

The Tom Hope Media Scholar Program..

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"It's nice to know that there are a core group of people who have a passion for the same interest and you're all here locally. Most of the time with scholarships, the award is sent in the mail and that's it, but I really enjoyed the portfolio review and the ceremony."

Olivia Fullerton
Finger Lakes Community College
2023 Tom Hope Media Scholar



The portfolio review was really helpful – a lot of outside opinions. In animation, a lot of times, things get lost inside an echo chamber, so it's nice to step outside and have fresh eyes on things.

Quamae Newsome
Rochester Institute of Technology
2023 Tom Hope Media Scholar



"I felt proud to be welcomed into a community of filmmakers and media makers. Everyone made me feel welcomed and appreciated. I enjoyed the conversation and feedback I received. I am honored to be a Hope Scholar."

Amanda Spencer
Roberts Wesleyan University
2023 Tom Hope Media Scholar



I'm honored to be nominated and be involved in the legacy of Tom Hope. I met him when doing a video with Dan Reardon. He was awesome – so nice and extremely humble. It was nice to get to know him and his insights on film making.

Timothy Pratt
SUNY Brockport
2024 Tom Hope Media Scholar

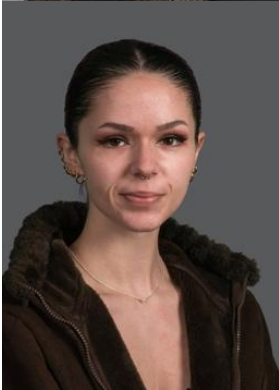
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It's been really interesting to hear different opinions from so many different people. I think that's really unique from being in school environment to now going into a professional world and hearing professional opinions and expertise.

*Jenna Blakeslee
Monroe Community College
2023 Tom Hope Media Scholar*



It's so fulfilling. And it creates those meaningful connections that I've been looking for.

*Nicolena Scibona
SUNY Brockport
2022 Tom Hope Media Scholar*



The portfolio review has been fantastic. Having anybody look at your work is always very important to producing content in the future.

*Mitch Steedman
St. John Fisher University
2023 Tom Hope Media Scholar*



It was such an enjoyable experience just to see their passion for the work that they have, being able to hear their feedback, their criticism and suggestions. And also for me to just observe the moment. Who knows what the future holds for every one of us.

*Rocio Ruiz
SUNY Geneseo
2022 Tom Hope Media Scholar*