an excuse to lapse on my traditional drawing skill set since no program can make up for weak fundamentals."

KIRSTEN PRUITT
Illustration
Ringling College of Art and Design



Kirsten, a senior at Sarasota High School, has had an exceptional year: She was awarded 1st prize at Sarasota High School's Art Show and earned the Scholastic Art Gold Key award. In the process, she was given a full scholarship to RCAD's "pre-college week" last fall, in addition to many other recognitions and rewards. Working in several media, her focus is on illustration: her goal is to write and illustrate children's books and work as a freelance illustrator. She has been accepted at RCAD.