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## FARAHANA CAJUSTE

Farahana Cajuste is an Economics and Public Policy and Political Economy double major at Rollins College. She is achieving her goal of helping others through her work as a UN Millennium Fellow and a Global Issues and Community Action Intern at the United Nations Association of Orlando. She serves as a Project Intern for the Consulate of Haiti in Orlando and is also the President of the Latin American Student Association. She has recently been awarded the Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship at Carnegie Mellon University, which is a seven-week fellowship with leaders in policy research and cultural economics designed to prepare students for roles serving the public good. Farahana has emphasized introducing Latin American and Caribbean culture to her campus, as shown in hosting conversations and cultural celebrations. In the future, Farahana hopes to continue helping others by fighting for economic equity as they relate to marginalized communities.



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## BALECIA KNIGHTON

Balecia Knighton is attending Valencia College with plans to major in entrepreneurship/general business. Her minor will be in sociology to better understand the mindset and the way that people think. She has volunteered with different organizations, including; Second Food Harvest, Orange County Regional History Center, school, and New Life Church. She feels that volunteering has helped her to be more organized and provided opportunities to be a leader. She always strives to pick up things quickly and adapt to changes. She earned over 130 volunteer hours throughout high school. After Valencia College, she plans to further her education at a four-year University. Balecia has already started three businesses, which are making desserts, Customize Clothing, and her handbag line. During college, her master plan is to expand her businesses, keeping a balance between each while continuing her education. Her long term plan is going into a career of social work following after my mother.



VALENCIA COLLEGE

ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
GENERAL BUSINESS

“The WEC scholarship will help me be a successful woman in college, not having to focus on the financial part of things, but focus on academics, which will lead the way to my success.

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MEERYA SHEMZA

Meerya Shemza is a junior at Seminole State majoring in Systems Technology with a specialization in Cyber Security. She plans to pursue a career in Cyber Security upon graduation. She will also work full time at a financial company. Through this scholarship, we have lightened her financial burden, which allows her to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. She hopes that one day she is able to help other students in the same way.



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### CARLA COX

Carla Cox is pursuing a Masters in Business Administration with Rollins College. Carla has served with United Against Poverty since 2015 developing social service programs that meet the unique needs of the Central Florida Community. Her proudest accomplishment during her tenure with United Against Poverty is walking alongside over 100 families who have increased their income above the Federal Poverty Guideline through the Success Training Employment Program. Recently, Carla was named a Bank of America Emerging Leader and is a recipient of the Martin Bell Scholarship for Non-Profit Leaders. Carla has her Masters in Sociology from the University of Central Florida. She currently serves as a Community Representative with the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness Managing Board of Directors. A Virginia native, Carla has lived in Orlando with her husband, Justin, and dog, Mac, since 2010.



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“I am humbled to received the WEC scholarship knowing that this is a legacy of women helping women accomplish their education and career goals. Knowing the support of the WEC is behind my ambitions is a motivator to continue striving for my full potential and paying it forward to others in the Central Florida Community.

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### PADMAVATHI GANDURI

Padmavathi Ganduri is a senior at the University of Central Florida majoring in Integrated Business with minors in Political Science and Leadership Studies. She is an Associate Justice in the judicial branch of UCF's student government, and she is also the President of Honors Congress, the official student organization of the Burnett Honors College at UCF. Padmavathi volunteers as a Hearing Officer in UCF's Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity. Recently, she was selected for the Leadership and the American Presidency program in Washington D.C. and she interned as a Research Analyst at Public Spend Forum. After graduating from UCF, Padmavathi plans to attend law school. This scholarship will help her become a more competitive law school applicant this fall.



INTEGRATED BUSINESS  
POLITICAL SCIENCE

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### MOOLJEE MADHAVI

Mooljee Madhavi is a senior at Rollins College pursuing a bachelor's degree majoring in Communications Studies with a minor in Social Entrepreneurship. She works a social media ambassador marketing the opportunities to students who attend the college. She is in the Bonner Leaders Program, which has allowed her to participate in various nonprofit organizations. She volunteers twice a week at IDignity, where she raises awareness of the homeless community. She will be working on a project that promotes stabilizing lifestyles in the homeless community as a participant of the UN Millennium Fellowship. Her career goals involve owning her own public relations firm that helps to strengthen the work for what nonprofit organizations do for our communities. She will use this the scholarship to afford to attend college for her final year.



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COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES  
SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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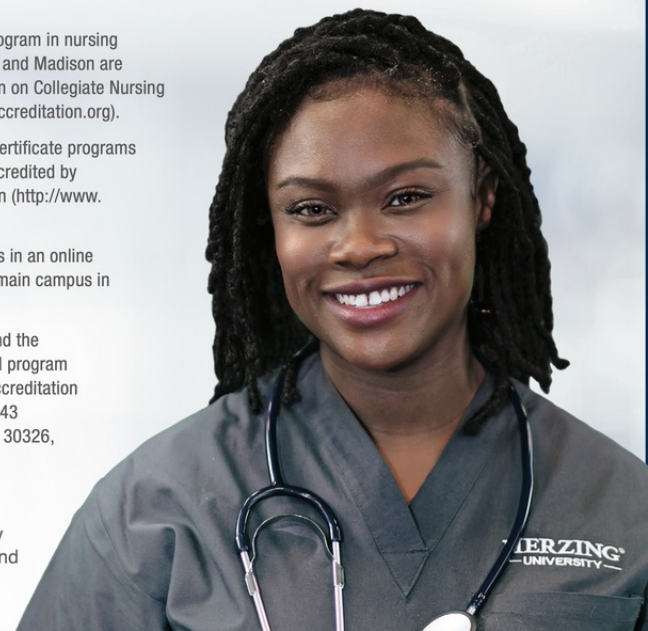
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AMANDA HAGAN

Amanda Hagan is in the ASN (Nursing) program at Seminole State College. Her career goal is to obtain a Nursing Degree and be a Trauma Nurse. She has many interests, both academically and professionally. Academically, she enjoys Writing and Psychology and is excited that Nursing allows her to apply these strengths. Amanda has chosen Nursing as it provides so many opportunities to make a difference in the lives of others. Amanda has accomplished many things that she believes will serve her well along the way. She served in the Student Government Association as the Class Treasurer and has served as a leader at her church. Her goal is to be a servant-leader in every area of her life by setting an example of how to be an influential authority while being kind-hearted and a positive role model. am very grateful to WEC for this scholarship, which will help cover many expenses during this year when part-time jobs are so hard to come by.



