

# Rockley Family Foundation Scholarship

## 2018-2019 Scholarship Recipient



**Matteo  
Scher**

**Major: Management of**

**Musical Enterprises**

**Academic Year: Senior**

**Expected Graduation: 2019**

**Hometown: New York, NY**

Dear Mr. Rockley,

My name is Matteo Scher and I wanted to extend my thanks for being a recipient of the Rockley Family Foundation Scholarship fund here at Baruch College. I currently study music business, however I am a songwriter, artist and producer, currently working on a few projects at Warner Music and Sony.

I grew up surrounded by the arts and there was no question that I would follow my extended family and continue into the arts as well. However, I also come from a family of teachers, and so I was also surrounded by strong proponents of education.

This summer I had the opportunity to teach songwriting at SOCAPA, a summer camp in NYC. After teaching teenagers for just six weeks I walked out with a different perspective. Helping the kids was more rewarding than any of the shows I've played or songs I've released. I realized in the process that I've changed, from not only wanting be something, but to being someone that helps others. I now have goals of starting my own music related non-profit in the near future.

Thank you to your organization for promoting music education and the arts in general. And thank you for honoring me with this scholarship.

Best,  
Matteo Scher

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**Laina  
Tzanides**

**Major: Psychology and Music**

**Academic Year: Senior**

**Expected Graduation: 2019**

**Hometown: Brooklyn, NY**

Dear Mr. Rockley,

My name is Laina Tzanides and I am a recipient of the Rockley Family Foundation Scholarship. I want to personally take the time to thank you for this honor. The funds I have received from this scholarship have permitted me to chase my academic dreams.

I am currently a senior at Baruch College. I will be graduating in May of 2019 with a double major in psychology and music with a concentration in management of musical enterprises, and a minor in Spanish.

During my time at Baruch, I also took advantage of the student life opportunities available to students. I am a member of Phi Eta Sigma, a freshman honors society, and I am most notably a member of Blue Notes, Baruch College's co-ed a cappella group. I became the Vice President of the club during the second semester of my freshman year. I was President my sophomore year, and the music director during my junior year. As a senior, I have assumed the role of senior advisor, and I work alongside the new executive board of the club to ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities. I have learned a lot from my time with Blue Notes and my overall presence and involvement in student life affairs at Baruch College. I have gained priceless experience and knowledge regarding what it means to be a leader as well as the importance of teamwork. I have grown so much at Baruch, and it is thanks to families like yours whose generous donations allow students like me to be able to reach for the stars.

As I conclude my undergraduate career, I look forward to getting involved in the music industry. While my heart lies with music, I would love to one day be able to go back to graduate school to earn a post graduate degree in cognitive neuroscience or neuropsychology.

This scholarship has greatly opened my horizon of opportunity. In addition to my career goals, a personal goal I have is to one day be able to donate money to students as your family has done for me. I would love to be able to give a student the freedom which I have been so privileged to receive.

Many thanks,  
Laina Tzanides

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**Macy  
Noyes**

**Major: Management of**

**Musical Enterprises**

**Academic Year: Junior**

**Expected Graduation: 2019**

**Hometown: Forest Hills, NY**

Dear Mr. Rockley,

My name is Macy Noyes and I am one of this year's recipients of the Rockley Family Foundation Scholarship. I study management of musical enterprises at Baruch and am expecting to graduate in December of 2019. I am very grateful to be awarded this scholarship.

I grew up in Beacon, NY and always knew I wanted to study music in New York City. I have loved music my whole life, but wasn't interested in being a musician. Baruch was the only sensible choice, given that it allows me to study both music and business in a way that makes sense for me. Baruch has given me all the classes and tools I need to succeed in New York's music business scene. Last semester I completed a semester-long internship for Sony Music Entertainment. This opportunity allowed me to use what I learned at Baruch and apply it directly to the work I was doing at the office. I have also been lucky enough to have classes with professors and peers that have given me nothing but support during my time at Baruch.

Again, thank you so much for such a generous scholarship. This contribution has allowed me to continue to learn about what I love so I can eventually make a difference in the music industry. Without this scholarship, I wouldn't have been able to take on the internship opportunities that I had. It has instilled me with faith that no matter where I am or what I am reaching to accomplish, I am always being looked after and supported.

Best Regards,  
Macy Noyes

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## 2018-2019 Scholarship Recipient



**Ilona  
Klosowska**

**Major: Management of  
Musical Enterprises**

**Academic Year: Senior**

**Expected Graduation: 2020**

**Hometown: New York, NY**

Dear Mr. Rockley,

Thank you for awarding me the Rockley Family Foundation Scholarship. For the past four years, I have been a student at Baruch College majoring in management of musical enterprises. As I enter my final year of study, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your generosity. I am both delighted and honored to receive this award that allows me to pursue a higher education as well as take advantage of the countless opportunities Baruch offers.

Immigrating to the United States from a less economically successful country and encountering financial and academic challenges helped me realize the importance of education and the value of a college in the society. After many years of financial planning, I consider myself fortunate to be able to attend Baruch College that offers one of the finest programs in the country.

My study years have fostered my intellectual curiosity and creativity. I have gained enormous access to educational and social opportunities and have met inspiring professors who greatly impacted my life. Joining the Music Industry Club and staying in touch with fellow students have guided me to enriching knowledge and understanding of the major and the career I have chosen to pursue.

My plans at this stage are to gain expertise during my coming internship, complete a major in management of musical enterprises, and pursue a career in the entertainment industry.

Once again, thank you for your generous contribution to the Baruch community. By awarding me the Rockley Family Foundation Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden and that allows me to focus more on studying and achieving my lifetime goal. Your generosity has inspired me! I hope one day I will be able to help others to achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Best regards,  
Ilona Klosowska

# Rockley Family Foundation Scholarship

## 2018-2019 Scholarship Recipient



**Szymon  
Baum**

**Major: Management of**

**Musical Enterprises**

**Academic Year: Sophomore**

**Expected Graduation: 2021**

**Hometown: Brooklyn, NY**

Dear Mr. Rockley,

I am so incredibly grateful to be the recipient of the Rockley Family Foundation Scholarship. I have been working hard to make sure I get the best grades and I make the most out of my college experience, and moments like this make it all worth it. Thank you for recognizing my perseverance and work.

I am studying management of musical enterprises and I have chosen this field, because music is my passion. I do not really play any instruments, but I am very interested in the business aspect of music. I am also the treasurer of MIC (Music Industry Club), which I have been a part of for three semesters now.

As I go forward with my education, I will make sure to work twice as hard and use this scholarship to make my education and journey at Baruch even better. I am very thankful for your thoughtful gift. I feel even more motivated to keep learning and exploring all the resources at Baruch and in New York. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Szymon Baum