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Changing Lives One Degree at a Time

Current Bardwell Scholars



RBS Nia-Blessing Armstrong with Senator Dick Durbin.

Nia-Blessing Armstrong

Hello! My name is Nia-Blessing Armstrong. I graduated from Harold Washington College with a degree in Political Science. It is with great excitement that I am preparing for my next step toward attending a four-year university. I will be the first member of my family to complete a four-year degree. It wouldn't be possible for me to be here without the support of my mother, Hedy, and RBS. For that, I will forever be grateful.

This semester, I had the amazing privilege of interning for Senator Richard J. Durbin. Through this experience, I learned so much and made connections I will never forget. This internship has further inspired me to continue my studies in Political Science and I hope to run for office as an alderman within the next few years. I'm eager to see what the future holds and I'm so grateful to RBS for its support!

Nia-Blessing Armstrong, AA HWC 2022

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Marnee Ostoa

I was 19 years old when I first stepped into Harold Washington College. I had just married and was working full-time as a janitor. Like many of the students there, I attended my first semester with no prior knowledge of what it meant to be a Harold Washington College student. After my first year, with no financial or academic support, I was unable to continue paying for my education and I dropped out.

Sometime passed and I saved up some money to pay for another semester of school. This time, I was taking Social Sciences 101 with Larry Lesof and English 102 with Professor Jeffrey Daniels. Larry invested himself in my personal life and supported me through difficult times. Jeff invested himself in my education, introduced me to the Creative Writing Club and encouraged me to start the Night Student Advocates (NSA) at Harold Washington College. Starting the NSA club provided me with the opportunity to become part of a community of empowering students and mentors at HWC. Shortly after, I received the “Most Valuable Club” Award for NSA; my peers encouraged me to run for Student Government President and I won the election two years in a row.

However, my time at Harold Washington College was not easy, it took me 8 years to finish my degree after I first set foot on campus. During those 8 years I was in an abusive marriage, I helped my husband through chemotherapy, I became so poor there were days I couldn't afford to eat, I went through a divorce, I became a temporary legal guardian to my niece, I took care of my family through COVID, I helped my father fight pancreatic cancer, all the while battling PTSD and chronic depression.

But I was determined to persevere. I kept going to school and transforming my pain into energy for helping other students on campus. I kept going to school because I had a community at Harold who believed in me more than I believed in myself. With their help and the Roger Bardwell Scholarship I am standing in this picture 8 years later with a diploma in hand for an Associate's of Science at Harold Washington College.

Thank you Hedy Cohen, RBS, and everyone at HWC for helping me get closer to my dreams.

Marnee Ostoa
AA HWC 2022
Bardwell Scholar

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Megan Mia Galarza

Hello! My name is Megan Mia Galarza, I have been a RBS recipient for about two years going on three. I first was introduced to RBS scholarship through Harold Washington College. I am a non traditional student who never in a million years thought I would attend undergraduate school. With the support of RBS scholarship I was able to transfer to DePaul!

I am currently majoring in Peace, Justice and Conflict with a double minor in Gender Studies and Non-Profit Management. After almost two years of not seeing Hedy, we recently spent time together catching up over yummy bagel sandwiches. Eleven years ago I had no idea what to do with my life. I attempted to make a career out of retail. From

there I shifted to working with a non-profit. Due to the pandemic I was let go. However, with my admittance at DePaul University I now work for two on campus jobs. I also just relocated to the lovely neighborhood of Uptown. This has been an amazing supportive journey! I am now applying to study abroad to take advantage of my time at DePaul. I see my future pursuing a Master's Degree in therapy. I am 29 going on 30 and my journey proves that no matter what age you are, you can keep moving towards your goals.

Thank you!

Megan Mia
Mx.Megan Mia
DePaul Student
Bardwell Scholar



Hannah Rosenfeld

Hannah Rosenfeld is a non-traditional student who chose to return to college during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Previously a professional dancer, Hannah will be graduating from Harold Washington College this July with an Associate in Science degree. She will be transferring to the University of Illinois at Chicago this fall to complete her BS in Kinesiology, and her ultimate goal is to become a licensed physical therapist. Hannah is incredibly grateful to the Roger W. Bardwell Fund for their support, and she is happy to say that she is one step closer to completing her degree debt-free.

Hannah Rosenfeld
AA HWC July 2022
Bardwell Scholar

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Maria Rubi Amaro

On December 14, 2021 at 3:22 am I met Miguel Angel, my precious baby who came to change my life forever. As a first time mom, it's not easy raising a baby but I am learning each day and I am loving it. I am thankful to God and my mom who has taught me and guided me every day.

