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TOVE ROSENGREN



Tove Rosengren is an international student from Sweden, currently pursuing her bachelor's degree in Economics at Rollins College. At Rollins, she is representing the women's golf team, which means everything to her. She has played golf her whole life, and the sport keeps teaching her valuable lessons, such as the importance of always working hard, never giving up and that going out of your comfort zone is something desirable. Other than developing through her sport, she has in college become more multicultural than ever. At Rollins she daily gets the opportunity to interact with people from other cultures, which she believes is very important, and something that helps her further grow. Tove's goal is to pursue a career within the field of finance as she enjoys working with numbers and investments at the same time as she believes the field needs more female representation.

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This scholarship means everything to me, as it gets me closer to getting the degree I always dreamed of.



Scholarship

JACLYN GRECO



Jaclyn Greco is an Economics major and a business management minor at Rollins College in Florida. She has been interested in the interworking's of the economics world since she was little. Being raised by business owners had always allowed her an inside look into the business world. She loved to help her parents in their business ever since she was young, from cleaning tables to creating an excel formula to build a budget for the business. She is also an active member in her community as a volunteer basketball coach at her local church, distributing flyers about upcoming projects in her neighborhood and much more. She hopes to help people in her community and local organizations with her college degree. Jaclyn's long-term goals include pursuing a career in economics to help advocate for small businesses in her local community. She is grateful for this scholarship, which will help her achieve all her life-long goals.

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SAMANTHA KRESAL



Samantha Kresal is a Business major at Valencia College. A non-traditional & first-generation student finally getting her Bachelor's a decade later than originally planned. She's achieved a business/administrative career of fifteen+ years – primarily as an Executive Administrative/Project Assistant. After attaining an Associate's (also from Valencia!), she landed a job with her dream company, within the defense/aerospace sector. Since, she's supported high-level engineering execs (& their organization) of mission-critical programs. She is a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, SME of several administrative, system administration, and engineering resources, is an active board/member in the D&I program, and leads Engineering-Week's flight simulation activities (w/ middle/high schools). She's made such a name for herself that her VPs have already made promotion plans for her – as soon as she graduates (in December!), she'll officially begin her new career as a Project Engineer. This scholarship has made all the difference, and will literally be what allows her to complete -her final semester! After establishing herself in her new position, she plans to go for her double-Master's in Business and Engineering Management.

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“I've dreamed of getting my degree for over fifteen years. This scholarship is quite literally making my dreams come true.

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LETICIA ESTHER MAGALHAES CRUZ



Born in Brasilia, Brazil, Leticia is a student pursuing her second bachelor's in International Affairs with a minor in Business Management at Rollins College, having previously studied Law in Brazil at Universidade Catolica de Brasilia, where she was the class of 2017 valedictorian. Her passion for global citizenship, problem-solving, cultural enrichment, and human rights made her pursue this degree. She worked as an intern for the Amnesty Commission for Brazil's Ministry of Justice, where she maintained highly involved legal responsibilities to support Brazilian citizens who suffered significant injustices during Brazil's period of dictatorship. This experience made her realize she wanted to do something meaningful with her life. Leticia is also very passionate about art and education. She served as an ESL teacher at the Red Balloon school in Brazil. Her passion for serving others started early in her life when she volunteered at her church as their translator for foreign pastors, choir leader for children, and took on a leadership role in the children and youth department. She loves baking, fantasy books, and musicals in her free time. She is very family oriented and talks to her family in Brazil daily. Her father, Ricardo, who passed away this February, shared the family's dream to see her graduate from an American University. Leticia, as well as her mother Ceiça and her younger sister Larissa, are overwhelmed with gratitude for the Women's Executive Council scholarship because it allowed Leticia to continue with her studies in this challenging time of their lives.

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MELINDA GERARDI



Melinda Gerardi is a rising senior at Rollins College, who is earning her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education through the Pathways Program. She is a happily married mother of one in her fifth year as a paraprofessional for Orange County Public Schools. Melinda plans to use her Elementary Education degree to become an instructional classroom teacher at her current school, Water Spring Elementary. She is finally accomplishing her lifelong dream of being a teacher and loves working with students of all ages. Melinda's current elementary school has supported her journey toward getting her degree. The incredible administration team at Water Spring Elementary has given Melinda every opportunity to work with students and gain in-classroom experience. Melinda enjoys reading, cooking, camping, traveling, and spending time with her family. Melinda is also very excited about her future as an educator. She is thankful for everyone who is helping her achieve this goal.

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KIM D. HUYNH



Kim D. Huynh was born in Phnom Penh, Cambodia and speaks three different languages. She is presently working in the Orange County Public School System in Exceptional Education as a Paraprofessional for the past ten years. Ms. Huynh loves seeing children learning and growing to their fullest potential.

In her spare time, you can find her outside kayaking, running or gardening. She is also passionate about volunteering in her local community such as the food pantry, Habitat for Humanity or helping out in Vietnamese communities with various events.

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AMAIYA BROWN



Amaiya Brown is a freshman at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University majoring in Health Informatics and Information Management. In High School, she served as her schools Senior Board Treasurer, Yearbook Editor-in-Chief, and Amnesty Club Co-vice President. Besides the clubs she had leadership roles in she was also involved in the Community Service club, Ebony club, and Interact. Amaiya was a volunteer at Kia Kidz Martial Arts Center for kids with Special Needs for three years. During her time as a volunteer she put in more than 650 hours teaching kids reading, writing, Jiu-Jitsu, self-defense, and how to walk. In addition to volunteering she spent her time organizing a self-initiated service project called Jacquell's Project which focuses on raising funds and awareness for youth with cancer. It was started because of Amaiya's experience of having family battle cancer. She used her experience to honor those she has lost and all youth battling cancer. Jacquell's Project has raised over \$200 through fundraising, made 50 goodie bags, and donated books for the kids in the Oncology department at Nicklaus Children's Hospital. Once Amaiya graduates college with her bachelor's degree, she plans on working in a hospital as a Health Informatics and Information Management as a technician or specialist.

