

# MINIATURE ART SOCIETY OF FLORIDA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT INFORMATION

## 2008

RECIPIENT	HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE
<b>ASHLEY M. COOLEY</b>	<b>BOCA CIEGA ST PETERSBURG</b>	<b>ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE CLEARWATER</b>
<i>ART STATEMENT:</i> Art is the window into someone's mind, it's how we express ourselves, no matter what the form. There is nothing else in the world so complex yet so simple. It's impossible to explain the splendid feeling I get from a completed piece of work in which I have successfully conveyed the message I wanted to express.		
<b>CAITLIN N. KAELBER</b>	<b>GIBBS – PCCA* ST PETERSBURG</b>	<b>UNIVERSITY of SOUTH FLORIDA TAMPA</b>
<i>ART STATEMENT:</i> Art is not simply the act of making marks on a surface or constructing a form, it is a way of thinking intelligently and creatively, it is problem solving. Art stimulates, develops, and nurtures elevated thinking. Art, for me, is a path out of mediocrity and unchallenging thought, so in turn I hope that my art inspires thought in the viewer. Whether they like or dislike my work, I hope it causes them to think, feel, and be mentally and emotionally stimulated.		
<b>JESSICA KNIGHT</b>	<b>GIBBS – PCCA ST PETERSBURG</b>	<b>RINGLING COLLEGE of ART &amp; DESIGN SARASOTA</b>
<i>ART STATEMENT:</i> Art can be imagination, manipulation, frustration, an avocation for a nation's liberation. It just depends on what you do with it. For me it's just fun...and what I plan on doing for my career.		
<b>ELAINA D. BERKOWITZ</b>	<b>GIBBS – PCCA ST PETERSBURG</b>	<b>UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA GAINSVILLE</b>
<i>ART STATEMENT:</i> Art is important to people around the world; not only as a way to preserve a society's values and history, but as a way to develop an individual's mind to think critically and independently about their place in the world. The most important thing I've learned from art is that I have the ability to see problems or situations from all sides and think critically about the most effective, productive, and creative outcome.		
<b>KELSEA GUSTAVSON</b>	<b>GIBBS - PCCA ST PETERSBURG</b>	<b>ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE ST PETERSBURG</b>
<i>ART STATEMENT:</i> Art is not only a form of self expression, but is also a state of mind. Art has influenced the way I perceive my surroundings, which helps me to illustrate my ideas to others. However, it is upon creating art for myself that I find the inspiration to continue to grow as an artist.		

\* = Pinellas County Center for the Arts

# 2009

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<b>LINDSAY NOEL RAPP</b>	<b>CLEARWATER CHRISTIAN CLEARWATER</b>	<b>PENNSLVANIA ACADEMY of FINE ARTS PHILADELPHIA</b>
<p><i>ART STATEMENT:</i> Art has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. My love for art was exposed to the world when I was three years old and I won my first public art competition. It was so exciting as a three year old to be interviewed on television and be awarded a Savings Bond at a special ceremony. Today, at the age of eighteen, I am even more passionate about art. It is my life. To me, art is putting ideas into images and delivering them with emotional impact. My goal is to put myself into the shoes of others and explore what they may see, think and feel in their hearts. With this empathy, I create art. My art is a reflection of life – one frame at a time. The best thing about a finished work of art is how the piece speaks for itself and takes on a life of its own. I appreciate how the unspoken “holes” in my art are filled with one’s individual interpretation based on their own vantage point in life. In August, I will begin college at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. I am really looking forward to this exciting chapter in my artistic journey. I am so grateful for the generous support given by the Miniature Art Society of Florida in helping me pursue my dream in the field of visual arts.</p>		
<b>RACHEL L. HARGRAVE</b>	<b>GIBBS – PCCA ST PETERSBURG</b>	<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE INSTITUTE of ART MANCHESTER</b>
<p><i>ART STATEMENT:</i> Art is a way of communication that everyone can understand. It is one of the very few universal languages, along with music and emotion. It is a mean of peace and understanding. I want to keep exploring and learning from this amazing language and push its limits. I want to discover new techniques, processes, and points of view. It is the one thing that is definite in my future.</p>		
<b>STEFANIE MOREHOUSE</b>	<b>GIBBS – PCCA ST PETERSBURG</b>	<b>UNIVERSITY of SOUTH FLORIDA TAMPA</b>
<p><i>ART STATEMENT:</i> Art is simply an expression of my complete and utter eccentricity. I use color and movement to “get out” all my feelings of happiness, frustration sadness, etc. All around me I see things begging to be captured: emotion, shape, situations that could not be given proper justice elsewhere. Certain things have just fascinated me since I was a toddler, such as the human body and presence of color. Above all, art is a stress reliever. Whenever I become flustered all I have to do is pour it out via pencil, pen, brush, anything that I can find. I do not know what I would do without such a wonderful way of expression such as the visual arts.</p>		
<b>KEVIN BROPHY</b>	<b>ST PETERSBURG COLLEGE TARPON SPRINGS</b>	<b>CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH</b>
<p><i>ART STATEMENT:</i> Ms. Kevin Brophy is the recipient of a Miniature Art Society of Florida, Inc. \$1,500 scholarship as an art student St. Petersburg College, Tarpon Campus. This scholarship will assist in her plans of pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Studio Art at the California State University, Long Beach. She intends to continue her focus on drawing and painting as she learns to explore and understand the many mysteries of art.</p>		