I am planning to return to school this Fall to finish nursing school. In the meantime I am working as a community liaison for Home Health. I appreciate everyone who has contributed to my education, God bless you.

*Maria Rubi Amaro
AA HWC
Nursing student at Malcolm X College
Bardwell Scholar*

Bardwell Alumni



Maria Esmeraldo Amaro

My name is Maria Esmeralda Amaro I graduated from Saint Xavier University in the Summer of 2021. I majored in Biology Pre-Health. I'm thankful for having known Ms. Hedy Cohen. If it wasn't for her I wouldn't have finished my school. Ms. Hedy has always been there for me. I currently work at AM Laboratory as a lab technician. I'm looking forward to what the future has for me. I'm planning on going back to school in the near future

*Maria Esmeraldo Amaro
HWC AA
St. Xavier University BS
Bardwell Scholar Alumnus*

Bardwell Alumni



Diane Richardson

I retired from Harold Washington College 5 years ago after working for City Colleges of Chicago 27 years. The last 12 years I was a College Advisor a job that I truly loved. I miss working with the students and my co-workers.

My 65th birthday was April 18th. I am now an official senior citizen enjoying life everyday. Most days I'm reading, watching television, playing bingo a couple times a week, visiting with friends and former co-workers on lunch dates and my favorite thing to do is love on my ten grandchildren and two great granddaughters.

Diane Richardson
AA HWC
BA NLU
MA NLU
Bardwell Scholar Alumna



Andrea Scaggs

Greetings, my name is Andrea Scaggs and I am a Bardwell Alumni. First, I would like to show appreciation and give accolades to Hedy Cohen for the support and resources she provided to help me pursue and accomplish my academic achievements. Previously, I was working for a community mental health and private practice agency. Now, I am currently working for the Chicago Public Schools providing educational support to students that have learning challenges.

Thanks to all the donors that make this possible for all the recipient's that are a part of the Bardwell Scholarship Community.

Andrea Scaggs
MA, LPC, NBCC
Bardwell Scholar Alumna

Bardwell Alumni



Dear RBS Community, After passing two years of isolation, I am excited to write to you. A month before the pandemic, I met the love of my life, Arash. Arash is a published author in Persian and English. He graduated from Berkeley University double majoring in Middle Eastern Studies and English Literature.

After eight months of dating, he proposed to me, and of course, I said yes. We sat in front of our laptops and connected to San Francisco city through zoom while exchanging our vows!

In my first master's at Stanford, I focused on research in international education. I recognized the gap between

research and policy. I read "Schools for Conflict or Peace in Afghanistan" By Dana Burde. The book is about researching Afghan Children's school textbook contents.

I learned how America's aid to education in Afghanistan bolstered conflict in the area; both deliberately in the 1980s through violence-infused, anti-Soviet curricula and inadvertently in the 2020s through misguided stabilization programs. She also reveals how dominant humanitarian models that determine what counts as appropriate aid have limited attention and resources toward education, in some cases fueling programs that undermine their goals.

Then I decided to study public policy, focusing on bringing peace, gender equality, and creative thinking in countries like Afghanistan through their schoolbook contents.

I applied to Stanford, Berkeley, UCLA, and Columbia University, and I was lucky enough to get acceptance from all of them.

I decided to move back to New York to study international relations and UN Studies at Columbia SIPA. I am planning to work for UNICEF after graduating from Columbia.

I do appreciate your great help and support. This accomplishment is your art and the fruit of your support. Please, please continue to change lives.

Here is a picture of us with Arash's Guide Dog for Blind, Tortilla.

Tamila Pashee
AA HWC
BA Columbia University
AA Stanford University
Bardwell Scholar Alumnus

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Tonja Girten

Dear RBS Family,

I am excited to report I earned my Bachelor of Social Work degree.

The journey was filled with many different emotions.

The one thing that held true was knowing I had a village cheering along the way.

Thank you again for your support.

I hope you are continuing to be well.

Tonja Girten

AA HWC

Aurora University, BSW May 2021

Bardwell Scholar Alumnus



Naila Opiangah

We are proud to partner with Chance The Rapper to bring you *Child of God* by Naila Opiangah to EXPO CHICAGO.

Chance met Naila on his first trip to Accra, Ghana at her s-tudio space in 2022 - they spoke about collecting art. The Rapper was skeptical in calling himself a collector because he associated it with the capitalistic practice of consumption and exploitation of visual artists. Naila and Chance discussed the parallels of exploitation in the music and fine arts industries -they spoke about the hurdles they faced being independent in worlds that commodify artists. The two challenged themselves to find ways to empower and create communities for both visual and musical artists - all while creating new works.

