Arts Advocates 2023 Scholarship Recipients



Danny Bó Delongaig

Danny is a two-time recipient of an Arts Advocates scholarship. He is entering his senior year at Baldwin Wallace University where he is majoring in music theatre. In a letter of recommendation, Danny's directing teacher stated, "[He] can work with both

his head and his heart, and express himself with creativity and fearlessness." Upon graduating, Danny plans to audition in New York City.



Colin Leonard

This is Colin's third award of an Arts Advocates scholarship. He will enter his junior year at Oberlin Conservatory of Music studying for a degree in music with a minor in environmental studies. Colin's goal is to improve the world by combining musical performance,

teaching, and composing with his passion for conservation.



Lillian Fox

Lillian is receiving her second Arts Advocates scholarship. She will be asophomore at the University of South Florida where she is pursuing adouble major in studio arts and dance performance. When she graduates in 2026, she plans to audition for ballet and modern

dance companies while continuing her passion for the visual arts.



Wilderley ("Will") Mauricette

Will, who is majoring in film, will enter his senior year at Ringling College of Art + Design this fall. He received a first-place award at a recent film festival as an emerging filmmaker. Will is one of very few students

that completed a full-length feature film ("Monopoly Money") while attending school fulltime. His film was shown at the Sarasota Film Festival and other film festivals around the world.



Maria Medina

Maria discovered her passion for music at an early age in Cuba. Maria graduated from Florida State College at the top of the music program. In spring 2022, she won the FSC Piano Division. Maria wants to integrate Hispanic musical roots in the areas of film scoring and music for media. Her dream is to work on a movie soundtrack.





Emma Pritchett

Emma, a two-time recipient of an Arts Advocates scholarship, is studying at the University of South Florida's School of Architecture. This spring, for her final design course, she produced a mock World Expo pavilion and a musical dome. Emma is particularly interested in

being a role model for young girls to enter the field of architecture.



Mehak Sandhu

Mehak, a graduate of the Booker High School Visual & Performing Arts Program, plans to enter college this fall to major in fine arts. Mehak is focused on the marketing and business side of art and looks forward to creating an online presence in the art world. Her goal is to use

social media to market her work and eventually have her own studio.



Noelle Prouty

Noelle is interested in studying how art influences our understanding of nature. In the fall of 2023, she will enter her sophomore year at the University of Florida Honors College majoring in art and biology. She plans to pursue a career in medical or biological illustration,

perhaps in a museum, hospital, botanic garden, university, or research setting.



Samantha Tanelli

Samantha will enter college in the fall to major in fine arts and illustration. She plans to write and illustrate children's books. Samantha's goal is to inspire people to explore their emotions, reduce anxiety, increase self-esteem, and resolve

conflicts they may be experiencing.



John Quigley

This is John's second year as an Arts Advocates scholarship awardee. John is a military veteran who will enter his junior year at the Ringling College of Art + Design majoring in illustration/digital art, preparing for a career as a concept/storyboard artist. Within his body of work

are pieces that encapsulate moments in time from his military service.



Danae Tran

Danae, who graduated from Booker High School, will major in violin performance. Danae has attended FSU's Music Camp, Sewanee Summer Musica Festival in Tennessee, and the Brevard Summer Institute in North Carolina. At the age of 10, Danae was

selected to participate in the Perlman Suncoast Super Strings Program. Danae hopes to become a member of a prestigious orchestra.