



# Friends of the Bardwell Scholarships

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*Changing Lives One Degree at a Time*

## RBS Celebrates its Spring Graduates



**Chanel Cardine**  
AA HWC 2019

Graduating college proved to be a very difficult feat. Balancing a full time job, my studies, and friends and family, the finish line often seemed further than it was. At times it nearly felt impossible and I continually lost my ambition to succeed.

Looking back, I am impressed by the way I handled stressed and was able to pull through. I'm thankful to God, and for the help I received from The Wellness Center and Hedy Cohen.

Looking back at my journey through college, I am so proud I stuck it out and got my degree despite all the times I wanted to give up. I am proud, too, of my awesome grades and 3.5 GPA. I am proud to be have set a good example for my

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**Hafsi Yakubu**  
BS NEIU 2019

May 6, 2019, commencement, is one of the greatest achievements in my life. The path to a degree is a wonderful educational experience. The way to gain the knowledge that I needed was to go to school, and that is exactly what I did. It was a tough battle, but I made it. Education bestowed what I did not have in hand prior. Possessing knowledge has given my life purpose from which and the society and I will profit from.

Education in the U.S. has been challenging because I was not fluent with the language. I decided to enroll in literacy classes in downtown Chicago because I really wanted to start somewhere. Determination and hard work will surely take you where you want to be. After participating for few weeks at literacy class, the

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**Naila Opiangah**  
Bachelor of Architecture, IIT 2019

My name is Naila Opiangah and I am currently studying at Illinois Institute of Technology, majoring in Architecture. This semester is actually my last Spring semester as I get ready to graduate at the end of May. The journey to this day has not been easy. As for most students, I have overcome many obstacles which have made me resilient and very grateful.

I'd like to share something interesting about architecture school. When I first started college at Harold Washington, I expected to get a heavy amount of work. What I did not expect was that the next six years of my life would be defined and structured along making models and finishing up drawings all-the-time! As I reflect back on my time, it's

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quite hard to think of a time where I wasn't in the architecture studio, doing work, or most of the time, catching up on work. I am absolutely grateful for that experience because it taught me so much more than designing buildings or making cute presentation boards. It taught me patience, dedication, discipline and the attention to details.

I want to thank everyone who has helped me get to the end of this chapter of my life. I want to thank Bardwell Scholarships and its contributors for the support without which, I don't think I would have been able to make it this far. I am looking forward to practice what I've learned and to give back to my country, Gabon. I thank you all very much.

***Naila Opiangah***  
***AA HWC 2014***  
***Bachelor of Architecture, IIT 2019***  
***Bardwell Scholar***



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instructor recommended me to go to Harold Washington College and register for college classes. I registered, then began HWC. After a few semesters in Harold Washington College, one of the instructors introduced me to Ms. Hedy Cohen, the CEO of Roger Bardwell Scholarships. I explained to Hedy how I would not be able to pay for my classes. I was amazed the way Ms. Hedy handled my situation.

After few years taking classes at HWC, I transferred to Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, for my bachelor's degree. I graduated with Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

Hedy is one in a million. The world needs people like Hedy Cohen. Hedy helps not only with financial situations, but also encourages students, giving them strength when they feel they cannot make it. My life has changed with the help of Hedy and RBS supporters. Thank you very much for transforming the lives all over the world. Thank you, Hedy, and God bless you for planting the seeds of knowledge.

***Hafsi Yakubu***  
***AA HWC 2015***  
***BS NEIU 2019***  
***Bardwell Scholar***

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brothers and sisters being a first generation college student. Although it feels great to be done with this chapter, I know I have a very long way to go before I am settled into a career. This degree is only the foundation for the greater things I have yet to accomplish by improving humanity through the field of psychology.

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***AA HWC 2019***  
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***Naila Opiangah at***  
***IIT Graduation***



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# Bardwell Luncheon, Spring 2019



BardwellScholarsandsupportersproudly celebrated the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Bardwell Scholarship Luncheon on Friday, March 29, 2019. With entertainment provided by the Harold Washington College student jazz ensemble, scholars once again gathered to share their stories of experience, strength, and hope through the fellowship of mutual solidarity and the indispensable mentorship of RBS head founder, Hedy Cohen.

Biding for time as guests waited for lunch to arrive, scholars each spoke individually to talk about what RBS has meant to them, and to thank guest donors and attending HWC faculty for their ongoing support. Recently appointed HWC President, Dr. Ignacio Lopez, also in attendance, made a brief statement conveying how impressed he was with Hedy, the scholars, and RBS as a whole, and looked forward to seeing more great things from them in the future.

The annual RBS luncheon has become a cornerstone tradition for the scholarship, its beneficiaries, and supporters, as a rare opportunity for an ever-changing cohort of non-traditional commuter students to gather in person and demonstrate their solidarity and gratitude for membership in this program.

This year's current student and graduate attendees sharing their stories included Anthony Foster, Leonetta Clark, Asim Allakim, Johnny Phan, W. David Work, Jorge Taylor, Yunuen Rodriguez, Megan Galarza, and Tondalaya Smith

David Work



*Sue Burzawa, Kevin Coughlin, Julie Bowman, Jill Lending, and Holly Waterman*



*Shelley Sutherland, Ric Sutherland, and Dr. Ignacio Lopez*



*Betsy Uzzull, Logan, Shelley, Ric Sutherland, Joan Habanek, Cesar Rojas, Kevin Kipp, and Shirlene Ward*



*(L to R) Leanne Larrey, Jay Shefsky, Larry Marks, Mindy Ferber Lawrence Shefsky, and Elaine Shefsky*



*Shelley Sutherland, Stephanie Mathless, and Tondalaya Smith*



*Delilah Orizaba Iklitezilani Mazehuani, Alba Orizaba, Margarita Chavez, Mr/Ms Taylor (Jorge's parents), and Jorge Taylor*



# More from the Bardwell Luncheon



*Jorge Taylor*



*W. David Work and his daughter, Olivia*

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*back row- Anthony Foster, Leonetta Clark, Asim Allakim, Johnny Phan, W. David Work and daughter Olivia, HWC President Ignacio Lopez  
front row- Jorge Taylor, Ikiltezilani Mazehuani, Megan Galarza, Tondalaya Smith*

# SAVE the DATE!!!

4<sup>th</sup> Annual RBS Nights Out

Friday, August 23, 2019

Bookends and Beginnings,  
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Food, Music, Books, Fun

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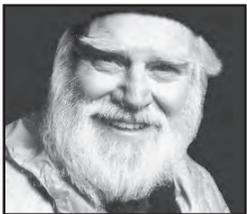
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