



NEWSLETTER

2026 Awards Ceremony

On May 31st, we hosted our annual Viner Scholars Awards Ceremony, welcoming our **newest class of scholars** and celebrating the accomplishments of our graduating seniors.



This year marks an incredible milestone: we awarded **54 four-year scholarships**, our largest class to date! These outstanding students represent **11 local high schools** and will be attending **11 public colleges and universities across Florida**.

Thank you to all who joined us in celebration!



None of this would be possible without the **generosity and dedication** of our **sponsors and mentors**. Their commitment to investing in the next generation is what makes the Viner Scholarship program so impactful, and **we are deeply grateful** for their continued support.

Congratulations to the **Viner Scholars Class of 2030!** We can't wait to see all you'll achieve.

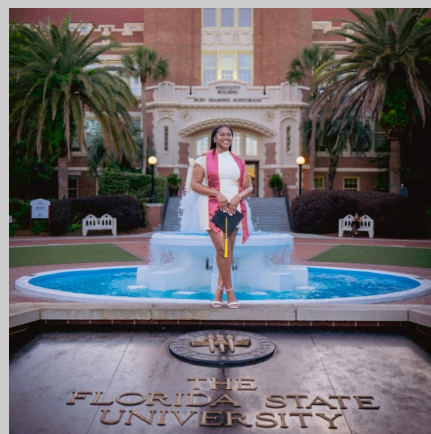
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Congratulations to our May 2026 Graduates!



RyKizzyah Williams

RyKizzyah graduated Summa Cum Laude from FAMU with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. RyKizzyah will be joining



Rose-Berthe Pierre-Louis

Rose-Berthe graduated from Florida State University, a full

Delray Medical Center on the Surgical Inpatient floor as a Registered Nurse, with plans to pursue her Nurse Practitioner license after her first year of practice.

"What the Viners scholarship means to me is 'Family.' The Viners family have been great to me throughout these last four years. Mrs. Eda and Mr. Cliff have welcomed myself and my family with open arms."



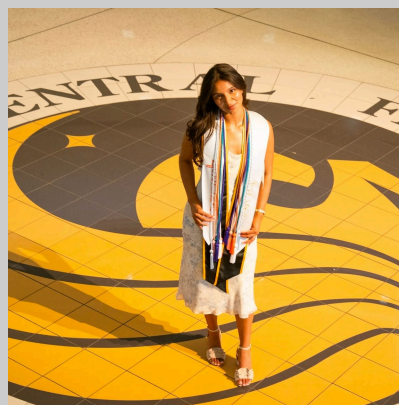
Mateo Sanchez

Mateo graduated from FSU with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. This summer Mateo will be working as an Engineering Intern at Integrated Solutions for Systems (IS4S). In the fall he will be pursuing his Master's degree in Automotive Engineering at the Polytechnic Institute of Turin, Italy.

"The Viner Scholarship made it possible for me to complete my Bachelor's Degree debt-free and without taking on any student loan. I am incredibly grateful for the doors and opportunities this scholarship has opened up for me. I would also like to thank Ricardo Baraybar, my mentor, for his guidance and for

year early, with a degree in Criminology

"The Viner Scholarship played a huge role in my success in college. From giving advice and supporting me in the doubtful times to the financial aid that was provided. My mentor was amazing and I met her because of Viners. It gave a first generation college student like me a support system away from my home and gave me opportunities to connect to other students like me. I am so grateful for the Viner Scholarship seeing the potential in me and my future."



Amy Garcia

Amy graduated from UCF with a degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. This fall, Amy will attend USF to pursue her Doctorate of Audiology

"The Viner Scholarship is something I will forever be grateful for. I was able to complete all 4 years of college with no debt and that meant I could focus on school to meet my goals and be successful. Along with the mentor program I knew I had the support if needed. This has been an amazing opportunity!"

providing advice not only for college, but for life in general."



Mia Stanimirovic

Mia graduated from UCF with a Health Science pre-clinical diploma. She will be attending the PA program at NSU Jacksonville to pursue her dream of becoming a Physician Assistant!

"I have truly enjoyed being a Viner Scholar for the past four years. I am incredibly grateful for the scholarship and the immense financial and academic support I received. Having an amazing mentor like Lori to guide me has been invaluable. Because of the Viner Scholarship, I was able to study abroad, finish my undergraduate degree, and get accepted into a PA program. My time at UCF was an amazing experience and I am so grateful. Thank you so much for everything."



Amelia Angove

Amelia graduated from the University of Florida a full year early with a degree in Criminology. She will be attending FSU to pursue her Master's in Criminal Justice Studies with the goal of working for a sheriff's office.