HEALTH INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

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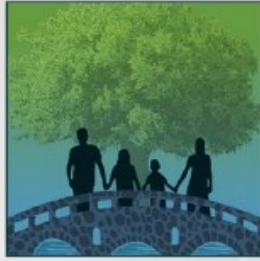
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AMIYAH MURPHY-ALLISON



Amiyah Murphy-Allison is a graduate student at the University of Central Florida's School of Social Work pursuing her master's in social work. She is a current graduate assistant at the University of Central Florida for Housing and Residence Life. Amiyah has interned with Parramore Kids Zone where she has helped enhance children's health and wellness through resource brokering, partnerships, and providing support to the Parramore community. She is also very active in her community as a Lead Peer Advocate for a wellness promotion center that promotes wellness by increasing awareness of student health issues to UCF students. Her passion for helping others is rooted from her own journey of overcoming hardships and adversity which ultimately led her to pursue Social Work. Amiyah enjoys helping others succeed and is currently interning at Maynard Evans High School helping students, families and teachers overcome physical, emotional, or economic problems as a MSW Clinical Intern. Amiyah plans to continue her journey in the social work field after her anticipated graduation in May 2023 with intentions of pursuing her PhD in Social Work or Public Affairs in the future.

MASTERS, SOCIAL WORK



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“This scholarship is important to me because it amplifies that regardless of what has been written for you by others, you are the author of your own story.”



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REBECCA LOPEZ



Rebecca Lopez is a Juris Doctor candidate at FAMU College of Law in Orlando, Florida. She is a first-generation college graduate and has returned to legal studies after graduating with a Bachelor of Arts from Flagler College in 2012. Due to financial limitations, she initially pursued a career in librarianship. Inspired by the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Rebecca decided in 2020 to ultimately return to the law. As a queer Latina, her passion lies in fighting for a system that recognizes and honors individuals of all backgrounds. Her hope upon graduating from FAMU Law is to become a public interest attorney and work to ensure “liberty and justice for all” truly means all. She currently serves on the FAMU Law Review and as an executive board member for the FAMU Law ACLU. She recently completed an internship at Serene Harbor, a domestic violence shelter in Brevard County, under the Injunction for Protection Project. Rebecca and her wife reside in Palm Bay, Florida with their two dogs and two cats and can often be found at the beach.

LAW (J.D.)

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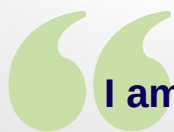


Julianna Diaz is a sophomore at the University of Central Florida pursuing a degree in Industrial Engineering along with a Business Administration minor and an Engineering Leadership Certificate. Julianna is a proud Floridian, descending from Hispanic parents from the island of Puerto Rico. Julianna started her journey dual-enrolling at Valencia College. During high school, she explored numerous different career opportunities but landed in the career field of engineering, specifically systems and industrial engineering. She loves the excitement and problem-solving aspect of engineering. As a Hispanic woman braving the engineering waters, she hopes to encourage other young girls to pursue their dreams and become the best problem-solvers this world needs. When Julianna is not studying, she loved to volunteer at Give Kids the World and at her local children's ministry at church. Julianna has a heart for the younger generation and is excited to see what they will do in the future. Julianna is excited to see what her future holds as a future engineering.

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING



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MAUREEN NAMUKASA



Maureen is a Ph.D. student in the Aviation Sciences program specializing in Human Factors, at Florida Tech's College of Aeronautics. She obtained an MSc. Aviation Human Factors and has a background in Industrial and Organizational Psychology. She is passionate about human interaction in man-machine systems and desires to enhance human performance in today's increasingly technology-driven society. Maureen is a graduate research assistant and a team lead at the Advancing Technology-interaction and Learning in Aviation Systems laboratory. Maureen is a teaching assistant for the Urban Air Mobility course, a domain in which she recently co-authored a publication aiming to understand the information requirements of novel cockpit systems.

These roles enable her the opportunity to mentor undergraduate and graduate students and learn how to best serve fellow learners. Some of her other academic achievements include membership with the exclusive Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and winning an honorable mention for her team's design of an Unmanned Aerial System as a solution to mitigate de-icing waste in airports. Maureen enjoys being a part of the ministry at her local church where she is a member of the "First Impressions" team, which welcomes guests or new members to the church. She also enjoys community development and support activities including cleaning the beach, refurbishing housing facilities for the less privileged, and helping senior citizens.



AVIATION SCIENCES (PH.D.)

Being a women-focused scholarship, the WEC scholarship advances my career as a woman in science by reducing the financial roadblocks on my career path. I am especially grateful that currently, I get to focus on preparing for my doctoral comprehensive examinations rather than worrying about my financial needs.

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CRISTINA VASQUEZ BOERO



Born in Peru, Cristina is a rising sophomore pursuing a double major in Economics and Business Management at Rollins College. Cristina graduated valedictorian among 122 students and was chosen as House Captain of the school. At nine years old, she joined a ballet academy and discovered that dancing was her favorite thing. Since then, she has trained intensively as a ballerina and has competed internationally. For Cristina, dancing is her safest place. As a little kid, she knew that her interests were totally immersed in business. That is why in 2019, she co-founded Kámua company for Peru's Junior Achievement contest. They developed an app prototype that connected users with professional home-service workers and placed in the top 10. Her dream is to become a businesswoman leader in the market to inspire other girls to succeed in such a competitive male dominating sector. She hopes to work in the financial or consulting industry after finishing college and plans to pursue a master's degree afterwards. Coming from an undeveloped country, Cristina is very passionate about discussing greater systemic education inequalities; that is why she joined "Enlaza Caminos" NGO to teach English to children who do not have many resources. She has already started her Business career by doing an internship as a Retail Banking Trainee at Scotiabank this summer. Cristina's career is slowly opening a shining path where she is embarking on a journey she hopes one day to be recognized.

ECONOMICS & BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

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ELIANA JACOBS



Eliana Jacobs is a senior at the University of Central Florida pursuing a dual degree in Sociology and Interdisciplinary Studies on a Pre-Medical track. Since reading "Gifted Hands" by Ben Carson during 5th grade, Eliana developed an interest in becoming a physician. Dr. Carson's story inspired her to want to increase the representation of African American physicians. Eliana's interest in medicine grew into a passion when she was diagnosed as a Type 1 Diabetic in 8th grade. Her diagnosis inspired her to want to become a Pediatric Endocrinologist to treat and advocate for other children who have autoimmune diseases. Currently, Eliana is conducting an undergraduate honor thesis on African Americans from an epigenetic perspective. In her free time, she is a staff writer for Her Campus, where she writes articles on lifestyle and wellness. She also volunteers for the Child Life Department at Nemours Children Hospital. Once graduation, Eliana plans to apply to medical school to pursue an MD/MPH.

