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2024 Awards Ceremony



On Sunday, May 19th, we held our Awards Ceremony to welcome in our newest class of Viner Scholars. This year we awarded a record high of 41 new students with a 4 year scholarship. We also celebrated our recent Viner graduates. Thank you to all who attended and made this event possible.

Congratulations Viner Scholars Class of 2028 and 2024 Viner Graduates!



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Congratulations to our 2024 Graduates!



Eureka Appolon

Eureka graduated Magna Cum Laude from FAU with a Bachelors in Biological Science. She is taking a gap year and then will be pursuing her Master's degree. "I am truly thankful to all who made this possible!"



Donia Beau-Frere

Donia graduated Magna Cum Laude from FSU with a degree in Risk Management and Insurance. She will be staying at FSU to get her master's degree in Finance. "The Viner Scholarship played a major impact during my time here at Florida State University. It released the financial burden that college places on students so I am very thankful for the Viner Scholarship. In addition, I appreciate everything that Viner Scholars has done for me these past four years. Thank you all so

much!"



Alice Assi

Alice graduated Summa Cum Laude from FAU with a Bachelor's of Arts in Criminal Justice. She was able to enter the Jumpstart program and began pursuing her Masters in Criminology and Criminal Justice at FAU during her senior year. After getting her Masters, Alice plans on attending law school. "The Viner Scholarship was everything to me. I am so thankful for all the support from everyone including my mentor. It if wasn't for them, I wouldn't have attended college because my family couldn't afford the costs. I am so excited to have graduated debt free and with honors. Viner showed me that everything is possible and to never give up!"



Katelyn Harness

Katelyn graduated from UCF with a Bachelors of Science in Political Science with a Pre-Law track. After graduating, she will be starting as an Independent Advisor with Florida Financial Advisors. "The Viner scholarship meant the world to me. Being mentored by Tom Mersh really gave me an outlet to reach out to, one that was well educated and I could trust with anything. This scholarship allowed me to succeed and thrive in my environment and propelled me forward in my studies."



Melissa Charret McGuinness

Melissa graduated Cum Laude from UF with a Bachelor's degree in Health Sciences. She will be starting at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry in the fall. "Thanks to the Viner Scholarship, I was able to pursue an undergraduate education debt-free, thus allowing me to dream of a higher education and my dream career. As the only child of a single, immigrant mother, this scholarship has meant the world to me and my family. Thank you Viner Family!"



Carlos de la Torre

Carlos graduated Magna Cum Laude from FSU with a Bachelor's in Clinical Professions. He plans on working and volunteering in the medical field and applying to medical school. "It was a privilege being a Viner Scholar since it allowed me to further my education and pursue my future goals of continuing a higher education in hopes of becoming a doctor. None of it could have been possible without the Eda & Cliff Viner Scholars Foundation."

Childie D'Aout

Childie graduated from UF with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and French & Francophone Studies. She was awarded the Dean's Medal for Excellence in Liberal Arts & Sciences. In the future she would like to become a lawyer. "I am incredibly grateful to the Eda & Cliff Viner Community Scholars Foundation for all of their support. University has not always been easy, and life has hit me in ways that have made college emotionally draining and a fight to the end. The Viner team have stood by me through it all, believing in and encouraging me throughout these four years. I am infinitely grateful."



Claudia Gonzales

Claudia graduated from FSU with a degree in Sports Management. She will be moving to Tampa where she will be working with major sports teams. "I am extremely grateful for the opportunity Viner gave me, as they were a big part of me receiving this degree."



Roberline Jean Louis

Roberline graduated from UCF with a double degree. She received a Bachelor of Science in both Criminal Justice and Psychology, Clinical Track. She is currently working as a 911 dispatcher and is planning on attending graduate school. "The Viner Scholarship blessed me with an opportunity to achieve new lengths and obtaining two degrees debt free which I don't know how I would've done without Viners. The constant support and motivation and connecting me with a mentor that also supported me every step of the way was an honor and I am extremely grateful for the way Viners has changed my life."



