



2021 Binc Foundation Scholarship Winners

The Book Industry Charitable (Binc) Foundation is pleased to announce the award recipients of the 2021 Higher Education Scholarship Program. These eight scholarship winners were selected from applicants, representing, booksellers, comic shop employees and owners, dependents, and former Borders Books employees. These students received scholarship awards which will help them fulfill lifelong ambitions and achieve their professional dreams. Please read on to learn more about our 2021 Binc Scholarship winners.



MARIA GRANT Recipient of a \$5,000 Karl Pohrt Tribute Scholarship

SCHOOL: University of Arizona **MAJOR:** Library Science **BOOKSTORE:** Peregrine Book Company

Maria has worked in indie bookstores for the past ten years, which has been a wonderful experience and labor of love. She recently received her B.A. in philosophy while cheering her daughter on as she graduated from high school and is about to start her B.A.—a double achievement.

FAVORITE READING MEMORY: “My favorite reading memory is a conglomeration of every day when I read while eating breakfast and drinking my morning coffee.”



NIAMH DOHERTY

Recipient of a \$3,500 Binc Scholarship

SCHOOL: SUNY College at New Paltz

MAJOR: Visual Arts **BOOKSTORE:** Northshire Bookstore

Niamh plans to double major in marketing and visual arts. She hopes to strengthen her cognitive, social and creative abilities in order to make a leap into a career in marketing after graduation.

FAVORITE QUOTE: “The very least you can do in your life is to figure out what you hope for. The most you can do is live inside that hope, running down its hallways, touching the walls on both side.”

—*The Bean Trees*, Barbara Kingsolver



CALVIN FINLEY

Recipient of a \$3,500 Binc Scholarship

SCHOOL: Florida Gulf Coast University **MAJOR:** Mathematics **COMIC SHOP:** Feed Your Imagination

Calvin is the secretary of Leaders for Lovers Key, a registered student organization at Florida Gulf Coast University that works in partnership with Lovers Key State Park to advance goals of environmental education and advocacy to promote sustainability and help the environment of Southwest Florida. His main interests include basketball and computer programming.

FAVORITE QUOTE: “Never forget what you are, for surely the world will not. Make it your strength. Then it can never be your weakness. Armor yourself in it, and it will never be used to hurt you.”

—*Game of Thrones*, George R.R. Martin



HENRY FLEISHMANN

Recipient of a \$3,500 Binc Scholarship

SCHOOL: University of Michigan

MAJOR: Math & Computer Science **BOOKSTORE:** Serendipity Books

Henry spends much of his time thinking analytically, whether that be in regard to board games or computer science algorithms. He hopes to attain a Ph.D. in mathematics and computer science.

FAVORITE READING MEMORY: “I recently read John Green’s *The Anthropocene Reviewed* hoping to get some insight into the mind of one of my childhood heroes. His essays gave such an earnest description of human life that I spent two days curled up, absorbing his musings. Only a book can do that to you.”



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REBECCA KEITH

Recipient of a \$3,500 Binc Scholarship

SCHOOL: Vanderbilt University

MAJOR: Music, Psychology

BOOKSTORE: Books-A-Million

Rebecca is currently a member of Psi Chi International Honor Society, Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, and other service orientated organizations. She is also a crisis counselor volunteer at Crisis Text Line. In her free time she loves to read and play her oboe. She plans to pursue either a PhD in clinical psychology or a master's in social work.

FAVORITE READING MEMORY: "When I was in elementary school, my teachers used to confiscate books from me so that I would pay attention in class. I'm still like this—when I get wrapped up in a good book, I can't stop until I finish!"



ANNA LEEDY

Recipient of a \$3,500 Binc Scholarship

SCHOOL: Williams College

MAJOR: Music

BOOKSTORE: Brightlight Books

This year, Anna has been in two jazz ensembles and the chamber orchestra. She has also been part of the Christian Fellowship and the Williams Outing Club, where she enjoyed rock climbing and canoeing. In her free time she also enjoys birdwatching and stargazing. She hopes to become a music teacher.

FAVORITE QUOTE: "So loveliness reigned and stillness, and together made the shape of loveliness itself, a form from which life had parted; solitary like a pool at evening, far distant, seen from a train window, vanishing so quickly that the pool, pale in the evening, is scarcely robbed of its solitude, though once seen."

—*To the Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolf



ALISE SCHELLER

Recipient of a \$3,500 Binc Scholarship

SCHOOL: University of Delaware

MAJOR: Nursing

BOOKSTORE: A Likely Story Bookstore

Alise currently works at a large hospital near her campus. She hopes to graduate with her BSN in order to pursue a career in pediatric surgery. She was recently inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honors Society and is enrolled in the University of Delaware's honors program.

FAVORITE READING MEMORY: "Growing up spending days at my mom's bookstore."



NATHAN ZAWICKI

Recipient of a \$3,500 Binc Scholarship

SCHOOL: University of Wisconsin-Madison

MAJOR: Biomedical Engineering

COMIC SHOP: Collector's Edge Comics

When Nathan is not working or enjoying the nice weather, science fiction books keep him occupied. At the end of his senior year he was awarded the Scholar Athlete Award and named Mr. Racine Lutheran High School. He also received a Biblical Scholar Award.

FAVORITE BOOK: "My favorite series is J.R.R. Tolkein's *The Lord of the Rings* largely due to its immense detail, deep lore, and fantastical events."



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