

The Villagers announce 2022 college scholarship recipients



VILLAGER MARY BETH BURKE, CHAIR OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, IS PICTURED WITH UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI RECIPIENT HOPE KENNY. (PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF THE VILLAGERS INC.)

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The Villagers have awarded two \$5,000 scholarships to university students with an interest in historic preservation and restoration.

Hope Kenny is in her final year of the University of Miami's five-year School of Architecture program. With intern experience renovating and restoring historic properties, Kenny wrote in her application, "My passion for architecture goes hand in hand with historic preservation." She plans to remain in Miami after graduation, explaining, "My program introduced me to the beauty within Miami of older, more traditional and beautiful buildings."

Working on a master's degree in Historic Preservation from the University of Florida, **Nigel Rudolph** is committed to historic preservation in Florida. A Peruvian-American, Rudolph is expanding upon his undergraduate degree in cultural anthropology and a post-baccalaureate program in ceramics, as well as work experience as a cultural resource management archeologist and as an archeologist for the Florida Public Archeology Network.

As a preteen, Rudolph was significantly influenced by a visit to Machu Picchu. He said, "I experienced the preservation of material culture on my initial visit... this made a profound impact on my life." His post-graduation plans are to

focus on historic cemetery preservation, stating it is, "vital to protect these sacred landscapes."

Students were selected from the field of applicants based on scholastic standing, recommendations, samples of their work, and their statement of interest in preserving the architectural past.

Mary Beth Burke chaired The Villagers' Scholarship Selection Committee with Diane Lee, Anna Nasher and Wendy Zepernick.

"We are pleased to continue The Villagers' legacy of awarding scholarships to promising graduate students who focus on historic preservation," Burke said. "Supporting the educational efforts of bright students like Hope and Nigel will help protect and preserve our history for generations to come."

The Villagers is Miami-Dade County's oldest historic preservation organization, founded in 1966. The not-for-profit all-volunteer group has awarded more than 75 local organizations grants to fund more than 150 projects and hundreds of university scholarships to advance historic preservation. Through educating, advocating, fundraising, restoration, and documentation The Villagers work to preserve the cultural and architectural heritage of local historic sites and neighborhoods.

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