NURSING

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# Scholarship

**MARCIA PHAN**

Marcia Phan is a freshman at the University of Central Florida pursuing her bachelor's degree in Finance. She is committed to sports, as well as other clubs in her high school. Marcia has always given back to her community. While in middle school she spent her free time tutoring middle school students, cleaning up her school campus, collecting unwanted food from the school to donate to charity, and working with transitioning families. The Women's Executive Council Scholarship will not only help her financially, but will help her achieve her career goal of becoming an accountant.



FINANCE

“I am thankful for the WEC Scholarship Committee for this wonderful opportunity that will help me continue my success throughout college.”

# Dorothy Wilson Freeman Scholarship

## KATHERINE GUISE

Katherine Guise is a freshman at the University of Central Florida studying Biology with a focus in Marine Science. She has competed internationally in robotics as a hardware and outreach leader in addition to competing in a national public forum debate. She has founded and runs a girl-positive STEM program at the local library. In addition to her coursework, she plans to pursue estuary research with a focus on unique Florida ecology. She plans on pursuing an internship with NASA or NOAA. After graduating, she aspires to have a research career with NOAA and earn a master's degree at UCF. Being a recipient of the Women's Executive Council Scholarship helps Katherine to take chances with career-advancing internships and research positions without having an overwhelming housing and tuition financial burden.



“**This scholarship helps alleviate the overwhelming financial burdens associated with housing and tuition.**”



# Geraldine Gallagher Scholarship

**JOAN KIMANI**

Joan Kimani is studying at Valencia College West Campus, pursuing a major in Health Sciences. Born and raised in East Africa, Kenya, Joan came to the U.S. in 2017. As she completed her junior and senior year in high school, her interest in health sciences was born. Her selected field of study plays to Joan's strength in science and enables her to help others, which is also a passion of hers. Joan has served her community through volunteering at food stores and cyber cafes, helping her church move locations and cleaning the hospital compound. She participates in several clubs and activities like Atlas Lab Valencia College, Valencia College Cinema Nights, Valencia College Volunteers, and the Valencia psychological association. Receiving the Women's Executive Council scholarship has given Joan a feeling of belonging and has inspired her to know when she pursues something she wants badly enough, she can achieve it.



HEALTH SCIENCES

**VALENCIA COLLEGE**

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# Shirley Horsey Scholarship

## ABIGAIL ALBIZU

Abigail Albizu began taking classes at Valencia college in the Fall of 2020. She plans to complete her AA in General Studies and transition to a bachelor's in nursing. She is a member of the Seneff Honors College. Abigail has performed more than 400 community service hours and plans on continuing to serve the community. Her participation in community service projects stems a large variety of charitable organizations across the state of Florida. She volunteered at Give Kids the World Villa, Clean the World, Ronald McDonald House, Christmas for the Kids, Women's Domestic Violence Shelter, and many more. The WEC Scholarship will help to pay for some of my courses at Valencia College, allowing her to register for more classes. Her career goals are to become a Registered Nurse in an emergency room, and eventually become a travel nurse to help in third world countries with their medical needs. Her passion for serving others has been and will continue to be a driving force in her life.



GENERAL STUDIES  
NURSING

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“The WEC Scholarship will help me register for more classes that I need to complete my education. Thank you!”

# Margaret D. Jennings Scholarship

## BROOKE NORWOOD

Brook Norwood is a sophomore studying Health Sciences at the University of Central Florida. She thoroughly enjoys helping others and feels passionate about making a difference in the world. She holds the position of being a captain for her sorority Alpha Xi Delta in the Knight-Thon Dance Marathon. This event every year raises money for the local Children's Miracle Network Hospital and provide life-saving hospital equipment for children in need. She has also recently interned at the John Hopkins All Children's Outpatient Care Center to shadow Occupational Therapy. Through this internship, she helped create specific lesson plans, charted patient information, and medically assisted children with disabilities in everyday skills such as learning how to write or tie a pair of shoes. Having this opportunity, she discovered her career path. Being awarded this scholarship will allow Brook to fully concentrate on her studies with the relief of knowing she can continue to do what she loves. Fully being aware of the long road ahead in her education, this scholarship will genuinely be a stepping-stone in saving money for graduate school and other future financial obligations.



HEALTH SCIENCES



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# Deborah Kelly Scholarship

## EMILY MURDOCK

Emily Murdock is a graduate of Crooms Academy of Information Technology and will be attending Seminole State College this fall in pursuit of her bachelor's degree in secondary education. She plans to ultimately complete her degree at the University of Central Florida. Emily is very active in the arts, having acted since she was in middle school and looks forward to continuing to give her guidance to aspiring actors at her high school. She has volunteered throughout her local community, most notably giving her time to the Central Florida Zoo and the Public Library to aid, assist, and give guidance to guests. Earning a WEC scholarship is extremely helpful as it will help her focus on the most important things instead of worrying about how college will be paid for. She is very grateful and would like to thank the Women's Executive Council for choosing her to receive this incredible award.



SECONDARY EDUCATION

“I am very grateful and want to thank the Women's Executive Council for this scholarship. It helps lessen my worries on how to pay for college.”

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# Ashley Laubach Scholarship

## BINGNA LIN

Bingna Lin is a doctoral student at Rosen College of Hospitality Management, University of Central Florida. Her major is Hospitality Management, with research focuses on consumer experience in tourism and hospitality, destination marketing and management, and social media marketing. As a teaching assistant, Bingna works to assist the faculty advisors with teaching activities for undergraduate students. She had participated in the activities organized by the Urban Land Institute, Orlando, and UNESCO Hong Kong Association. Also, she has worked as a volunteer and executive secretary for several international conferences in tourism and hospitality. Becoming a professor at a university is Bingna's career goal after completing her doctoral study. She looks forward to having significant collaborations with the local organizations in hospitality and tourism, which can provide a factual basis for empirical research on exploring tourism experiences in the United States /Florida and the destinations (e.g., Orlando). Receiving this scholarship will significantly help Bingna concentrate on doctoral study and devote herself to achieving a professional career goal. On the one hand, this financial support can encourage substantially her to be more selective in maximizing and optimizing the well-rounded educational experience through academic courses, service-learning, and volunteer opportunities with less financial stress.



## DOCTORATE IN HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT



“**Financial aid will allow me to focus on academic research and industry collaboration with global professionals involving analytical software application and data collection related to the hotel recovery after COVID-19.**”

# James & Laura Lynn Scholarship

## ANTONIETA LAIRET

Antonieta Lairet was born in Caracas, Venezuela and graduated from Winter Park High School with an International Baccalaureate diploma in 2018.

Antonieta is now a senior at Rollins College majoring in International Business and minoring in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. She is the president of the Rollins Business Student Leadership Council in the Department of Business after having participated in the Council as Secretary and Vice President for a year and a half. Antonieta currently works as a Client Services Manager at Knoza, where she started as an intern a year ago. She hopes to work in project management and to earn her MBA after graduating from Rollins in May 2021. For the last four years, Antonieta has volunteered with BASE Camp Children's Cancer Foundation and continues to work with them by participating in virtual classes with craft and activities for the kids during this pandemic. This scholarship will make it easier to focus on school and work as it will alleviate the costs of tuition in the school year.



INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS  
LATIN AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN STUDIES

“This scholarship will make it easier to focus on school and work as it will alleviate the costs of tuition in the incoming school year.”

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# Skip Martin Scholarship

## ANNA HUYNH

Anna Huynh is a senior nursing student at the University of Central Florida with the hopes of attending law school in the future. Recently crowned Miss University of Central Florida 2020, she proudly represents her university of 65,000+ students. Her greatest desire is to help women around the nation start or grow in their faith journey, cultivate their purpose, and unleash their inner potential through her social initiative platform: She is Made New: InspiHERing the Leader in You. She is an advocate for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and recently served as the Family and Hospitals Captain for UCF's Dance Marathon: Knight-Thon. Through her involvement: she served as an adviser to 13 high schools in the Central Florida area, was a liaison between Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and UCF, was a voice for her Miracle Children, and spoke to over 4,000 high school students about a cause that is truly dear to her heart. Even throughout a pandemic, UCF was able to raise \$865,598.60! Anna feels indebted to the Women's Executive Council for allowing her to pursue her dreams and is blessed to be surrounded by so many world-changing role models. She specifically wants to thank Judge Dorothy Russell, WEC Member, for taking the time to mentor and inspire her this past year! Her wisdom and encouragement have been invaluable.



NURSING



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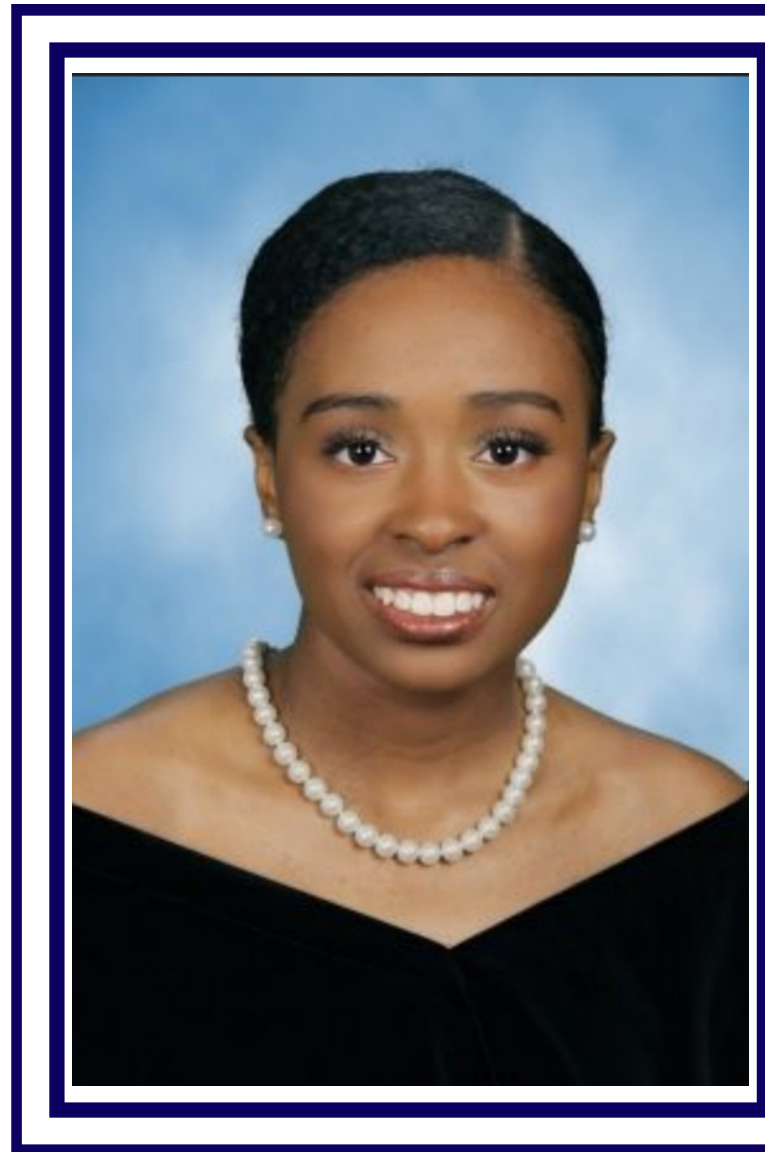
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# Tony Martin Scholarship

## SYNDEY LIAS

Sydney Lias is a freshman attending the University of Central Florida with a major in Health Science, Pre-Clinical concentration, and a minor in Medical Sociology. In high school, she was a member of The Pride of The Tribe marching band, a member of National Honor Society, and Science National Honor Society. Sydney volunteers at Goldsboro Elementary School where she supports teachers and students in need. She has volunteered at Lutheran Haven Assisted Living and Orlando Health, where she helps with daily basic care needs of the patients. Sydney is also a member of various youth organizations such as choir and dance. This scholarship will allow her to maximize her college experience through community service and internships.



University of  
**Central  
Florida**

HEALTH SCIENCE MAJOR  
MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY MINOR

“**This scholarship will provide me the choice of finding other areas of studies to further my future goals**”



# Ina Courtney Revis Scholarship

## FRANCES TURK

Frances Turk is a student at Rollins College and will graduate in December 2020 with a degree in Elementary Education, and a minor in Communication Studies. Over the past three (3) years, she has been involved with the nonprofit organization Rwanda Education Assistance Program (REAP), helping support the country's education system in a rural Rwandan village. Through her trips to Rwanda, Frances has benefited from the amazing hands-on experience of teaching in a foreign classroom. These experiences ignited her passion for service and education within the international community. She will be student teaching full-time this semester as the final requirement of her degree, and will need to dedicate all her time and effort to her internship. This WEC scholarship will go toward her housing and other bills while Frances doesn't have a steady source of income during her internship. The broader impact is that this scholarship will allow Frances to focus all her energy on being the best support for her students as they go through this time of change and uncertainty.



ELEMENTARY EDUCATION  
COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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“**Thank you for this scholarship! I will use these funds to help pay my housing and bills. It will allow me to focus all my energy towards my Elementary Education student internship.**”



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## LEILANI ACEVEDO

Leilani Acevedo is attending Valencia College majoring in biomedical sciences. She has volunteered at Orlando Health and Rehabilitation Center, where she engages with patients through activities such as art and board games. Leilani plans to go to medical school to become an oncologist. This scholarship will help her pay for college and will be a major stepping stone in achieving her dream career.