"The Viners Scholarship meant everything to me. I had peace of mind throughout all of college knowing I would not have to worry about any debt and that I had no boundaries to my learning. I felt overwhelmed with the amount of care and support this scholarship has given me as well as the wonderful people provided to me. I am beyond grateful for this scholarship and all the resources it has brought to me. It has opened an endless amount of doors and also knowledge I can keep with me forever!"





Daylerh Campos Colmenares

Daylerh graduated from the University of Florida with a double major in Finance and Economics and a minor in Wealth Management. He will be starting his role as a Financial Planning Resident at Cornerstone Wealth Advisors and has been accepted into the Master's in Accounting program at Nova Southeastern University.

"The Viner Scholarship was more than just financial support; it was a vote of confidence in my potential. It allowed me to focus intensely on my rigorous double major and professional certifications without the constant weight of financial stress. Being part of a community that values education and professional growth motivated me to push further... I am incredibly grateful for the foundation the Viner Scholars program provided as I transition into my professional career."

Ben-Gina Fantaisie

Ben-Gina graduated Magna Cum Laude from Florida State University with a B.S. in Political Science and African American Studies. This fall she will be attending Mercer School of Law to pursue her dream of becoming a lawyer.

"The Viner Scholarship means so much to me because it gave me the support I needed to focus on school and grow into who I am today... This scholarship helped me financially and opened doors for my future. I am truly grateful for the belief and support from Viners that helped shape my journey. Eda & Cliff Viner Foundation, I love you."



Aaliyah Ali

Aaliyah graduated Cum Laude from the University of Central Florida with a B.S.B.A. in Marketing and a B.A. in English, Creative Writing. She will be working for Walmart as a Senior Analyst in their Merchandising Development Program.

"Being a Viner Scholar has meant the world to me. Beyond allowing me to graduate with two degrees debt-free, I've found the most amazing support system between the Viners family,



Nylah Pierre Louis

Nylah graduated from Florida State University, with a degree in Public Health with a minor in Psychology. She's now setting her sights on a career that puts her education to work.

"I am very grateful for being a Viner Scholar and the check-ins to keep me updated on my progress."



Caleb Curtis

Caleb graduated Cum Laude from UF with a Bachelor's in Public Health and a Minor in Health Disparities in Society. He will be working at Oak Hammock at the University of Florida as a CNA and continuing research at the VA while he works on applying to med school.

"The Viner scholarship meant pursuing an education free of

volunteers, students, and especially my mentor. Now as I'm leaving the program as a student and into alum, I can only hope that I can give back as much as I received from this program in mentoring my own student!"



Cristina Mendez

Cristina graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in English. She will be taking a semester off before pursuing her Master's in Information Sciences at FSU or USF.

"Without the Viner Scholars, I am not sure I would be who I am today. Through their financial aid and mentoring (Shoutout Gay Gordon, she's the best!), I not only managed to navigate through all four years of university but I also had great support that proved beneficial every single year. My mentor, Gay Gordon, proved to not only be my personal cheerleader, but also someone who would ask me the right questions that eventually led me to finding a path on to the perfect career for myself. I am eternally grateful for the aid from the Viners and I could not thank them enough. I went from a fearful high school senior facing a brand new world to a college graduate eager to

financial stress. It has allowed me to focus on my undergraduate education and extracurriculars for personal development. I especially enjoyed working with my mentor, who guided me throughout my college journey. I received exceptional support from Niki and Christy, which made my experience with the organization more impactful. I am very grateful for this scholarship."



Fiorella Bermeo

Fiorella graduated Summa Cum Laude from FAU with a degree in Environmental Science. She will be joining Kimley-Horn, a civil engineering firm, as a civil analyst in the Surface Water Team.

"I'm deeply grateful for the Viner mentorship program, which has paired me with Jenny an amazing mentor and friend. Her guidance throughout my four years at FAU has been instrumental in my growth."

learn about the world! What a crazy fast four years it has been!"



Emilio Avendano

Emilio graduated Cum Laude from the University of Florida with a degree in Computer Engineering. This summer, he heads to Texas to join PACCAR as a Software Engineering intern. This fall, he returns to UF to pursue his Master's in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

"To me, the Viner Scholarship represents an opportunity to further pursue one of the most impactful and defining parts of life, education. I am deeply grateful for the support that the foundation has provided in helping me achieve this by providing the mentorship and funds that have led to me graduating."



Tonny Salomon

Part of the Viner Scholars Class of 2025, Tonny has now graduated with a Master's of Finance from the University of Miami Herbert Business School. He will now be joining Truist in its Leadership Development Program on the Credit Track.

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