SOCIOLOGY & INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES



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“Being awarded this scholarship will allow me to continue pursuing my goal of becoming the first physician in my family.”

Ashley Laubach - UBS Financial Scholarship

NAZLIYAN ISSAKGUL DUMAN



Nazliyan Issakgul Duman is a freshman at Rollins College. She is pursuing her Bachelor's and Master's degrees through Rollins College Advanced Management Program. In her Senior year of high school, Nazliyan received acceptance into the Bonner Leaders program. Through this honor, she will be able to make service an integral part of her career. Since being introduced to the National Honor Society in fourth grade, she has found a passion for serving her community. She has dreamed of the opportunity to make service a foundational part of her life. She served as Chairman of Pineapple Cove Classical Academy's National Honor Society for five consecutive years. Nazliyan has always longed to support families and individuals in poverty and protect the environment. Through partnering with nonprofits in the Bonner Leaders program, Nazliyan is eager to gain the skills and knowledge to tackle prevalent issues affecting our society. With her Business degree, she hopes to create innovative and sustainable companies, combining her love for service and environmentalism. Nazliyan is enthusiastic about the future as she pursues her education and life's mission to serve.

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This scholarship alleviates the financial burden and allows me to pursue my career. Truly, thank you for this prestigious award.

George Woodward Scholarship

IDIL KILIC



Idil Kilic is currently a third-year undergraduate student at University of Central Florida and the Burnett Honors College. She is majoring in Aerospace Engineering and has started her minor in Mathematics and will start her French minor next semester. She has volunteered with many organizations in her area, ranging from pet shelters to libraries. Within her university, she has participated in various events to clean parks and lakes around her university – and additionally, is a member of American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Ever since she was little, Idil has had the opportunity to work closely with airplanes and airwings. Currently, she is interning at a prestigious aerospace company through her university. With her pathway, she hopes to commercialize global traveling to all social classes so that everyone can have an equal opportunity to visit various destinations around the world. Ultimately, she hopes to normalize flying all over the world while lowering the cost of airplane tickets and minimizing the amount of fuel used.

AEROSPACE ENGINEERING



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ALEXANDRIA GRACE SULICH



Alexandria Grace Sulich is a freshman at Rollins College who is planning to pursue a double major in Performing Arts (theater and dance) and Biology. A recent Windermere High School graduate, she had a 4.7 GPA. Alexandria Grace was a member and the president of her high school's chapter of Rho Kappa (Social Studies National Honor Society) with additional memberships including National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, English National Honor Society, and National Art Honor Society. Alexandria was selected to represent Windermere High School at the National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC). She is certified in Digital Design. Her AP Exam scores made her an AP Scholar Award recipient for 2021 and 2022. She earned the Orange County Seal of Biliteracy Award for 2022 and the Windermere High School Spanish III Honors Award for 2022. Alexandria Grace has over eleven years of ballet training and professional company performance experience. She has been training with the Orlando Ballet since 2017 and volunteers as a teacher's assistant. Alexandria Grace hopes to attend medical school after her time at Rollins College.

BIOLOGY & POLITICAL SCIENCE



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SARAH CLEMONS



Sarah Clemons is a junior at Rollins College majoring in Biochemistry/Molecular Biology with a minor in Neuroscience. She started her college path at Eastern Florida State College, where she was placed on the President's List during all semesters, joined Phi Theta Kappa, participated in undergraduate research, and graduated with her Associate in Arts degree with honors. Sarah's professional goal is to have a career caring for patients as a Physician Assistant in a pediatric specialty and contributing to improving their quality of life. She has been interested in medicine for many years from personally seeing the healthcare system. She is currently a Public Health intern for the Arthritis Foundation Florida, researching ways to increase the outreach of resources available for people with arthritis. In her free time, she volunteers at Advent Health for Children on the oncology/hematology and bone marrow transplant units, working with Child Life to provide playroom and bedside activities for patients. Sarah is grateful to the Women's Executive Council for this generous scholarship to cover tuition allowing her to focus on education.

BIOCHEMISTRY/MOLECULAR BIOLOGY



I'm so excited to have received this scholarship that will help me accomplish my dream of impacting the future of healthcare!

Deborah Kelly Scholarship

DELANEY BENNETT



Delaney is currently pursuing her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.) from the Florida Institute of Technology. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Florida and recently obtained her Master of Science in Clinical Psychology from FIT in conjunction with her doctoral program. Her focus is on military psychology, which encompasses various areas of practice including health, forensic, and trauma psychology, as well as neuropsychology. She was recently commissioned into the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant and will be helping active-duty service members through therapeutic practice and trauma treatment in two years on internship. She has been determined to reach this moment and pursue her dreams of serving in the U.S. military. She is incredibly grateful for the Women's Executive Council members and donors who made this scholarship possible, especially the wonderful women she met at the luncheon and the mentor/mentee program this past year including her mentor, Sarah Shoulak. Delaney would also like to thank her family, friends, and loved ones who have supported her on this journey and continue to believe in her.

DOCTORATE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY



This scholarship will allow me to embark on specialized practicum experiences that would not have been possible without this opportunity.

Deborah Kelly Scholarship

EYANA DIXON



Eyana Dixon is a Business Administration major minoring in Healthcare Management at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. Since high school she has always wanted to pursue a career in the medical field while also having interest in business and management. She graduated high school with honors while also being in the top 10% of her class. She values her education and is very passionate about learning; she hopes to get her Doctorate of Public Health after she graduates with her bachelor's degree. Eyana plans to one day start the "Dixon Foundation" which will provide service, community, and scholarships to young black women pursuing higher education. Her heart to encourage and motivate others has allowed her to use her social media platforms to create a space that is welcoming to all. She is currently a Christian content creator and looks forward to starting up her own podcast this upcoming fall. Her goal this year is to begin writing her book about leadership, wisdom, and integrity as well as shining a spotlight on her walk with Christ and growing into the woman that God called her to be.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Deborah Kelly Scholarship

SIERRA HIGGINS



Sierra Higgins is currently a freshman attending Seminole State College of Florida. She is planning to major in Health Sciences and then earn a master's degree in occupational therapy, to become a pediatric occupational therapist. She was inspired to pursue this career track because as a child she benefited first-hand from three years of occupational therapy. She clearly remembers having a lot of fun as a patient and how the therapy helped her, and now wants to experience the other side of the career and impact the lives of children that were in her situation. Sierra is currently gaining applied experience through a clinical internship with LifeSkills Sensory Integration Specialists in Maitland, FL, the same practice where she was a patient many years ago! While pursuing her education, Sierra also plans to continue her work with several local volunteer organizations, finding creative ways to impact the lives of others in the Orlando area and beyond.