**VALENCIA COLLEGE** BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

“This scholarship will help pay for college and will be a major stepping stone in achieving my dreams.”



# Scholarship

## ALEXIS BENNETT

Alexis Bennett is now an upcoming senior at the University of Central Florida with a major in Event Management. Her passion for creating events started in high school through an organization called Key Club. As a member of the club, she participated in organizing events for the community. One of her career goals is to become a Senior Event Producer at a leading event company. She wants to apply her knowledge and skills to the event industry to help others create the event of their dreams. She also aspires to have her own business in the future, designing an array of activities. In High School, Alexis was actively involved in seven other school clubs while also getting a head start in college through dual enrollment courses. Alexis chose event planning after many different opportunities throughout her career. It fits her personality to a T!



EVENT MANAGEMENT

“Thank you for this scholarship. It will help pay for my tuition to help further my education.”

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## LACEY CLAYTON

Lacey Clayton is pursuing her graduate degree from the University of Central Florida in Nonprofit Management. She works for Compass Management and Consulting, Inc. as a Membership Manager, focusing on member recruitment, retention, and development. Previously, Lacey attended the University of North Florida (UNF) where she earned bachelor's degree in Marketing and Business Management with a minor in Community Leadership. She has served in several board positions over the years. She is currently serving as the President Elect for the 2020-2021 year at the First Coast Rotaract. Lacey will use the WEC scholarship to help fund her last semester at UCF.



MASTER OF  
NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT

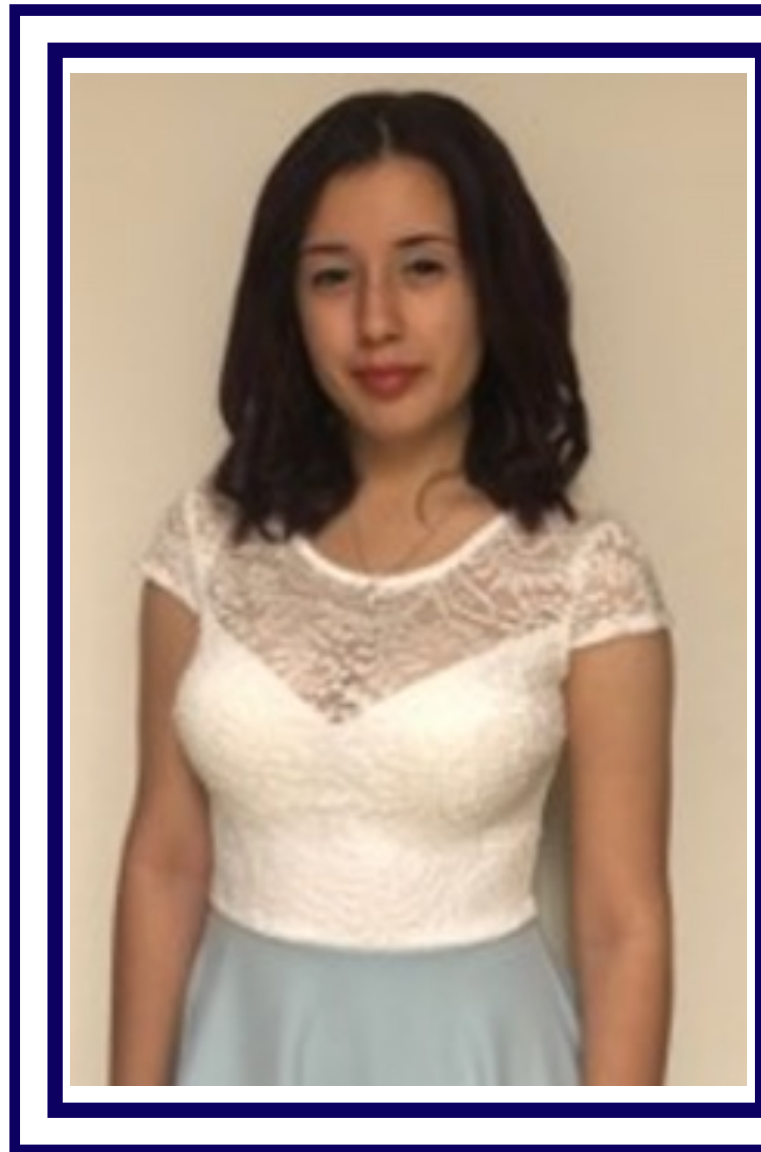
“**Thank you for this scholarship as it will help fund my last semester.**”



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## ADRIANA CORREA

Adriana Correa, always a detail-oriented individual who strives to create a course of action in all she does, recently changed her selected major from Electrical Engineering to Photonic Engineering at the University of Central Florida. Through various methods: meeting with counselors and soul searching, Adriana identified her appropriate major that aligned with her values. Adriana is now a proud Health Sciences major with Pharmacology as her focus. She is also pursuing a minor in Psychology and a certificate for Spanish for Health Professionals. Realigning and adapting after change has shown that Adriana can adjust to unforeseen circumstances, as well as how ambitious she is in what she hopes to achieve. Adriana also embraces her extracurricular activities such as Country Ballroom dancing, LEAD Scholars, and volunteering her time with organizations such as Second Harvest Food Bank and Bigger Earrings, Brighter Lipstick. With the help of the WEC scholarship, Adriana can put herself through college and stay the course for her new direction.



ELECTRICAL &  
PHOTONIC ENGINEERING



“I am a single mother with two daughters, so this scholarship will help me get back on my feet to continue school and still provide for my children. It will also help me show them that nothing is impossible.



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**ANDREA COTHERN**

Andrea Cothorn is a sophomore at Valencia College. She is currently enrolled in the Seneff Honors College at Valencia and enjoys doing activities within that program. She enjoys assisting others with de-cluttering and purging, or general cleaning, to help people relieve any anxiety they may be feeling. She is currently majoring in General Studies, but plans on switching to Business and then to Anthropological Archaeology. Her long term goal has always been to procure a doctorate. She desires to secure a business position with an MBA while she completes her doctorate, and then travel to historically significant sites. Her two degrees will work in conjunction with each other, as she plans to open a World History Museum in Central Florida. Andrea is a single mother with two daughters, so this scholarship will help her continue school and still provide for my children. It will also help demonstrate to them that nothing is impossible.



**VALENCIA COLLEGE** GENERAL STUDIES

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**MCKENNA DAVIS**

McKenna Davis is a graduate student pursuing a degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program at Rollins College. She has a passion for the mental health community and cheer-leading those suffering from mental health disorders. McKenna plans to specialize in working with children and adolescents struggling with depression, anxiety disorders, and pediatric OCD. She has worked at the Rollins Center for Career and Life Planning as a Career Counselor while additionally collaborating with the Rollins Wellness Center as a graduate research assistant leading focus groups discussing the topics of mental health and suicidality among diverse populations of students. She plans to serve as a clinical intern at the Rogers Behavioral Health in Tampa, Florida. Due to the pandemic, this scholarship will alleviate a portion of the financial strain allowing her to give focus to the clinical populations of pediatric OCD clients as she works to complete her degree.



