



# Tom Hope Memorial Media Scholar Program

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## Scholar Awards Ceremony Cancelled

The Tom Hope Memorial Media Scholar Awards Ceremony scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> has been cancelled due to the corona virus epidemic.

“I am deeply disappointed that we will not be able to celebrate with our scholars, faculty and friends at a face-to-face, in-person award ceremony this year,” said Hope Scholar Program Director Chris Pruszynski.

“However, given the current corona virus situation, there is no way this ceremony could go on without threatening the health of all attendees.”

“We will send an award certificate and stipend check to each scholar via the U. S. mail,” he said.

“And we’ll be producing a video to provide our Hope Scholars with at least some measure of the recognition we had planned to give them in April at the now-cancelled Award Ceremony,” he said.

Tom Hope Memorial Media Scholar Awards are presented annually to select area college students who have done outstanding work in audio, video, film or digital communication.

The 2020 Tom Hope Memorial Media Scholars are:

- Hannah Butcher, a Genesee Community College student from Albion, NY.
- Isaiah Gates, a Rochester Institute of Technology student from Buffalo, NY.
- Dylan Martin, a Monroe Community College student from Rochester, NY.
- Josh Ramos, a St. John Fisher College student from Rochester, NY.
- Madeleine Robbins, a SUNY Geneseo student from Islip, NY.
- Emma Schaale, a University of Rochester student from Greenwich, CT.
- Kaitlyn Wilson, a SUNY College at Brockport student from Washingtonville, NY.

The awards are named in honor of the late Tom Hope, a nationally recognized Rochester area pioneer in the use of film and video.

Each Tom Hope Scholar receives mentoring opportunities, a cash award, and recognition at the annual Tom Hope Memorial Media Scholar Award Ceremony, usually held in April.

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