HEALTH SCIENCES



I'm extremely grateful to be selected for the WEC Scholarship. It allows me to pursue my dream of helping others.

Margaret D Jennings Scholarship

TIANKA PHARAOH



Tianka Pharaoh M.S., PPS is a third-year doctoral student in the Counselor Education and Supervision program at the University of Central Florida. The majority of her clinical experience has been serving as a Professional School Counselor for the K-12 school system and post-secondary institutions. Throughout Tianka's professional experience, she has remained committed to issues of diversity, equity, and access. As a doctoral student, she has served students and families by providing play therapy services and wellness and self-care workshops in Central Florida. Tianka will be dedicating her time over the next year examining the impact of the use of the n-word among Black youth. She will conduct a qualitative research study utilizing groundbreaking methods such as photovoice to identify the support systems students need regarding the impact of racial slurs used on school campuses. This scholarship will support Tianka's passion for helping students and families and assist her with obtaining the necessary resources during her third year as a doctoral student.

COUNSELOR EDUCATION AND SUPERVISION (PH.D.)



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It is such an honor to be recognized and supported by the Women's Executive Council. I am inspired, hopeful and grateful.

Edna Trimble Scholarship

ALESSIA FRANCESCA PRENDA



Alessia Prenda is a freshman attending Rollins College planning to major in Theater Arts and minoring in Social Entrepreneurship. She's always had a passion for the performing arts, especially in musical theater. She has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York in their International Protégé program. Earlier this year, she was one of five in her home county nominated for the Kravis Center Dream Awards in the Lead Actress division for her performance as Jo March in *Little Women: the Musical*. At this event she was the runner up to go to the Jimmy Awards in Manhattan. Achievements like these inspire her to continue pursuing a career in the performing arts, but what drives her the most is her desire to provide children in the foster care system and abusive homes with healthy, creative coping mechanisms. She hopes to one day develop an outreach program that's free and accessible for all who need a place where they can be themselves, create something beautiful with like-minded people, and confide in adults who can keep them safe and help them shine.

THEATER AND SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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This scholarship helps me afford an education that will bolster my efforts to protect children in the arts.

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Tony Martin Scholarship

LAUREN-ANN GRAHAM



Lauren-Ann Graham is entering the final year of her graduate degree in mechanical engineering at the Florida Institute of Technology, where she also received a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering. Her goal of becoming an astronaut has propelled her to chase opportunity. During her undergraduate studies, she interned as a jet propulsion engineer for 2.5 years at Larsen Motorsports. She also hosted a NASA HUNCH educational program and was the lead of manufacturing for her school's NASA robotics team. Fast forward to her graduate studies, she held a NASA internship working in the microgravity lab at the Kennedy Space Center. Following this, she interned for a contractor at KSC supporting the Ground Systems team for the Artemis missions. Now she works full-time for the Ground Systems team as a Ground Integration Engineer for NASA's Mobile Launcher. Lauren-Ann is so grateful for the Women's Executive Council Scholarship as it will give her financial stability to chase her dream! She gives thanks to the council for selecting her as a recipient, and to her family and friends who have constantly supported her.

MASTERS, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING



The WEC scholarship provides me the financial stability to complete my degree while continuing to chase my dreams! Thank you so much for the support!

Susan Murphy Scholarship

JENA SALEH



Jena Saleh is a freshman at Valencia College and recently graduated high school. She was a member of National Honors Society and was able to graduate a year and a half early. Jena earned over 170 hours of community service and has been a volunteer at Aisha School for five years. She enjoys working with children and being involved in her community. She attends Valencia College and is working on completing her AA degree. Due to her love of helping others and athletic training, she has decided to major in Health Sciences and work towards a degree in Physical Therapy. Her goal is to make a positive influence in the world and put her best efforts in school. She is extremely appreciative of the academic opportunities given to her, and plans on giving back to the same community that helped her.

HEALTH SCIENCES - PHYSICAL THERAPY

VALENCIA COLLEGE

“I am beyond grateful to be awarded this scholarship as it will open up many opportunities and allow me to accomplish my academic goals.”

Ina Courtney Revis Scholarship

KENYATTA CONNELLY



Kenyatta Connelly is a graduating Elementary Education student at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU). Born and raised in Tallahassee, FL, Kenyatta has always had a passion for children. When she was too young to watch children on her own, Kenyatta constantly offered to hold and nurture babies to give parents small breaks. She also volunteered with church camps, afterschool programs, and other educational or enrichment activities. She lives by the belief that early education is fundamental in determining a child's success. Her dedication to education and mentorship has given her leadership opportunities including being the resident assistant and house manager for the Southern Scholarship Foundation and president of Phi Delta Kappa, an educational organization. She is currently completing her student internship, which will be her final requirement for the process of becoming a teacher. She is also working as a daycare teacher's assistant who helps to facilitate the learning process. When she is not working, she enjoys giving back to the community and volunteering with her alma mater Rickards High School. Kenyatta aspires to become an impactful elementary teacher and eventually become a school counselor.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

FLORIDA **A&M** UNIVERSITY



This scholarship will allow me to focus on my studies instead of worrying about how I will make ends meet.

Julie Koves Family Scholarship

ASHLEY SAWYER



Ashley is a junior at Rollins College majoring in Psychology with a dual minor in Chemistry and Neuroscience. Upon graduation she plans to attend medical school and pursue a MD/PhD degree with an emphasis in Psychiatry. Ashley grew up in Tallahassee and graduated from Florida State University School magna cum laude. Her time in high school was well spent as she won several language competitions. Ashley was a part of a elite group of students who took four years of three languages. One of the reasons Ashley enjoys learning about languages and cultures which prompted her to study Psychology.