MASTER OF ARTS IN CLINICAL  
MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

“**Growing up in a family that has experienced financial hardship, I know firsthand what it’s like to have a lack of access to health insurance dictating the quality and quantity of mental health care that’s accessible.**”



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## EMILY ELMORE

Emily Elmore is a senior at the University of Central Florida, pursuing a Bachelor of Music in Flute Performance. A multi-instrumentalist, she has been playing flute for ten years, cello for nine years, and piano for sixteen years. During her time in college, Emily has been a member of the UCF Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Flute Ensemble, and Cello Choir. As a member of these ensembles, she performs frequently throughout Central Florida and participates in educational outreach concerts at local schools. Emily was awarded the 2020 John R. Quello Memorial Music Scholarship at UCF, won Third Prize in the 2020 Florida Flute Association's College Young Artist Competition, and was a member of the 2019 Florida All-State Intercollegiate Band. Emily has also excelled academically, consistently earning spots on the UCF Dean's List and President's Honor Roll. Her career goals include attending graduate school, performing as a professional flutist, and teaching privately. This scholarship will help her tremendously in pursuing these goals and will help offset the cost of application and competition fees, instrument upkeep, and auditioning for graduate school.



MUSIC - FLUTE  
PERFORMANCE



“Receiving this scholarship will help me tremendously in pursuing my goals. The funding helps offset the cost of application and competition fees, instrument upkeep and auditioning for graduate school. Thank you!



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**Scholarship**

**JESSICA HANNA**

Jessica Hanna will attend the University of Central Florida with a major in Health Sciences (Pre-Clinical). Her ultimate career aspiration is to become an international pediatrician to serve children's medical needs. Jessica's inspiration for helping children across the world bloomed when she was a church leader. She volunteered at church summer camps and Sunday school, where she had the chance to teach as well as learn from children of all walks of life. It was through this work she discovered all children possess a shared commonality - a growing fascination with the world around them that is fostered by a positive and creative environment. Jessica believes it is every child's right to enjoy a childhood filled with kindness and education without health risks that could be solved with the correct medical attention. This scholarship enables Jessica to be able to begin to accomplish her personal and professional aspirations in the field of medicine.



HEALTH SCIENCE  
PRE-CLINICAL

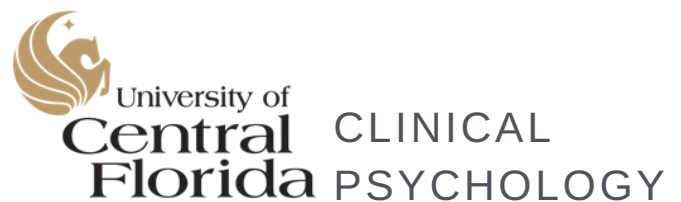
**“This scholarship will help me accomplish both my personal and professional aspirations of becoming a Pediatrician. I believe it is every child's right to enjoy a childhood filled with kindness and education without health risks that could be solved with the correct medical attention.**



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*Scholarship*

## ANDREA HERNANDEZ

Andrea Hernandez is originally from Venezuela. She is currently an incoming junior at the University of Central Florida, majoring in Clinical Psychology. Andrea discovered a passion for helping others in her High School, which pushed her towards this fantastic major. She was lucky to participate in many activities that positively impacted her academic and personal life: dual enrollment was one of the main ones. This program enabled her to graduate from high school with an AA degree. She also had terrific experiences in different clubs and organizations. During her senior year, she became the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Jovenex Orlando organization. This organization supports Venezuelan contribution to American society. Extracurricular activities enhanced her career, but education has always been her top priority. She relishes this chance to represent hardworking women who appreciate the importance of challenging themselves every day to be better. As a non-eligible non-citizen, she does not have as many financial aid opportunities, which is one of the many reasons why she feels blessed to have received this incredible help to aid her in achieving her goals. Andrea aspires to one day give back to this society that has given so much.



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# Scholarship

## SYDNEY HOSKINS

Sydney Hoskins is a student at the University of Central Florida majoring in Biology. She volunteers at the Give Kids the World Village, where they grant wishes through Make-A-Wish nonprofit organization. She is also volunteers in downtown Orlando, where she performs blood pressure screenings on the homeless population as a way to raise awareness to them about their health and wellness. Sydney plans to go to medical school. This scholarship will help her cover the cost of tuition, continue to help the community, and worry less about the financial aspect of school.



BIOLOGY

“**This scholarship will immensely help me have more time to focus on my academics.**”



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# Scholarship

## IDIL KILIC

Idil Kilic graduated Lake Mary High School as a Summa Cum Laude honor graduate with a 4.4 GPA. During her time in high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society), Art Appreciation Club, La Société Honoraire de Français (French Honor Society), and Robotics. This fall, Idil will attend the University of Central Florida's Burnett Honors College to pursue her aerospace engineering degree and French minor. Idil has worked with numerous organizations, ranging from volunteering at a library to helping at dog adoptions. After school, she has enjoyed tutoring in Lake Mary High's tutoring program. She hopes to be employed by an aerospace engineering company to devise alternative designs for airplanes so that they travel faster, cheaper, and more efficiently. She wishes to normalize flying so that flying is not a "luxury", but instead something all social classes can access without worry. This scholarship will help Idil focus on her academic endeavors and career path by easing the financial burden of attending university, and letting her spend more time and energy on her studies.



## AEROSPACE ENGINEERING



“Thank you for this scholarship. It will help me focus my time and energy to my studies and ease the financial burden.”



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# Scholarship

## COCO MARSHALL

Nicole (Coco) Marshall is attending Rollins College this fall as a freshman. She is so excited to start this new chapter in her life. Coco is interested in both environmental studies and international relations and looks forward to exploring these areas. She is part of both the Honors Degree Program and the Accelerated Management Program at Rollins. While in high school, she held officer positions in various organizations such as the National Honor Society, Student Government Association, Key Club, and Education Rocks Club. These clubs allowed her to serve people within the community and people in countries across the globe. Through these experiences, she learned about the importance of giving back and plans to embrace this ethic forever. Her career goals are to impact the world with improvements in cooperation on environmental issues. Coco is very grateful to have been awarded a Women's Executive Council scholarship because it provides additional support for her to pursue my interests in college.



