

ALYSSA SANGEETA JACOBSON SCHOLARSHIP

NEWSLETTER



Alyssa Sangeeta Jacobson Scholarship is named in memory of Alyssa Sangeeta Jacobson, who passed tragically in November, 2019. Alyssa was committed to living a self-sufficient life and discovering her passions. Her determination to pursue education, earning undergraduate and graduate degrees by age 22, enabled her to live consistent with those commitments. Alyssa was kind spirited and grateful for the support she received in her life. Likewise, she would hope others could have support to achieve their goals.

This scholarship provides \$2,000.00 a year, and may be renewed for up to four years, depending on the degree or certificate program. Students that are involved in the dependency or delinquency system and members of Future Leaders and Girls Coordinating council are encouraged to apply.

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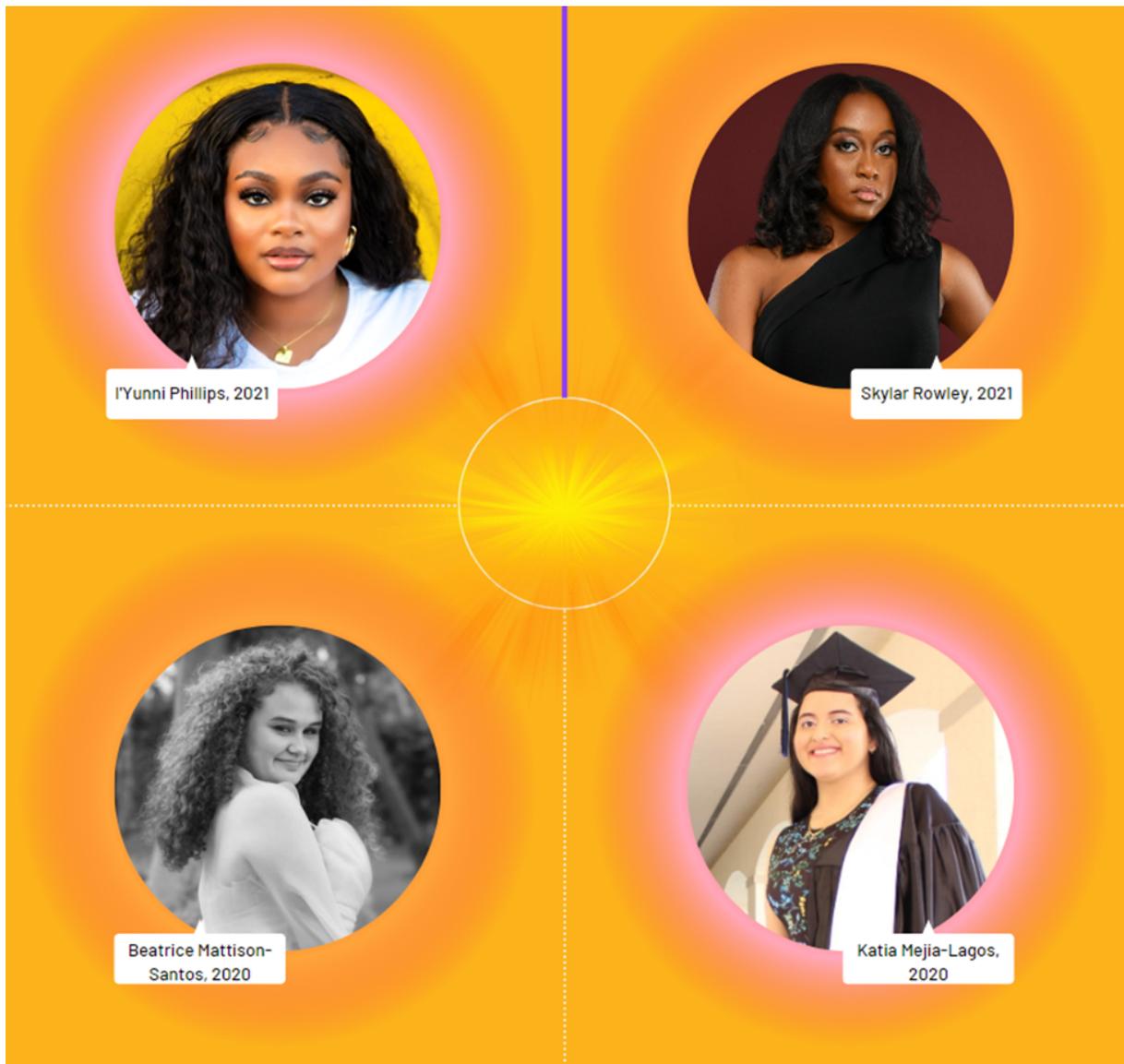
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*“You deserve to put **yourself**
FIRST...
Everything else can follow”*

- Lyss

INTERVIEW WITH THE 2020 AND 2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



In 2020 and 2021, four recipients were awarded the Alyssa Sangeeta Jacobson (ASJ) Scholarship. At the time, scholarship amount was \$1,000/year for up to four years. In 2022, the scholarship was increased to \$2,000/year for up to four years. The increase is being applied to all recipients.