Since Ashley has been at Rollins, she has made it a mission to be involved in campus life. Ashley will be embarking on her second year as a Wellness Ambassador which specializes in providing resources for students to maintain a healthy lifestyle; mind, body and spirit. She has also been involved in student government and increasing the number of women and minorities in STEM fields. This past summer Ashley was selected to complete a research internship at Vanderbilt University working in the Memory and Alzheimer's Center. This Fall Ashley was chosen to be a peer mentor for first year students as well as a Biology Teaching Assistant. During her free time Ashley loves to read, try new restaurants, and listen to music whenever possible.

PSYCHOLOGY (PRE-MED)

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I am extremely grateful for this scholarship and hope that I can be a role model for other young women. Receiving this scholarship will help with reducing the expense of achieving an advanced degree and to prepare for medical school. "Show them who you are." Don't let anyone put you in a box; let the world know what you have to offer.

Kelly Family Cuidiū Foundation Scholarship

KATE RUMISEK



Kate Rumisek is a junior at the University of Central Florida pursuing a bachelor's degree in Political Science Pre-Law with a minor in Leadership Studies. She is a member of President's Leadership Council where she holds the position of Retreat Coordinator. As Retreat Coordinator, she oversees the hosting of four retreats for the members of PLC. Kate is also involved and many other organizations on campus including Women's Student Union and Knights Pre-Law. In her free time, Kate can be found volunteering with multiple organizations including Seminole High School and with the LEAD Scholars Program. Kate can also be seen performing one of her hobbies gymnastics where she enjoys challenging herself to learn new skills. Upon graduation at UCF, Kate plans to attend law school. This scholarship will allow her to focus on school while staying highly involved with campus organizations and community service projects.

POLITICAL SCIENCE PRE-LAW



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This scholarship has allowed me to continue my studies and pursue my goal of attending Law school.

Kelly Family Cuidiū Foundation Scholarship

GABRIELLE PHILLIPPS



Gabrielle Phillipps is a senior in the Seminole State College of Florida/University of Central Florida concurrent ASN-BSN nursing program. She is involved in the Student Nurses' Association, where she leads as a peer mentor to first and second-semester nursing students and contributes to the monthly SNA newsletter as a reporter. Gabrielle also participates in the Student Health Advisory Committee, where she engages in discussion with Student Health Services administrators on the services and programs that the Student Health Center offers for students and volunteers at health-related events on campus. She will start a progressive care student nurse internship at Orlando Health South Lake Hospital this fall. After graduating, she hopes to work in an intensive care unit and advance her knowledge in critical care by earning a CCRN certification and leading as a charge nurse. Later in her nursing career, she hopes to further her education by pursuing a graduate degree in nurse anesthesia and completing a fellowship in advanced pain management. She is incredibly grateful for this scholarship, as it will allow her to pursue her passion, nursing.

NURSING



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I am incredibly grateful to be a recipient of the WEC Scholarship, as it will allow me to fully focus on my studies.

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James & Laura Lynn Scholarship

JALYNN “JJ” MCDUFFEY



Jalynn McDuffey is a bright leader from South Miami, Florida. She is an awarded community service leader who uses her love for Art, History, and Education to create a more truthful, inclusive, and genuine art world. A YoungArts 2021 winner, Scholastic National Silver medalist, Presidential Scholar of the Arts and a 2022 GUCCI ‘changemaker’ scholar, McDuffey uses her mixed media work to share raw and storytelling pieces dedicated to sharing hidden nuisances of the Black Diaspora. In her personal life she has worked to create ‘Hearts for Art’, a service project used to teach art principles and mental health benefits in low-income POC communities across South Miami. Jalynn’s goal is to become a Culture journalist, media lawyer, and non-profit owner who wants to bring arts education and college preparedness to low income communities through culture exploration, allowing others to use their history and explore the contribution it has on the world, making art more inclusive.

BROADCAST JOURNALISM

FLORIDA **A&M** UNIVERSITY

“ This scholarship is important to me because it proves education matters. Every success helps me prove my education, and my life, is worth fighting for.

Fred & Gerry Scheer Scholarship

LIBBEY SHELLENBERGER



Libbey Shellenberger is pursuing a degree in Business Management with a Spanish minor. Business Management interests her because of its diverse specializations and teamwork aspects. Libbey studied Spanish throughout high school, and it has continued to be a passion for her. She cannot wait to put the Spanish skills she has learned into action when she studies abroad in Spain for the Fall 2023 semester. Libbey enjoys finding ways to help her community through campus programs such as The Rotaract Club and Kappa Delta Sorority. Her favorite community events have been a beach clean-up and an elementary school beautification project. Libbey was also highly involved with her community in high school through her church youth group and The National Honor Society. Through these programs, she tutored elementary students, volunteered at The Winter Special Olympics, and participated in Feed My Starving Children. This summer Libbey obtained her Life Insurance license so that she can help families during unforeseen events. Libbey would like to thank everyone who made this scholarship possible, allowing her to achieve her goals at her dream school.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

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“Life is for service” are the words I read on my way to class every day. I am thankful to WEC for this scholarship that will further my enrollment at a college devoted to service.

Yarmmys & Arsel Vargas Scholarship

STEPHANIE VALLADARES



Stephanie Valladares is an Information Technology and Economics major at Rollins College. She has always been interested in Web Development and be part of technology's evolution through time. She aspires to start a fundraiser for women in STEM to promote woman empowerment and provide opportunities that will make them achieve their goals in life. She has always dreamed of being able to create equal opportunities for her people in Honduras and opening up a worthy education with the end goal of providing a better future for them. Her biggest accomplishment has been creating a COVID-19 statistics program that has been used by several professors to extract specific data(COVID cases, recoveries, deaths) from certain countries. She is currently a senior and is planning to master in Cyber Security. Her goal is to become a software engineer and create new technologies that will increase worldwide efficiency and make the world a better place to live in.

COMPUTER SCIENCE & ECONOMICS

Rollins
EST. 1885

“This scholarship will allow me to continue my career and have access to a world full of technological improvements and opportunities that will help me accomplish my future goals.