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<b>DEANNA M. SCHNEIDER</b>	<b>GIBBS - PCCA ST PETERSBURG</b>	<b>RINGLING COLLEGE of ART &amp; DESIGN SARASOTA</b>
<p><i><b>ART STATEMENT:</b></i> Beginning with my earliest memories, I have been passionate about my art and having art as a part of my life. The arts have fueled my life in a purposeful direction that has led me into new experiences, friendships, and dreams. Because I see my creative imaginings as stories and pictures in my head, my dearest dream is to become an animator. In pursuit of this dream I took after-school art classes and attended summer art-camps at my local Fine Arts Center. When I out-grew the Art Center's offerings for children, they created Teen Art Classes by invitation only but mostly for my benefit. While serving as a Student Assistant at the Arts Center, I met Dania Allen a local artist, who became a friend, mentor, and great inspiration. When it came time for me to start High School, I applied and was accepted at the Pinellas County Center for the Arts (PCCA) at Gibbs High School my county's Arts Magnet High School on the other side of the county. Although it would have been much simpler to follow my friends to my local High School, that would be average. My dream is not average; my dream is lofty, requiring dedication and sacrifice. I decided the quality of my Arts education was worth forgoing the safety of starting High School with well known friends and accepting an extended daily commute. All this hard work has paid off! I have been accepted as a Computer Animation major at Ringling College of Art + Design. A school regarded by many as the preeminent school for Computer Animation. I'm on my way! I'd like to thank the Miniature Art Society of Florida for their consideration and support.</p>		
<b>JILLIAN N. HARLAN</b>	<b>GIBBS – PCCA ST PETERSBURG</b>	<b>SAVANAH COLLEGE of ART &amp; DESIGN SAVANAH</b>
<p><i><b>ART STATEMENT:</b></i> The process of art-making is, for me, often much more satisfying than the final result. I love thinking of ways to overcome the challenges that my own work present me with. I am constantly researching other artists to see what inspires them and then trying out different media and techniques to find something new that inspires me as well. I will be attending the Savannah College of Art and Design this fall to major in Advertising Design and also to take courses in curating and fibers.</p>		
<b>JAMES A. KAUFMAN</b>	<b>SEMINOLE SEMINOLE</b>	<b>UNIVERSITY of SOUTH FLORIDA TAMPA</b>
<p><i><b>ART STATEMENT:</b></i> A graduate of Seminole High School and an alumnus of St Petersburg College's Early Admissions Program, James is honored to be receiving a MASF scholarship. The MASF scholarship will help fund a Bachelors of Fine Arts degree in Technical Theatre Production at USF. It is my experience that the Performing Arts, much like many other fields that fall under the category of Fine Arts, is under-represented in today's society. In my time as a stage technician I have been given the privilege of meeting and working with many talented artists and performers of diverse backgrounds. It is my goal to continue down the path of a Technical Director professionally, and most of all have fun doing it!</p>		