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES &  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**Rollins**  
EST. 1885

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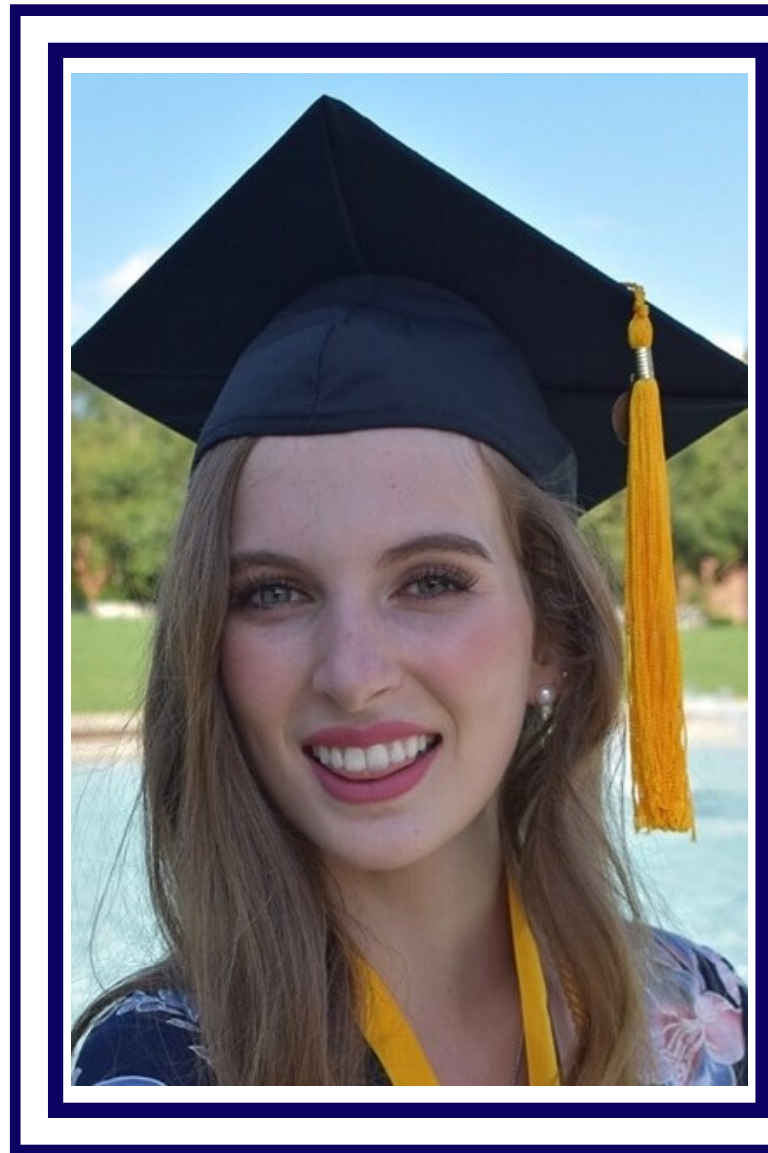


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# Scholarship

## ERIN MARTIN

Erin Martin is a second-year graduate student at the University of Central Florida, majoring in Anthropology. She currently serves as the Vice President of the Graduate Anthropology Association. In this role, Erin coordinates lecture events and presentation opportunities for students and faculty within the Department of Anthropology. In addition, Erin volunteers as a research assistant in the Laboratory for Bioarchaeological Sciences at UCF, conducting stable isotopic analysis for various archaeological research projects. As a graduate student, she participates in multiple community outreach programs, including Getting Cultured events, interactive presentations designed to teach school-aged children about anthropology. Following her master's degree, Erin plans to continue her specialization in forensic anthropology by pursuing a doctoral degree. Eventually, she intends to work as a forensic anthropologist at a medical examiners' office and as a professor of anthropology at a university. The Women's Executive Council scholarship will significantly impact her studies by covering the cost of supplies and sample analysis necessary to complete her master's thesis.



## ANTHROPOLOGY



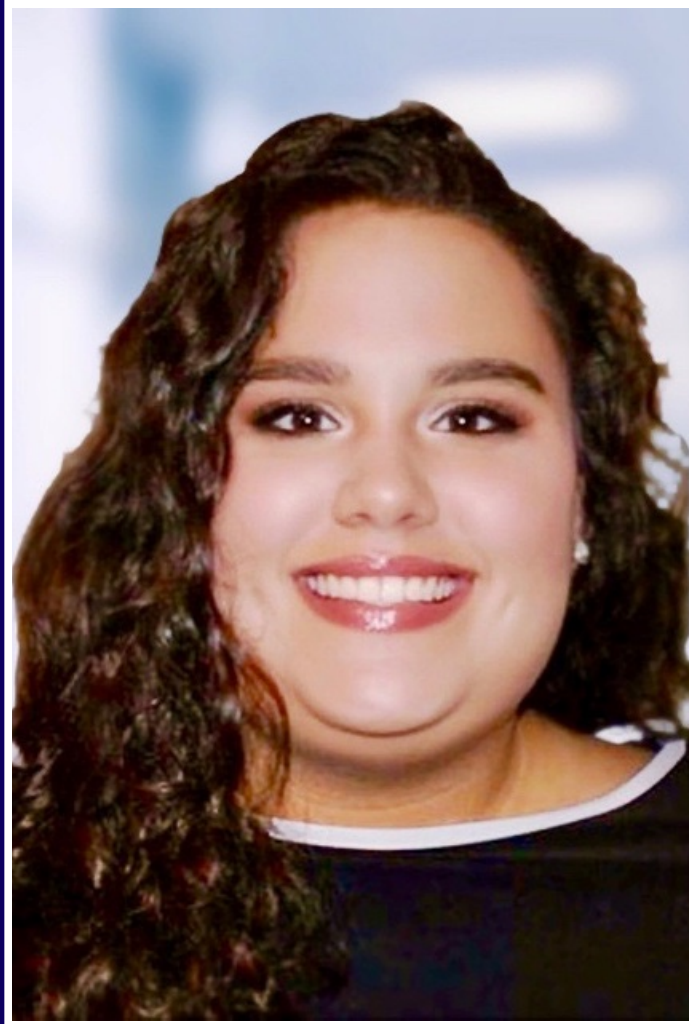
“**The Women's Executive Council scholarship will significantly impact my studies and alleviate expenses associated with completing my thesis.**”



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Executive Council  
*Scholarship*

**ALEXIS MENDEZ**

Alexis Mendez is a rising junior attending Rollins College. She is majoring in Health Communication with a minor in Global Health. She plans on fulfilling her passion for Health Communication and Advocacy by creating Emergency Protocol Plans for Natural Disasters while marketing the importance of health precautions against infectious diseases throughout our country. Alexis enjoys volleyball club, kayaking, hiking, and weightlifting. If it takes place outside, you can count her in! She is an active member of the Rollins Rotary Club and currently holds the Community Service Leadership Chair. Her volunteer and service activities include Habitat for Humanity, Killarney Elementary, Lotus Park, Clean the World, Miami Rescue Mission, and The Special Olympics. One of her career goals is to work for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. This scholarship makes the absolute difference as the pandemic affected her places of employment. It allows her to focus on studies without the stress caused by work changes. Alexis is very grateful for this help during this challenging time.



