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## NEWSLETTER

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### New Board Member

#### Welcome Garrison Grey!



Please help us welcome the newest member of our Board of Directors, Garrison Grey!

Garrison Grey, a South Florida native, is a Architectural Project Manager with Song + Associates. His role involves managing substantial construction projects, including a \$30 million portfolio for the School Board of Broward County. Beyond his career, Garrison is passionate about mentorship, and was a mentor with the Viner Community Scholars Foundation before joining the Board of Directors.

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### Mentor/Donor Appreciation



On September 28th, we held a Mentor/Donor Appreciation Event to thank all those who make our mission possible. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated group of mentors and donors. Their commitment to our cause and the invaluable contributions they make enable us to do what we do and help so many students. Special thanks to Keshet Gallery and Dvash Mediterranean Fusion for sponsoring the event.

To view all pictures from the event, please click the button below.

[Event Pictures](#)

## Viner Scholar Alumni Updates



**Andy Toussaint**

Andy was part of the Viner Class of 2022 and graduated from UCF with a degree in Engineering. Since graduating, Andy started working with Harris Civil Engineering where he is a Civil



**Macarena Gonzalez**

Macarena was part of the Viner Class of 2019, and after attending FSU for undergrad, she went on to UF and completed her Master's to become a Speech Language Pathologist. She is now working

Engineer. He is responsible for designing and handling the feasibility of everything underground on new developments. This includes drainage, potable water, and sanitary pipe systems to site designs like ground gradients and parking lots, Andy says: "I never forget to tell people how much the Viner's Foundation made college possible for me when I speak about my time in school."

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## Alexandra Giraldo

Alexandra was part of the Viner Class of 2020 and graduated from UF with a degree in Economics. She is now a third year law student at the University of Florida Levin College of Law on a full merit-based scholarship. During Law School Alexandra has interned under a Federal Judge and has accepted a job at a prominent law firm in Miami that she will start after graduating in May and passing the bar. Looking back at her time as a Viner Scholar, Alexandra said: "I owe a significant part of my achievements to the Viner foundation's unwavering support and belief in my potential. This scholarship not only allowed me to graduate from undergrad with honors but also paved the way for my legal education. Without the financial freedom this scholarship provided, my journey to become a lawyer would have been a much more daunting endeavor. It is because of your support that I am

supporting bilingual students with speech therapy services in small towns in Colorado where there is not an abundance of Spanish-speaking providers. When asked about the Viner Scholarship Program, Macarena said: "When I graduated, I was committed to giving back to Palm Beach County after the support that the Viner program gave me"

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## Mia Szymonowicz

Mia was part of the Viner Class of 2021 and graduated from FSU with a degree in Psychology. She is now a third year dental student at UF. She volunteers providing free dental care to low-income patients, primarily reaching out to the Latin American community and mentoring pre-dental students. Once she graduates, Mia hopes to have her own practice in which she can continue to reach out to the community and give back to the many people who would benefit from dental health care. When asked about her time as a Viner Scholar, Mia says: "I am very grateful to The Viner Scholarship for supporting me with my Undergraduate Education that allowed me to reach this point in my career."

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on the cusp of realizing my dreams. Thank you for being an essential part of my success."



## Tyler Gin

Tyler was part of the Viner Class of 2022 and graduated from FSU with a degree in finance. He stayed on at FSU and just graduated in August with his MBA. He is now working for a commercial real estate appraisal firm while he pursues his appraiser license and real estate license. When talking about his academic achievements and current career, Tyler said: "none of it could have been possible without the Eda and Cliff Viner Scholars Foundation."



## Orel Yoshia

Orel was part of the Viner Class of 2020 and graduated from Florida Polytechnic University with a degree in Computer Science and continued on at Florida Poly to complete her Master's of Computer Science in May 2022. When defending her Thesis, Orel presented her project at a conference where she won first place in the Master's Paper competition and had her paper published. Orel is now working as a Data Analyst for the Institutional Research and Effectiveness team at Florida Polytechnic University. She is also an Adjunct Professor and teaches Introduction to Data Science.

To read more Viner Scholar Alumni updates, please click the button below.

[Alumni Updates](#)

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We want to thank our generous benefactors who have graciously donated to create scholarships for our Viner Scholars

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