Susi Maldonado

Susi graduated from USF with a Bachelor's Degree in Forensic Science and Justice Studies. "The viner scholarship means everything to me. I would not have been able to get my education, much less graduate debt free, without them! They opened doors for me that might have stayed closed otherwise and I am forever grateful."



Neissa Philemon

Neissa graduated with Dual Honors and Magna Cum Laude from FSU with a Bachelor's in Public Health. She is planning on working in the healthcare



Uranie Jean Pierre

Uranie graduated from FSU with a Bachelor's in Risk Management and Insurance. She will be continuing at FSU, pursuing her Master's in Criminology. "Being a Viner Scholar taught me that the sky in not the limit. Viner is a family and takes care of their own. If not for my Viner family, my college experience would not have been as great."

field while she prepares for medical school. "It was an incredibly valuable opportunity that took a lot of the financial burden that comes with college, which allowed me to focus on other aspects of my academic career."



Megan Rimpel

Megan graduated Cum Laude from FSU with a Bachelor's in Public Health and Interdisciplinary Social Science. She is eager to dive into working in the field of public health with future aspirations of pursuing her Master's. "Being a Viner Scholar was an amazing experience because it allowed me to focus on my studies without worrying about the financial burden university can place on students. I am so appreciative of what the Viner Scholars Foundation has done for me and many other students from my community."



Elika Hashemi

Elika graduated Cum Laude a year early from UCF with a Bachelor's in Health Services Administration. She will be moving to the UK to start a

Masters program in Control of Infectious Diseases at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. "The Viner Scholarship enabled me to pursue academic and personal goals that I wouldn't even dream of otherwise. Studying abroad, graduating early, and gaining acceptances to some of the top public health schools in the country/world are all formative experiences that would not have been possible for me without the financial and emotional support of the Viner Foundation. I am endlessly grateful for their generosity, and hope to someday provide future generations similar opportunities. Thank you so much Eda and Cliff Viner!"



Shelby Walter

Shelby graduated a year early from FSU with a Bachelors of Science in Human Development and Family Sciences, along with minors in Chemistry and Biology. She will be moving to Colorado and working as a Medical Assistant while she prepares to apply to grad school to become a Physician's Assistant. "This scholarship was truly such a blessing for me and



Sydney Salk

Sydney graduated a year early from UCF. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelors of Science in Psychology and a minor in Sociology. She will be applying to grad school to become a mental health counselor or school counselor. "My Viner scholarship has given me so many opportunities and my family and I will forever be grateful for the Viner family. I have been able to form a wonderful relationship with my mentor Marianne and without her guidance, I wouldn't be where I am today. My college experience would have been completely different if it weren't for this foundation and I am forever grateful for this opportunity."



my family, and it has given me so many opportunities. I am forever grateful for the Viners Scholars foundation, and for my mentor, Leigh Lipp. I have never felt short of encouragement throughout my 3 years at Florida State, and I am excited to see what my future holds. My college experience would have been entirely different without this scholarship to guide me along the way, and I am forever thankful for the generosity of this foundation."



Claudia Bleicher

Claudia was part of the Viner Class of 2020 and has now graduated from Hofstra Law School. She is now studying for the New York Bar exam, and in September she will begin working as an Associate at a General Practice firm on Long Island.

Philipp Belyaev

Philipp graduated a year early from FSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics. He plans on furthering his education by attending a graduate program next Fall. He will be working for the State of Florida as a healthcare analyst. Passionate about renewable initiatives, Philipp has worked as a bicycle mechanic at FSU Sustainable Campus to help students maintain sustainable means of transportation. "I am incredibly grateful to the Viner Foundation for granting me the unique opportunity to attend college debt-free, thus allowing me to explore various academic interests without worrying about finances. I am also thankful for my wonderful mentor, who supported me throughout college and was always ready to offer his advice when I needed it."

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