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Meet the 2021-2022 Quadrangle Scholarship Recipients



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Isaiah Rosario is from Foxbury, New Jersey and is studying communication. Isaiah grew to love journalism in his senior year of high school and got involved in writing by reaching out to the local newspaper in his town. Since then, he has become a devoted journalist, hopeful that this scholarship will encourage him to continue becoming a great writer. Like most student journalists at Manhattan College, Isaiah's favorite part of writing for The Quadrangle has been networking. In such a short time, he's had the chance to network with well-known faculty at the college, such as the Dean of Business, Donald Gibson. Isaiah explained that even though the scholarship money has played an integral part in motivating him to do well in journalism, the love he has for the career makes the hard work all worthwhile. He stressed how being a college journalist has taught him the life lesson of never working in a field you don't enjoy.

"For people who are struggling, I would just find something that you love, find something that you don't consider just to do work, find something that you look forward to every single day going to. I look forward to writing these [articles] every single week, don't do something that you dread to do."



Karen Flores, a finance major, is a South Bronx native who became interested in becoming a student journalist after working as an editor for her high school yearbook. Karen finds the scholarship extremely helpful, considering writing isn't a skill frequently taught in the School of Business. She looks at the scholarship as more of a tool and less of a task that will help her keep her writing skills up to par, as she often spends time doing math in her courses. Other than networking and meeting many people on campus, Karen treasures The Quadrangle because of the atmosphere the student journalists provide. She explained how The Quad members provide a tight-knit community where someone is always there to help and motivate freshman writers. She advises that students who are interested in writing for the paper should reach out to The Quadrangle because the masthead is always available to welcome and guide new students.

"I think my number one goal would be to not be afraid to come to someone who's within The Quad because everyone is a resource there. While you may think that being in the newspaper is like another test and another hassle, you get to pick the pitches that you want, you get to pick who you can work with, so you're not ever going to be alone. You also find a sense of family or feel like you have a group of people that you can go to that share a common interest."

Mack Olmsted is a sociology major from Nassau County, Long Island. He found out about the Quadrangle scholarship from an email sent by the school and since becoming a recipient, has loved making memories and learning more about journalism. Mack's favorite part of working for the paper has been gradually meeting new people as he covers more stories and meeting student writers from various classes. His advice to students who are eager to get involved in college extracurriculars would be to manage time well to participate in clubs, all while doing well in courses.

"I just tell myself, there's a deadline and I just got to manage my time and make it work. I would just tell them [students] to make time for yourself, like there is time for breaks and work so you just got to manage it right."



Josh Grewal is from Toronto, Canada, majoring in computer science. Josh views writing for The Quadrangle as an amazing opportunity to improve his writing and an innovative way to get adjusted to working on a team that holds major responsibility. He states that the way computer scientists are responsible for developing technology, journalists are responsible for delivering news to the student body. In a semester with strict deadlines and complex math equations, Josh explained that he thrives in his academics and commitment to The Quadrangle by focusing on writing topics he's interested in, like exercise medicine. He says the way to excel in extracurriculars is to be passionate about the activity. More importantly, he advises students to put themselves out there to find which club they can succeed in.

"I would say to just go in and try new things, like I didn't think I'd be interested in joining The Quad. I just kind of took a leap of faith and found myself interested."



Angelina Persaud, a chemical engineering major was born and raised in the Bronx and got into journalism very early in life. In elementary school, Angelina was fascinated with storytelling and how people could express themselves through writing. Soon enough, she was pursuing journalism in high school and specifically fell in love with science journalism. Based on her experience, there was no doubt Angelina would apply for the scholarship. She shared that her favorite part of being a student journalist at Manhattan College has been speaking with many different members of the Jasper community, such as administrators, professors, and students. Her advice to students wanting to get involved with clubs, like The Quadrangle? Angelina recommends students manage their time for the sake of writing a well-written story and to always ask questions.

"Manage time and definitely pace yourself when it comes to articles because even if it seems like it could be quickly written, you don't want to rush things. Part of journalism is making sure you're telling a good, complete story so definitely pace yourself, always be willing to work with your sources and talk to them. Of course ask all the questions you could think of, there's no question that is too small for an article." ★