Child of God is a candid representation of the exchanges between two creatives of different artistic backgrounds, mediums and platforms. The piece values its process as much as its finished product. It's a visualization of their mirrored experience. *Child of God* is also a continuation of their very first discussion; it's a thesis on what the liberation of artists could look like - a metaphor on agency and freedom, and what happens when artists talk and build alone, together.

Naila Opiangah

AA HWC

BS IIT

Bardwell Scholar Alumnus

Bardwell Alumni



Yunuen Rodriguez

Hello. I trust that everyone is staying safe and is doing well. We all hope for a time when we can fully enjoy each other's company in-person. Until then, I will share a couple of brief written updates.

I'm tucked away in a far southeast corner of Chicago, Hyde Park, as it is steps away from where I just started my Ph.D. program - the University of Chicago's Crown School of Social Work, Policy, & Practice. My scholarship is my own grain of sand towards generating evidence in support of a much-needed comprehensive immigration reform. After setting this goal for myself 11 years ago, I finally achieved it. In retrospect, I know that it would have been extremely more difficult had Hedy not set me on this trajectory.

Right at the beginning of the pandemic I also reconnected with my high school sweetheart, Sarah Choy. Soon it became clear to us that we were not going to let another 17 years pass us by without formalizing the deep connection we still felt for each other - so we decided to tie the knot on November 14th, 2020. I love my wife deeply and I am very excited we were able to get married when this right has historically been denied to equally loving same-sex couples. Though it has been a long journey to get to this point in history, we recognize that it was because many people risked their lives living out of the closet that it is now possible for us to have our love legally recognized.

Fortunately, our marriage has also paved the way for me to now be a Legal Permanent Resident, and soon a US citizen, after living nearly 24 years as undocumented. I couldn't be happier at the thought that my life in the US is no longer in limbo. First stop for us will be Canada this summer. Here I plan to learn more about Latin American immigrants who settled in a French-speaking province after being pushed out of the US as a potential dissertation topic. We'll then head to Mexico City this fall where I can't wait to show my wife around and reconnect with family, friends, and a culture and people I sorely miss.

Yunuen Rodriguez

AA HWC

BA Beloit College

MA University of Chicago

Bardwell Scholar Alumna

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David Work

David Work (IIT PS '13) is working as a tutor in Oak Park. He just took on a new role as a workshop instructor for Robot City Explorers, a non-profit organization that presents STEM learning experiences for primary schools all over Chicago. His wife, Fran, is almost finished teaching her first year of second grade at Irving Elementary, where Olivia (age 6) is also in first grade.

David Work

AA HWC

BS IIT

Bardwell Scholar Alumnus



RBS Corey Hudson (holding the baby) with his family.

Corey Hudson

So what does it mean to be a Roger Bardwell Scholar? Being a Bardwell Scholar has been the epitome of all that family encompasses, hence, this is why I provided a picture of my family as an illustration. What began as a charge by academic pursuit became so much more. I became a Roger Bardwell Scholar in 2005. I, myself, was my only concern. Now, I am a husband and father and still feel as strongly connected to Hedy Cohen and The Roger Bardwell family as before. Through so many ups and downs, tragedy and triumph, I have had the pleasure of having Hedy Cohen stand by my side as a strong pillar of support, strength, love, and, in many cases hope. I graduated from Harold Washington College, then moved on to complete a bachelor's at The University of Illinois-Chicago, and even decided to join the United States Army afterwards, and Hedy Cohen and The Roger Bardwell Scholarship family has been involved in each endeavor on some level. As I stand in awe of my accomplishment, I give honor to The Roger Bardwell Scholarship family and Hedy Cohen for all of the support that I received in making my life what it is today. I am eternally grateful and indebted.

Corey Hudson

AA HWC

BA UIC

Bardwell Scholar Alumnus

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Bardwell Scholarships were established in 1998 to honor the memory of Roger W. Bardwell and to continue his work in public education. Most Bardwell Scholars attend Harold Washington College, one of the City Colleges of Chicago. Through their resources and the work of John Wozniak, Vice President of Harold Washington College, and Hedy Cohen, Program Administrator, students are helped to attend college and succeed in an academic environment.

Harold Washington College draws on a diverse urban population. Bardwell Scholars are adults with complicated lives, often balancing the needs of parenting, extended families and work while struggling with the complexities of low income urban life. Yet they continue to study and have the desire to succeed in college. The challenges are enormous, so students are assisted in many different ways. All students receive ongoing mentoring, goal setting and problem solving assistance. Many also receive assistance with tuition and most receive their costly books through book vouchers that Bardwell Scholarships provide. Some Scholars have also received the use of computers and other support equipment.

