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# HOPE SCHOLAR NEWS

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## The Tom Hope Memorial Media Scholar Program Newsletter

### Hope Scholar Fund Donors for 2022:

\$1,100

#### The Hope Family

-Vince and Mary  
-Steve and Natasha  
-Dana and Jill

\$1,000

#### Tom Proietti

\$500:

#### Chris Pruszynski

#### Dan Reardon

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## Hope Scholars for 2022



Photo by Keith Bullis Left to right:

Bradley Martin, Rocío Ruiz, Ben Johnson, Cameron Fernandez, Nicolina Scibona, Olivia Wilson-Luffman, Ari Carlo

With Covid behind us, we returned to a live, face-to-face Tom Hope Memorial Media Scholar Awards Ceremony on April 19. An estimated 65 people attended the event at the Irondequoit Conference Center at I-Square in Irondequoit.

### Fundraising for 2023

We ask for your Hope Scholar donation for 2023.

Our thanks to those who have already donated for 2023:

Tom Proietti	\$1,000
Dan Reardon	\$600*
Chris Pruszynski	\$600*
Wegmans Food Markets	\$300*

\* = Donation amount increased since 2022

All three of Tom Hope's sons -- Vince (Rochester, NY), Dana (Ohio) and Steve (Massachusetts) -- were there. Faculty, scholars, parents, grandparents, siblings, donors, friends, RAFAS Board members, and Hope Committee members also attended.

Based on the level of chatter throughout the room, it seemed that everyone was glad to be back together again, face-to-face -- renewing old friendships and making new friends.

**Thanks also to:**

**Lisa Gualtieri Alford of Canon, USA** for donating the Canon Camera Kit that was raffled off at the Awards Ceremony. The raffle raised \$325, which helped offset the cost of food for the Award Ceremony.

**Dixon Schwabl + CO, and staffers Brit Lui and Ann McAllister** for providing their beautiful conference room for the Portfolio Review, and for contributing their expertise as guest professional reviewers.

**Mark Crane and Mark's Pizzeria** for donating pizza and wings for the Portfolio Review.

**Envision Productions** for video recording student interviews and producing the 2022 Portfolio Review Video.

**RIT's Magic Spell Studio and Dave Sluberski** for providing the use of their sound mixing theatre to allow us to properly appreciate the sound design work of Hope Scholar Olivia Wilson-Luffman.

**Keith Bullis** for providing a professional quality portrait of each of our Scholars, and also photographing the Award Ceremony.

**WGSU-FM (89.3) Geneseo, Mike Saffran, and Hope Scholar Rocio Ruiz** for providing the use of the WGSU radio studio and recording the voice track for the 2022 Portfolio Review Video.

The program included recognition of our donors and in-kind contributors. We viewed the *Tom Hope Story* video narrated by Don Alhart, and the new *Hope Scholar Portfolio Review* video, produced by Envision and narrated by 2022 Hope Scholar Rocio Ruiz.

The scholars each introduced and showed their video projects to the audience.



Keynote speaker Tom Proietti, St. John Fisher's Media Scholar-in-Residence, was engaging and entertaining, both in his presentation and in chatting with folks throughout the room during the reception and afterward.

Tom Proietti and St. John Fisher Media Director Cecil Felton  
Photo by Keith Bullis

Tom presented award certificates and stipend checks to each 2022 scholar:

- **Ari Carlo**, (MCC, nominated by Jason Flack)
- **Cameron Fernandez** (St. John Fisher, nominated by Cecil Felton)
- **Ben Johnson** (Roberts Wesleyan, nominated by Romy Hosford)
- **Bradley Martin** (University of Rochester, nominated by Joe Loporcaro)
- **Rocio Ruiz** (SUNY Geneseo, nominated by Mike Saffran)
- **Nicolina Scibona** (SUNY Brockport, nominated by Ginny Orzell and Marsha Ducey)
- **Olivia Wilson-Luffman** (RIT, nominated by Dave Sluberski and Don Casper)

2020 Scholars Kaitlyn Wilson (Brockport) and Josh Ramos (Fisher) also attended. They were formally recognized and presented with a duplicate of their award certificate from 2020 – the year we had to cancel the ceremony at the last minute because of Covid.

A raffle for the Canon Camera kit donated to us by Canon USA Account Manager Lisa Gualtieri Alford raised \$325. People who bought raffle tickets donated their tickets to our scholars. The camera was won by Hope Scholar Bradley Martin.

Special thanks to Fred Armstrong, Keith Bullis, Joanne Casey, Maryann Cianciotto, Wayne Coughlin, Shawn Essler, Dan Groth, Vince Hope, Mike Nolan, Chris Pruszynski, Dan Reardon, Paul Tracy, Taylor Whitney and Bridgette Yaxley for their work in planning and carrying out our 2022 Hope Scholar Award event.



## Tom Hope Memorial Media Scholar Fund Donation

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### **Levels of Giving:**

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Chris Pruszynski  
 Tom Hope Memorial Media Scholar Fund  
 3 Waterworks Lane  
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**When you donate via a check, 100% of your donation goes to the Hope Scholar Fund.**

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**When you use this option, PayPal retains a portion of your donation as its service fee. Please also return this form to Chris Pruszynski at the above address, or at [pruszynski@aol.com](mailto:pruszynski@aol.com) to receive your receipt and proper recognition of your donation.**

RAFAS (Rochester Association for Film Arts and Sciences) is a 501c3 tax-exempt public charity, so your donation may be tax deductible. You will receive a receipt that you can use when you prepare your income tax return.

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**Questions? Contact Chris Pruszynski at [pruszynski@aol.com](mailto:pruszynski@aol.com)**