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We are proud to support these outstanding young talents, and to present them with a total of \$22,000 in Scholarships. Here are the Recipients in alphabetical order:



## Emily Cain

Emily is near the completion of her 5-year program at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute pursuing design architecture and exploring photography. She is a previous Arts Advocates scholarship recipient. Emily's recommendations reflect her as "a gifted and dedicated designer and

recognize her as an emerging architectural voice." Emily is a Dean's List student. In the Summer she interns at an architectural and engineering firm.



## Pablo Gonzalez

Pablo is a student at Parson's/The New School in New York City and 2021 is the third year in which he has received an Arts Advocates Scholarship. Pablo is considered a serious and self-confident student. He majors in Communication Design and is delving into how

to communicate using a multi-disciplinary approach. Pablo is a prolific creator of his art and portrays a great potential for success.



## Sophia Coscia

Sophia is a senior at Booker High School, Visual and Performing Arts Program. She will attend Carnegie Mellon University in the Fall where she will pursue a BFA degree in Theatrical Production & Design. She ultimately plans to be a Projection Designer for theatre and other spaces

such as exhibitions, installations, and immersive experiences. Sophia is our first scholarship awardee in this field of the arts.



## Colin Leonard

A senior in the Visual and Performing Arts Program at Booker High School, Colin will attend the Oberlin Conservatory of Music in the Fall. Colin is a jazz tenor saxophonist and plans to major in jazz performance. He also enjoys composing and hopes to take composition

courses. He is co-founder of the jazz quartet 'Loose Change'. The quartet plays at least three times a week at local restaurants and private events.



## Thaleia Dasberg

Thaleia is currently a sophomore at Barnard College of Columbia University, and a second year Arts Advocates Scholarship winner. She is interested in the creative intersection between poetry, dance and movement in theatre. She hopes to create immersive theatrical experiences based on poetry and movement that addresses themes of identity and disguise, reality and deception, and how we know (and don't know) the difference.

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## Zaine Lodhi

Zaine will be a junior at Ringling College of Art and Design. His career goal is to become a Visual Development artist.

These artists work in film, television, games, and practically every form of commercial media. Mr. Lodhi says he is thriving in

the Ringling College atmosphere. A talented illustrator he is gaining mastery of his narrative work.



## Zoe Nikirk

Zoe Nikirk's lifetime passion for art led her to study studio art and art history in the College of Arts and Architecture, Florida International University. Zoe is applying to an arts business program at her school, known as the Arts + Design Incubator, which will teach her to design a

product or business, market herself, and to sell both her artwork and products. She plans to design a product to aid in college suicide prevention and mental health awareness through the arts.



## Luca Stine

Luca is a jazz trumpeter, classical violinist, and a composer. He attends the University of Miami Frost School of Music, where he is majoring in jazz trumpet performance and minoring in classical composition. After obtaining his degree he plans to pursue both masters and doctoral degrees in jazz trumpet performance. He performs locally in Miami with the Eric Stern Quartet and the Luca Stine Trio.



## Markella Wagner

Markella Wagner is a student in the creative writing program at the Ringling College of Art and Design. This writing degree program is designed to support, empower, and honor young writers. She is a first time Arts Advocates

Scholarship Awardee. She intends to pursue a career in Young Adult (YA) literature and in the past year she had an article in the New York Times.