Cornita Riley & Friends Scholarship

ROBIN JONES



Robin Jones is a graduate of Kent State University. She graduated with her bachelor's in political science and international relations with a minor in Japanese. During her time in college she studied abroad in Japan studying the Japanese culture and language. She is currently pursuing a career in law at Barry University. She works as a legal intern at the Attorney General Office in Jacksonville. Robin is certified as a County Court Mediator by the Florida Supreme Court. She is a volunteer Child Welfare Advocate for the Florida Guardian ad Litem Office. Robin is passionate about family law, child welfare, and juvenile defense. Her career goal is to create nonprofits to assist women who suffer from domestic violence and helping children who are victims of neglect and abuse. Her goal is to be able to help victims of abuse receive the necessary resources they need to be successful such as housing programs, food programs, education assistance, and counseling programs. Her career aspiration is to become a juvenile and family court judge and make a difference in the lives of abused women and children. Robin is incredibly thankful for being selected as a WEC scholarship recipient, which will help her make a positive impact in today's world.

LAW (J.D.)



The WEC Scholarship has helped me acquire the educational opportunities necessary to build myself into a successful leader, advocating for victims of abuse, fighting for women's right, and helping children in need.

Lauren Brusca & Lorna Truett Scholarship

KIRSTEN TAGUE



Kirsten Tague is a current University of Central Florida student working towards her master's degree in Criminal Justice. In the future, Kirsten hopes to work for the government to help protect the community in which she lives and make the country overall a better place. In her free time, Kirsten enjoys working out, skating, and going to the beach. She also enjoys going on long walks and binge watching crime shows with her dog, Abby. Kirsten is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Tau Sigma, and the Florida Sheriff's Organization. She would like to thank the members of the Women's Executive Council for their generous contributions to this scholarship and supporting young women attending central Florida colleges. This scholarship will allow Kirsten to pay for her final semester of graduate school without worrying about the financial complications of graduate school.

MASTERS, CRIMINAL JUSTICE



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CENTRAL FLORIDA**

“This scholarship will allow me to pay for my final semester of graduate school without worrying about the financial complications of graduate school.

Nora Buning & Karen Willis Scholarship

AISHA BARBER



Aisha Barber is a senior at Rollins College, she is pursuing a bachelor's in education. Many words describe Aisha. Two words that come to mind are willing and determined. As a child learning how to read was difficult for Aisha, but she was determined to overcome any obstacles. Aisha had a phenomenal support team both teachers and parents and slowly her weakness turned into strengths, because of her willingness and determination she made a promise to herself that she would help students who experience similar struggles and motivate them just like she was motivated. Aisha has been willing and determined to work hard to accomplish her goal of becoming a teacher. The WEC Scholarship will help Aisha tear down the proverbial walls getting in the way of her creating a sturdy foundation as an educator. Aisha has been a part of the education system for the past seven years and will continue to do so with the level of excellence your organization inspires. Aisha is honored to be a recipient of such a prestigious award, she would also like to thank her remarkable parents and son for being supportive throughout her journey.

K-6 ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Rollins
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I'm sincerely honored to be awarded the WEC scholarship, the scholarship will help alleviate financial burdens as I pursue my degree in Education. My passion for teaching is matched by my love for all children.

Shelly Ferrone Scholarship

VANESSA MARTINEZ



Vanessa Martinez is a junior at Rollins College, majoring in Political Science. She is Editor-in-Chief at *Her Campus Rollins*, a magazine focused on college women. Her writings focus on news and current social issues. She held the Communications Chair position at *Amnesty International Rollins*, raising awareness on human rights issues globally and in her community. The former ties in with her anti-human trafficking efforts on a campaign she started on campus, called “Stop the Trafficking Project.” To learn more and grow in the field she is most passionate about, Vanessa took on a Campaign Intern position over the summer with Representative Anna V. Eskamani from the Florida House of Representatives. Vanessa is also studying abroad in the Fall semester of 2022 in the South of France and hopes to become an International Lawyer in the future.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Rollins
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This scholarship opportunity will aid me in my college career, as well as provide me with a network of women who bring about change in their communities.

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Shirley Horsey Scholarship

HOPE KERN



Hope Kern plans to pursue the field of pediatric nursing at Valencia College. She has served in a volunteer capacity with organizations such as the Spina Bifida Association of Central Florida, Redefining Spina Bifida, and the Down Syndrome Association of Central Florida. Her brother, Chance, was born with a birth defect, Spina Bifida, which has affected her and her family greatly. This year, her family welcomed a teen into their home that they began fostering and a few months later her mother was also diagnosed with breast cancer. Although Hope's parents work hard to provide for their family, their medical expenses reach max limits every year since the year her brother was born. Witnessing the challenges and triumphs supporting her brother through extensive medical challenges, has inspired her desire to help other kids just like him upon completion of the nursing program. She has also worked closely with his neurosurgeon Dr. Keyne Johnson, who has been a mentor and inspiration for Hope to remain committed to her interests to enter the medical field and choose nursing. Hope works full-time at Chik-Fil-A to help pay expenses and provide for her new puppy, Vern V, who she is raising to become a future service dog for Canine Companions for Independence. Hope believes her personal experiences put her in a unique position to be a strong and devoted advocate for children with disabilities and complex medical conditions like her brother was born with, or her mother was recently diagnosed with. With the medical challenges Hope's family has faced, it only motivates Hope to work harder to conquer her academic goals.

NURSING

VALENCIA COLLEGE

“This scholarship is important to me because it eases the worries of any finances while I focus on my education and future career to help other children who have a disability just like my brother.

Shirley Horsey Scholarship

ZAKARIA SMOTHERS



Zakaria Smothers is a nursing major, minoring in health sciences, at the University of Central Florida. She received her associate degree from Valencia College while simultaneously earning her high school diploma from Apopka High School. While in high school, she also received her Certified Nursing Assistant certification from Orange Technical College. She has been heavily involved in her community by volunteering at the East Altamonte Boys & Girls Club, participating in events in support of breast cancer research, and attending events hosted by the Florida Economic Consortium Inc. Her goal is to become a registered nurse and to continue her education to become a nurse anesthetist. She has a strong desire to ensure every person feels comfortable while in the hospital, despite the stressful atmosphere hospitals can have. She is passionate about building trust within every patient she encounters and giving them the best care possible. In this way, she hopes to make medical care more accessible and less frightening, one patient at a time.

NURSING



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CENTRAL FLORIDA

“I am grateful for the Women’s Executive Council Scholarship. This award will help offset the cost of college and help me in achieving my goal of earning my BSN degree.