HEALTH COMMUNICATIONS  
GLOBAL HEALTH

**Rollins**  
EST. 1885

“**This scholarship makes the utmost difference for me as the pandemic affected my places of employment. It will allow me to focus on my studies without the stress caused by my work changes.**”



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# Scholarship

## MARYANN MONCELLO

Maryann is a sophomore at Valencia College working toward a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. After taking a nearly 20-year hiatus to raise a family, returning to college as an adult has allowed her to have a better understanding of time management and commitment to achieving goals. She is a full-time student and full-time employee at Walt Disney World. She supports those in the nursing field by donating mask holders and providing them goody baskets to brighten their day. Due to the impact of COVID-19 on the hospitality industry, Maryann was furloughed from Disney. She will use this scholarship to continue her education and pursue her passion for a nursing career.



VALENCIA COLLEGE NURSING

“This scholarship will help me continue my education as I was furloughed from my job due to the pandemic.”





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# Scholarship

## KEIRA MONAGHAN

Keira attends the University of Central Florida studying psychology with a specialization in the clinical portion, and a minor in sociology. She has volunteered at the Orange County Sheriff's Office, Osceola Regional Medical Center, and Clean the World. She is interested in supporting the local community and helping in whatever way possible. Keira has completed an internship at the Mental Health Association of Central Florida. Her career goals are to pursue a Ph.D. in clinical psychology to subsequently work as a clinical psychologist. This scholarship will allow her to continue in obtain her bachelor's degree. It will provide enough money to complete her last semester prior to graduation.



CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY  
SOCIOLOGY

“I am grateful for this scholarship as it provided me the funds to complete my last semester.”



# Scholarship

## KATHERINE NARVAEZ

Katherine Narvaez is a sophomore at Valencia College pursuing a bachelor's degree in Psychology. She graduated with an associate degree in Social Pedagogy. During her studies, she had the opportunity to complete an internship at Casa Cuna Progreso, a home for neglected or abused children who can no longer live with their parents. Working with children who had been sexually or emotionally abused, neglected, and abandoned was an eye-opener for her into society's problems. This experience incentivized her intense passion for helping children and thus pursuing her desired degree. Her charitable work includes Aruba Marine Mammal Foundation, New life for Paws, Aruba Bird Life Conservation, and Scol Paso Pa Futuro. She also engaged in different activities like Good for the Neighborhood, modeling with KOMA models, interviewing Princess Laurentien van Oranje of the Netherlands, and presenting the show business section at TeleAruba. This scholarship will help her in obtaining her psychology degree. Katherine believes that everybody can be significant. Even though not everybody's beginning circumstances are equal, it is up to the individual to decide whether to go for greatness or settle for the norm.



PSYCHOLOGY

VALENCIA COLLEGE

“Thank you for this scholarship as it will help me obtain my degree.”



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# Scholarship

## TAMYIA PAUL

Tamyia Paul is attending the University of Central Florida where she will major in Legal Studies. She was previously the first female student to win President for a Day and was also named the 2020 Valencia College Distinguished Graduate. As an honors student, Tamyia was heavily involved on and off campus. Her favorite activities included working as a student leader, volunteering at Teen Court, and serving as an officer for multiple student-led clubs and organizations. With a strong interest in learning all about the legal system, Tamyia plans to attend law school and her ultimate career goal is to become a judge. Winning this scholarship gets Tamyia one step closer to achieving her goal of graduating debt free. She has been strategic about making decisions about her future by trying to avoid student loans.



“**This scholarship will help cover the cost of my academic expenses, and I am extremely grateful for this opportunity. Thank you to the Women’s Executive Council for all of your support.**”



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# Scholarship

## DAISY NGUYEN

Daisy Nguyen recently graduated high school as a top ten academic student of her class. She will be a first generation student attending the University of Central Florida, Burnett Honors College, majoring in biomedical sciences and minoring in Spanish. In high school, Daisy held a part-time job as an after-school care program counselor for a local elementary school and was involved with the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, and Advanced Placement Capstone program. She has extensively contributed to restoration, conservation, and maintenance efforts at the Oakland Nature Preserve, removing hundreds of invasive species, and served as front desk and outpatient laboratory assistants at AdventHealth Hospital, greeting and aiding visitors. Inspired by her cultivated passions in the classroom and community, Daisy plans to attend medical school to become a dermatologist. She ultimately aspires to restore health, strength, courage, and confidence in others through the complexities of skin, hair, and nails. The Women's Executive Council scholarship provides support for her textbooks, supplies, transportation, and time for activities tailored to her goals such as undergraduate research, shadowing, clinical experience, internships, and school organizations such as the American Medical Women's Association, and in turn, will improve the quality of life for countless patients to come.



BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES  
SPANISH



“**Thank you for this scholarship! I am able to purchase my textbooks, school supplies and help with transportation expenses. I can fully concentrate on my undergraduate research.**”



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# Scholarship

## GULIANNA PEDROZA

Gulianna Pedroza is currently pursuing her Associate in Arts degree in General Business at Valencia College, with an ultimate major in International Business. Gulianna is active in her service to the Honors Student Advisory Committee within Seneff Honors College and the Honors Program overall. Between her work with Orange County Public School elementary schools, cleaning her community, and volunteering at Nemours Children's Hospital, Gulianna spends her free time working to improve the lives around her. Her career goals include traveling around the world, working for a corporation that allows her to contribute positively to the planet.

Gulianna's ultimate goal would be to own her own company and to also establish non-profit organizations to aid communities globally. This scholarship will empower Gulianna to attend university without the additional stress of tuition costs and personal bills.



**VALENCIA COLLEGE** GENERAL BUSINESS

“I am empowered to attend college without having the additional stress of tuition and personal expenses. Thank you!”



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Executive Council  
*Scholarship*

**ASHLEY PEITZ**

Ashley Peitz is going into her second year at Valencia College and is a part of the Seneff Honors College. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa; the honor society for two-year colleges. After obtaining her A.A. she plans to transfer to UCF and complete her Kinesiology degree. Her career goal is to become a successful physical therapist by attending grad school and obtaining both her Doctorate in Physical Therapy and Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Medicine. Outside of classes, Ashley volunteers with Spay the Strays, New Hope for Kids, and the McCormick Research Institute. Currently, Ashley works as a certified personal trainer and fitness instructor, but unfortunately, experienced a loss of work due to COVID-19. The Women's Executive Council Scholarship will allow her to continue pursuing her dream career by allowing her to keep a full schedule of classes at Valencia. In her free time, Ashley loves to work out by doing aerial fitness and playing with her cats Pepe, Oliver, and foster cat Fifi.