1. I'Yunni Phillips (University: Tallahassee Community College, Public Relations)
2. Skylar Jamilah Rowley (University: FAMU, Broadcast Journalism)
3. Beatrice Mattison-Santos (FAU, Neuroscience and Behavior)
4. Katia Mejia Lagos (Palm Beach Atlantic, Nursing)

The ASJ Scholarship Committee has regular contact with the recipients. We have learned that Beatrice Mattison-Santos (2020) has completed her associates degree at Palm Beach State College and is now enrolled at Florida Atlantic University studying Neuroscience and Behavior.

Beatrice (pictured below shared with us that *"The Alyssa Sangeeta Jacobson scholarship has given me confidence and security throughout my first year of college. With Covid -19 taking the world by surprise it seems that not a single person hasn't felt its effects."*

Whenever class would get frustrating because I simply don't understand the material or simply having a hard time still adjusting to the new world around us I remember the individual who believes in my success. The ones who have so graciously blessed me so that I may pursue my dreams of attending university. This scholarship pushed me everyday to continuously be a better person than I was the day before."



Katia Mejia Lagos (pictured labove has completed her bachelor's degree in nursing at Palm Beach Atlantic College and is working on her boards.

Katia has dedicated her studies and her successes to her family, those present with her and her angel brother who overlooks and guides her.





10 TIPS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

BY SKYLAR ROWLEY

1. Do not forget your ultimate goal.
2. Do not compare yourself to your peers (when it comes to joining clubs or doing things on campus)
3. Get Involved on campus when you're ready
4. Take your time to get to know your college's campus
5. Get a planner to become more organized
6. Create a schedule and focus on time management skills
7. Do not get 8AM classes! They are not the same as waking for High School classes.
8. Find friends within your major. You all can create your schedules together so you all can help each other out.
9. Always keep emergency cash! You never know when something may happen.
10. Get to know your professors and build a rapport with them. You will always need them for something in the future.



MEET THE ASJ SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**PAXTON BRUTUS,
FAU- NEUROSCIENCE**



**MCKENZIE COOPER,
UF- SPORTS MANAGEMENT**



**BEN-GINA FANTAISIE,
FSU, BIO. SCIENCES**



**HUMBERTO SIGLER
FINALES,
FAU- PSYCHOLOGY**



**CALEIYAH LAWS,
FAMU, PRE-OCC. THERAPY**

2022



MEET THE 2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

On May 25th, 2022 five students out of 52 applicants were awarded the ASJ Scholarship. Each student was unique in their struggles, their accomplishments and their vision for themselves.

Paxton, who will be entering his second year at Florida Atlantic University shared how his parents have inspired him. He said: *"I've seen them work day in and day out to give me a better opportunity no matter what circumstances we find ourselves. My mom does this above and beyond what you would call normal. With the unconditional love I've received I will make her proud. I think it is important to know it is not about where I've been or where I've come from but where I'll go and what I'll become."*





Mckenzie will be attending University of Florida to study sports management and minor in sports journalism. Mckenzie recognizes the village that has stepped up allow her to accomplish her goals. She recognized the love and dedication of her grandmother and the support of the dedicated staff at Student Aces. Mckenzie was also involved in Glades Central High School sports medicine/ team management and the marching band.





Ben-Gina, a member of Scholar Career Coaching, expressed her gratitude to all the people who have been supportive in achieving her goals.

Ben-Gina love fashion! "*I sometimes make custom pieces from my old clothes and wear them to school. I've made my first day of school outfit, my senior pants, my FSU pants, and more..... I also have an interest with graphic designing. I design graphic tee shirts and I design websites. ."*





Humberto will be entering his second year at Florida Atlantic University studying psychology.

Humberto shared *"I get inspired by those around me all the time. My first inspiration came from my parents. They were people who started from 0, and worked really hard for years to get to where they are today. I'm inspired by my relatives, who despite their living conditions in Cuba, continue to push through life one day at a time. Lastly, I'm inspired by my friends who continue to shape and mold me through our shared experiences as teenagers'/young adults."*





Caleiyah will be attending FAMU and will major in allied health science: pre-occupational therapy.

Caleiyah shared "I am grateful to be a recipient of this scholarship. Being chosen for this has shown me that besides struggles, I represent ambition and my passion to exceed expectations. Because you all were able to visualize my preservations of my many unseen and unheard personal struggles, I will use this to invest in my greatest potential."





Thank You!

**For being a part of the
Alyssa Sangeeta Jacobson Scholarship
and for keeping the memory
of Alyssa alive through your:**

**Donations
Mentoring
Motivational speeches
Support to the family
Spreading the word and name of Alyssa
Spreading kindness**

***"Strive to Be Better.
Learn your value and live by it.
Be consistent.
Don't fear failure.
Relax and see the good in life."
- Alyssa***

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LIGHT**

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