Women's Achievement Awards Honorees Scholarship

TOCARRA JORDAN



ToCarra Jordan is a Doctoral Candidate in the Educational Leadership, Higher Education Track (Ed.D.) program at the University of Central Florida. ToCarra currently serves as the Program Manager for the Division of Student Learning and Academic Success and the College of Undergraduate Studies. Prior to entering the academy, ToCarra planned for a career in the legal field and had hopes of becoming a criminal defense attorney. However, after working in the legal field for several years and having encounters with youth within the legal system and the community, ToCarra decided to shift her focus to working in academia. ToCarra has gained invaluable experience working in the areas of admissions, financial aid, academic advising for special populations, program management, and teaching first-time in college students and transfer students from local state colleges. ToCarra is passionate about educating and advocating for students and their families and mentoring and supporting women and staff in the academy. ToCarra is looking forward to continuing her work in higher education through advancing into an administrative role with a focus on women, minoritized groups, and staff development.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, HIGHER EDUCATION (ED.D)



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As a woman in academia, this scholarship helps me to know that I matter, and I am supported by my community.

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Women's
Executive Council *Scholarship*

AKESIA BROWN



Born in Kingston, Jamaica, Akesia Brown is a first-generation college student pursuing a bachelor's in Biology with a concentration in Molecular and Cellular Biology at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. Her interests in the medical field were sparked from a young age when she read "Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story." At every chance she got, she was either checking out a book from the library related to the field or searching it up online. During her junior year of high school, she acquired a certification to become an Emergency Medical Responder to gain knowledge and experience in treating patients. Akesia's goal is to become a neurosurgeon because there is no greater feeling than to impact someone's life for the better. In her free time, she enjoys baking, painting, and volunteering at her local Boys and Girls Club. She would like to thank the Women's Executive Council for selecting her as a recipient of this scholarship so that she may focus and excel in her future endeavors.

**BIOLOGY, MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR
BIOLOGY CONCENTRATION**

FLORIDA *A&M* UNIVERSITY

“I am grateful to the WEC for awarding me this scholarship because it is allowing me to continue to pursue my dreams academically.

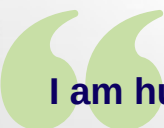
FAITH-CHRISTINA DUNCAN



Faith-Christina Duncan is a sophomore at Valencia College studying American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreting. She has made the President's Honors list every year since starting her college journey and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She puts this knowledge to use at her part time job with Chick Fil A and is making an impact in her community. She volunteers with several organizations affiliated with individuals with intellectual disabilities, Best Buddies of America, Down Syndrome Association of Central Florida, Down Syndrome Foundation of Florida, just to name a few. Faith-Christina feels it is important to show that any one can go to college and have the gift of higher education, whether there is a disability or not. She has a desire to use this second language to help bridge a gap within the Deaf community and hearing world, but also work in Praise Worship ministries, as well. Faith-Christina's life goal is to become a motivational speaker. She has already been a prominent Keynote speaker on numerous occasions, telling her life story. Bringing hope and being an inspiration to others is a passion she embraces.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

VALENCIA COLLEGE

 I am humbled and honored to be a recipient of this prestigious scholarship. I am thankful to be able to continue my dream of becoming an American Sign Language Interpreter and have the burden of finances for tuition relieved.

SHAUNA FENSLER



Shauna Fensler was born and raised in Orlando, Florida. She is pursuing a bachelors in Pre-Engineering at Rollins College. Since middle school, she has been interested in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math fields. In addition, she engaged in STEM classes at her high school. Shauna graduated High School in the top 10% of her class. She values her education and strives to be a great role model for the younger generations. This young lady hopes to influence the younger generations by showing them the numerous opportunities offered in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math fields. Her most outstanding achievement in High School was earning three certifications in Microsoft Offices Word, PowerPoint and Excel. With all her hard work she was able to earn multiple scholarships, including this one. She will be doing many remarkable things in the near future.

PRE-ENGINEERING

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I am grateful to be a recipient of the Women's Executive Council Scholarship. Thank you for helping me to further my education.

AMBER FINCH



Amber Finch is a senior psychology major at Rollins College. One of Amber's many goals is to provide counseling services to her community during some of their most challenging times. Amber has begun her role as a peer mentor to incoming freshman starting their journey at the Hamilton Holt School. As a peer mentor she serves as a guide for students to all the resources and events Rollins offers. Amber spends her time volunteering with Seminole County Public School program Families in Need by collecting supplies for care packages for students in foster care or experiencing homelessness. She is a single mom to a 9-year-old daughter and strives to be a role model for her to accomplish her goals despite having obstacles. Amber chaperones her daughter's school trips and helps with her sporting events. For her future goals she plans to further her education and obtain her Masters in mental health counseling after graduating with her bachelor's in psychology. She intends to have her own practice to provide counseling services in underserved communities.

PSYCHOLOGY

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The WEC scholarship allows me to complete my bachelor's degree and move forward in my aspirations of continuing to get my masters.

JASMINE GARCIA



Jasmine Garcia is entering her senior year at the University of Central Florida, pursuing Clinical Psychology. Originally from Miami, Jasmine came to Orlando with the goal of not just acquiring a degree, but making an impact in her community. Jasmine accomplishes this by volunteering at local organizations such as Harbor House and Straight Street and being a Resident Assistant at UCF, influencing the lives of over 700 students by offering personal and academic resources, guidance, and conflict resolution. As a first-generation student and American, Jasmine's dedication to her goals goes hand in hand with her commitment to her people. She intends to become a specialized family therapist operating closely with minority demographics, including immigrant families and their unique struggles. Jasmine is presently in the Burnett Honors College, composing an undergraduate thesis underlining immigrant youth, family dynamics, and identity development. Jasmine is also a Research Assistant on UCF's Sandford/Lake Mary Campus. Jasmine's professional goal is to become a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and earn her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology; her personal goal is to form meaningful relationships with those around her.

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY



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CENTRAL FLORIDA

“This scholarship alleviates my most significant expense, allowing me time to focus on my professional endeavors. Thank you to the WEC; this is an honor.