KINESIOLOGY

VALENCIA COLLEGE

“**Thank you Women's Executive Council for this opportunity as well as everyone who has ever doubted me in my life. That made me stronger and able to face any challenge that comes my way.**”



# Scholarship

## DEBORA PELUZZO

Debora Peluzzo is an international student at Valencia College. While studying here, her professors provided guidance that led her to study psychology. However, Debora's desire to help people goes beyond psychology. She enjoys immersing herself in communities that need aid. Since arriving in Orlando, Debora has participated in volunteering activities sponsored by churches and animal shelters, for instance, Love & Charity Spirit Center and Orange County Animal Services. Debora recently started a path to become a researcher at Seneff Honors College and she will eventually pursue an M.A. degree in psychology at UCF. Being granted this scholarship is an immense help to Debora because, as an international student, she faces higher expenses than U.S. students might. As a result, this scholarship has lightened her financial burden and provided significant support for Debora to continue her educational journey.



VALENCIA COLLEGE PSYCHOLOGY

“This scholarship has lightened my financial burden and has supported my educational journey. Thank you!”



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Executive Council  
*Scholarship*

**FABIANA ROJAS**

Fabiana Rojas will be attending Valencia College, majoring in Graphic Design. Playing musical instruments, drawing and practicing soccer are some of the activities she enjoys doing. She has served her community by volunteering at the after-school program at City of Orlando Dover Shores Neighborhood Center, math and science tutoring centers, community clean-ups and also at the non-profit Goodwill. Fabiana's career goals are to graduate as a Graphic Designer with a minor in Marketing or Sociology, and to be able to influence people through her creations, using her art as a platform to create awareness and advocate for change. This scholarship will not only ensure she will be able to finish her degree and graduate but give her the opportunity to continue her educational journey at the University of Central Florida. The Women's Executive Council Scholarship will help Fabiana achieve all of the educational and career goals she has set for herself.



**VALENCIA COLLEGE** GRAPHIC DESIGN

“**The Women's Executive Council Scholarship will help me achieve all of my educational and career goals.**”

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# Scholarship

## ERIN RUSSELL

Erin Russell is a junior at the University of Central Florida, majoring in Health Science, with a pre-clinical track. After graduation, she plans to attend medical school with the ultimate goal to become a pathologist. Erin is a member of the Theta Sigma chapter of Alpha Xi Delta, having held the positions of Academic Achievement Director, APR chair, Philanthropy Events Chair, and Karaoke for a Cause Finance Committee. She also volunteers with Metropolitan Ministries, preparing food donations and assisting in the thrift store and the Community Food Pantry, sorting food donations, preparing groceries to distribute, and distributing food to families in need. Erin also serves Hope Helps by preparing food donations, sorting clothes donations, and assisting in the thrift store. As Erin is paying for her college herself, this scholarship will go a long way in helping her focus on her coursework.



University of  
**Central  
Florida**

HEALTH SCIENCES  
CLINICAL TRACK

“Being recognized as a 2020 WEC scholarship recipient will allow me to focus on my coursework. I am supporting myself in the pursuit of my education to become a Pathologist.”

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Executive Council  
*Scholarship*

**EMAN SALEH**

Eman Saleh begins her college career this fall at the University of Central Florida, pursuing her Computer Engineering degree with a minor in Studio Art. Her hobbies include drawing, painting with watercolors, swimming, and learning about the theme park industry. Eman has tutored students in math and reading at her former elementary school and currently volunteers as a teacher with Aisha Cultural Center. Upon completing her bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering, she plans to work in the theme park industry following what she hopes will be an internship at either Disney, Universal, or Lockheed Martin. The Women's Executive Council 2020 Scholarship will not only help her pay for classes and fees but will allow her to upgrade her computer.



COMPUTER ENGINEERING  
STUDIO ART

“Thank you for this support! I can pay for classes and upgrade my computer.”



Women's  
Executive Council

# Scholarship

## SHEINA SENAT

Sheina attends the University of Central Florida majoring in biomedical sciences. She is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa and an active Quiz Bowl player. She competes on subjects such as composers, history and literature. She has volunteered at Orlando Health providing patients beverages. She aspires to become a cardiologist to help families that have any heart related diseases through the emotional journey. In the United States, Black communities face a higher risk of heart disease and she wants to be a part of the few Black doctors that brings awareness to the community. This scholarship will help in her journey of getting to medical school.



BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

“This scholarship will help give me a boost in my journey towards getting to medical school.”

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# Scholarship

## KAILEE SERRANO

Kailee Serrano is attending the University of Central Florida majoring in Social Work. She graduated from Professional and Technical High School, where she participated in many clubs such as the National Technical Honor Society and Interact for Rotary. Her community service includes working with students in intensive and gifted reading classes at Saint Cloud Middle School. She worked closely with several students helping and guiding them through their academic struggles. She also volunteered at Give Kids the World, where she had the opportunity to meet and interact with amazing kids. Her career goals include working with children in the Social Work field. This scholarship will allow her the opportunity to focus more on education and less on her financial situation. She is beyond grateful for this opportunity, and everyone involved who worked to make this happen.



“This scholarship will allow me to focus more on education and less on my financial situation.”



# Scholarship

## ISABELLA WILHELM

Isabella Wilhelm will be attending the University of Central Florida as an architecture student. During her studies at Valencia College, she was an active member of the Seneff Honors College, where she held the position as the Vice President of the Honors Student Advisory Committee. Isabella's love for sustainability and serving her community prospered after participating in Service Learning, where she interned for the Beyond 34 initiative, the United Nations Association of Orlando, and the City of Winter Park Sustainability Department. Through architecture, she hope to become a transformative engine for change in the design field, creating architecture that inspires, motivates, and serves the community. Her longer term career goals include earning a Master's of Architecture from Washington University, UC Berkeley, or Harvard. Ultimately, Isabella aspires to opening her own construction company with the singular mission: to create architecture using the most energy-efficient materials to help transform the community and serve its surrounding environment. This scholarship will help her fund her career, open doors for mentorship from empowering women, and will help move her one step closer to achieving her personal mission.



## ARCHITECTURE



**“Thank you for this scholarship. Not only will it help fund my career, but it will open doors through mentoring from empowering women.”**





# Women's Executive Council

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In 2013, the Board of Directors created the 1972 Society to reflect the heart of the Women's Executive Council - *Embracing and Empowering Women to Serve Central Florida.*

Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1,972.00

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