

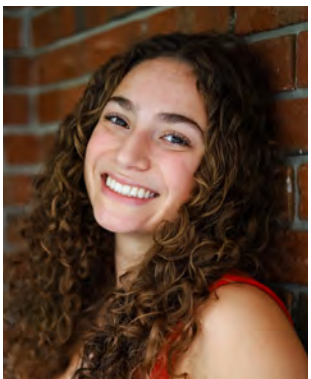
# MEET OUR 2025 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



**Maria Medina Almaguer** is Almaguer is a three-year Arts Advocates scholarship awardee studying piano at Berklee College of Music in Boston. Achievements this year include the Berklee World Tour and Thrive and Latin Grammy Foundation scholarships. During the summer of 2024 she performed at Viva Peru Fest celebrated at the Disney Auditorium at Lake Eola Park in Orlando. Her major is contemporary writing and production with a film and media scoring minor.



**Emmalee Bunnell** is a two-year Arts Advocates scholarship awardee studying dance at Marymount Manhattan College. In addition to achieving a 4.0 GPA, she works as a pro apprentice for Platinum National Dance Company. She travels around the country on weekends, stage managing the dance competition and assisting choreographers. She joined a club at MMC where they work with women at Bedford Hills State Prison who are enrolled in college courses. She hopes to teach her first choreographed piece to the women there ... the idea is that despite who we may appear to be on the outside, or what our past has held, there is always space for movement and within that, healing.



**Vivianna Coppa** is a first-year Arts Advocates scholarship awardee. Coppa is a sophomore musical theatre major at Jacksonville University in her fourth semester of study. Last fall, she played a lead role in a student production and has contributed to set and costume design in campus productions. Her goal is to pursue a career that bridges performance, directing, and production across multiple art forms.



**Lillian Fox** is a four-year Arts Advocates scholarship awardee studying at the University of South Florida pursuing a major in studio arts with a painting concentration. She had the opportunity this year to curate and showcase in a gallery exhibition at USF. She and three other students created a multi-disciplinary exhibition called Open Locked Door. She also started a mural painting business with her mother, Stephanie Guevara, called Foxy Fine Art. Together they have painted murals at two elementary schools in Bradenton, a pediatric dental office, a rental home, and a local restaurant.

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**Harrison May** is a first-year Arts Advocates scholarship awardee and graduate of Venice High School. He will pursue a Bachelor of Arts in music performance for tuba. He was the tuba section leader for the Venice High School Marching Band for two years. He has participated in USF and UCF honor bands as well as All County and All District Band. He is the principal tuba in the Sarasota Youth Philharmonic, and volunteers his time to mentor and coach young, aspiring musicians with the Sarasota Youth Orchestra.



**Noelle Prouty** is a third-year Arts Advocates scholarship awardee and is continuing her studies at the University of Florida, majoring in both art and biology with a minor in entomology. She worked as a student assistant at the Florida Museum of Natural History's Butterfly Rainforest. She aspires to pursue scientific illustration in graduate school and as a career, ideally in a museum, aquarium, or botanical garden setting, with the aim of helping others see the wonder in our world and the importance of protecting it.



**Samantha Tanelli** is a third-year Arts Advocates scholarship awardee and attends Ringling College of Art and Design. She was chosen to showcase her work in the Ringling Art and Design art gallery show. Her career aspirations are centered on illustrating children's books and creating an inclusive art studio for children. Tanelli is a volunteer for Embracing Our Differences and works with preschool children. Her goals extend beyond personal success to a broader mission of advocacy and education in the arts.



**Danae Tran** is a third-year Arts Advocates scholarship awardee. She studies violin performance at Stetson University. Tran is the concertmaster of the Stetson University symphony orchestra, chamber orchestra, and she is the leader of the prestigious chamber music ensemble The Barron Quartet. She will perform as a soloist for this year's Carnegie Hall competition winners' concert. She plans to pursue a master's program for violin performance and obtain an orchestra job.