DANIELA GOLOB



Daniela Golob is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Sexuality, Women, and Gender Studies at Rollins College. Daniela has always held a great interest in mental health and greatly values activism and advocacy for marginalized communities. She currently serves as Student-Coordinator for the Rollins College EMBARK program, which is designed to support students of underrepresented identities as they transition into college. Daniela is also the President of Spectrum, the LGBTQ+ and ally student organization at Rollins, and additionally serves as a Rollins Diversity Envoy. Through her own journey in mental health, Daniela has witnessed the inequities many face in their attempts to receive mental health treatment and support. Daniela took a medical leave in 2021 to prioritize her mental health and focus on recovery as she recognized she must advocate for herself as much as she advocates for others. Her experiences have shaped her educational and career aspirations to which the Women's Executive Council Scholarship will greatly assist in achieving. Daniela thanks the Women's Executive Council for supporting her in this journey.

PSYCHOLOGY

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 **The Women's Executive Council Scholarship will assist me in my educational journey to making the mental health community inclusive and equitable.**

JOAN KIMANI



Joan Kimani is 21 years old student, who was born and raised in East Africa, Kenya until the end of 2017, when she came to the United States of America and did her junior and, senior year in high school, and now attends Valencia College West Campus. Her desired major is Biology, for she has been interested in sciences since she joined high school and is pursuing to be a cardiologist in the future. Such a major allows Ms. Kimani to play to her strengths of being great with sciences and enable her to help others, which is also a passion she has obtained. Ms. Kimani has also obtained a nursing assistant certificate in her education journey which extends her determination to help. Ms. Kimani was also nominated as the honors vice president at Valencia College and her outstanding academic performance got her into both the dean and presidents list. Ms. Kimani's goal is to be a great role model to her younger brother and make her family proud.

GENERAL STUDIES: BIOLOGY

VALENCIA COLLEGE

“Lack of funding should never limit anyone from aiming for higher. God will always make a way where there seems to be no way. Thank you, Women Executive Council.

FABIANA ROJAS



Fabiana Rojas is a Valencia College Honors Student preparing to transfer into the University of Central Florida in order to obtain a Graphic Design Track BFA. She moved to the United States on 2016, after spending all of her childhood in Venezuela, her home country. Fabiana values knowledge, teamwork, justice, honesty and empathy, this is why she plans on implementing these as a powerful guide to help her pave the way for a better tomorrow. As a graphic designer she aims to create designs that send a message. She strives to use such visual information as a platform to diminish our ignorance and heighten our ability to care for other. Creating awareness and bringing to wrongdoings to the eye. Most importantly, Fabiana desires to remind about people the beauty of life and how important it is to live, laugh, and love and through the journey. Outside of school you can find her playing soccer or doing volunteer work around her community. Thanks to the WEC Scholarship she is one step closer to achieving all of her goals and aspirations.

GRAPHIC DESIGN



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“Significantly helping the financial hardship pressure on my shoulders and proving the necessary support for me to keep going after my dreams means the world to me.

NYDIA ROMAN



Nydia Roman will be attending Florida A&M University this fall 2022 in hopes of getting a new experience and learning more about her culture. Throughout her entire school career, she always excelled in the sciences and math's and always maintained her 4.0GPA causing her to be with the top of the class. School wasn't her only priority though as she also participated in sports, volunteer work, and even a job on the side. Balancing these activities made Nydia realize she liked being busy. While journeying through high school, she found her love for helping and understanding people which is what inspired her to want to become a therapist or work in the social field. This coming year she plans to study psychology while also obtaining her real estate license on the side.

PSYCHOLOGY

FLORIDA  UNIVERSITY

“Opportunities such as this, shows what us women are capable of achieving. It takes just one step at a time for us to reach our unified goal and I am so grateful to have been given the chance to be a part of this community.

FATIMA ABDULLAHI SANI



Fatima Abdullahi Sani is a rising junior attending Rollins College. She is currently majoring in Psychology with double minors in English and Creative Writing. Fatima is a part of the Bonner Leadership Program, an organization that provides her with prime opportunities to volunteer at multiple partnerships in her community. She currently works as a Teacher's Assistant at the Winter Park Day Nursery. It was through working closely with the teachers at WPDN that Fatima decided to begin plotting her career path in a more focused way. Fatima now aspires to write a collection of short stories that will be published and dedicated to WPDN before she graduates. She hopes to one day be a Children's speech therapist after pursuing even higher education with a concentration in Developmental Psychology. Fatima is grateful that a community as empowered and empowering as the Women's Executive Council of Orlando is welcoming her into their collective of awe-inspiring women.

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“This scholarship is important to me because it is a testament to how much I can achieve with the guidance of such incredible women.

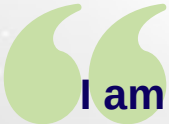
GRACE SWEETAK



Grace Sweetak is a rising senior attending Rollins College, pursuing a degree in physics with two minors in mathematics and computer science. Post-graduation, Grace plans to attend graduate school and receive a PhD in Theoretical Astrophysics. Currently, Grace is completing research through the Student-Faculty Collaborative Research Program at Rollins College under Dr. Christopher Fuse, exploring and classifying isolated spiral galaxies. She is presenting her findings in January at the 241st Annual American Astronomical Society Meeting in Seattle, Washington. Outside of academics, Grace is an athlete on the women's lacrosse team at Rollins College, a nationally ranked competitive program. She enjoys working out, reading, and spending time with her friends. Grace would like to thank the Women's Executive Council for not only the scholarship, which will relieve the burden of financial costs, but also for being an empowering force for the young women in Central Florida to achieve their goals through the financial aids in higher education.

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 I am very honored to be recognized by a committee that supports empowering women and granted a scholarship that will allow me to continue achieve my academic goals.

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The Women's Executive Council was formed in 1972 by the late Dot Estes Ellis in an effort to involve executive and professional women working with the Downtown Orlando Partnership. Our organization's first annual "Women's Achievement Awards" was held in 1972 and continues today as we honor outstanding women leaders in Central Florida.



Membership

The Women's Executive Council is an association of executives and professionals committed to the recognition, education, and leadership development of Central Florida women. In support of this mission, we provide educational, financial support through the **Scholarship and Endowment Fund of Women's Executive Council**, a 501(c)(3) organization.



Outreach

Since 1987, the Women's Executive Council has awarded nearly three-quarters of a million dollars in scholarship funds to over 375 women attending college in Central Florida. Through our financial support and mentorship by our members, we encourage personal growth, professional development and leadership skills in today's scholars.

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