To date, approximately 18 students have been helped in some way through Bardwell Scholarships. We've even had a student graduate with an Associate Degree and go on to university, but that story will be told later.

Many of you have shown an interest in Roger W. Bardwell Scholarships. Some of you knew Roger personally and share his passion for and commitment to public education. Many contributed to the fund directly through donations made soon after Roger's death while others have helped through contributions in the years that followed. Many people have heard of the work we are doing at Harold Washington College and have expressed an interest in knowing more. This first semiannual newsletter is meant to update you on the activities of Bardwell Scholars and to share with you some of their success stories.

As many of you know, Roger was an approachable man with a rare ability to encourage others. This first Bardwell Scholar story, told by the woman who cut his hair, clearly illustrates that.

"Roger Bardwell was a client of mine. He had a wonderful way of communicating with me. He would reel me in by focusing in on what I wanted out of life. Then he would use a theatrical approach to get his point across. He often said, 'Barbara, you should go back to school.' His words always ate away at me. I told him things I told no one else, but I never told him I couldn't afford to go. I would just listen.

When the program was introduced to me, I shouted 'Yes.' The Bardwell Scholarship enabled me to return to school. Being one of its first recipients, I was very nervous and excited and I wanted to do well. I had to relearn how to pace myself. I watched myself grow academically as I entered each course. It gave me a new confidence that I could challenge whatever obstacle presented itself. I would like to thank the Bardwell Scholarship program for giving me the opportunity to turn my silent defeat into an eternal victory."



Barbara Holmes
Hairdresser, Harold Washington Student and Bardwell Scholar

Program Administrator Hedy Cohen with Barbara Holmes

Sometimes Bardwell Scholars, themselves, refer other worthy students to us. That was how we met Earleata Streeter.

"In the 1999 spring semester, I had the privilege of attending Harold Washington College under the Roger Bardwell Scholarship, sponsored by Ms. Hedy Cohen. Initially, I had thoughts of nursing as a career since I had been a certified nurse's assistant for over ten years, but soon I would recognize some latent writing potential that would make my college experience wonderful!"

It had been 28 years since I graduated from high school, but my English 101 professor, Joan Morris, made the transition comfortable and rewarding. Her professional yet nurturing instruction rekindled appreciation in me for creative written expression, especially play writing.

I continued writing in the fall semester, in English 241 with Professor Edward Homewood, which eventually led to having two pieces of poetry published in the 2000 edition of the Garland Court magazine!

Currently, I'm still working as a CNA, only part time. However, my dreams are still pointing me toward being a playwright. With Harold Washington being located right in Chicago's Theater District, the experience of attending school there makes me feel that anything's possible and that some dreams do come true everyday. After all, there was a time when I didn't think that I would be able to attend college, let alone be published in a magazine, but it happened.

The Bardwell Scholarship gave me the opportunity and the inspiration to discover hidden creative talents. Thanks, Roger. Thanks, Hedy. I'm forever grateful!"

Earleata Streeter
CNA, Harold Washington Student and Bardwell Scholar

There are many ways you can share in the work and commitment that Roger began and that we value and continue. We could use help mentoring and maintaining ongoing contact with students. This could be done either in person or via Internet or phone. Contributions, which are deductible to the extent the law allows, are always appreciated and enable us to continue this important work. Your employer may offer matching funds for contributions to nonprofit organizations. Your donations allow us to seek additional students whom we may be able to support.

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David Locke with Hedy Cohen and Ellen Goldberg, HWC Transfer Advisor

Twice a year, for the last 20 years, David Locke has diligently worked with Bardwell Scholars to publish a newsletter. David has seen generations of Bardwell Scholars come and go and has been instrumental in letting others know their powerful stories. Without his help, our stories would be limited and our donations few.

David has been a dedicated employee of Harold Washington College for almost 40 years. HWC has relied on David to get the word out in so many ways. He has printed class materials, curriculum guides, and more. He has seen that the directories and signage are kept current. You can find David at work from early in the morning to late at night, making sure the printing needs of the college are taken care of efficiently and on time.

When it comes to RBS, David has cared for all our printing needs. Not only does he see that the newsletters are printed, but he also prints our stationary, our brochures, and our programs. He has helped us look good.

David will be retiring from HWC at the end of June. We wish him the best in his future pursuits and know that we will seriously miss his help and support.

With much appreciation,
Hedy Cohen, for Bardwell Scholars

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Leonetta Clark

Hello, I hope you and your family are getting through these tough times as best you can. I have been doing well, and I know I am very lucky to report that my family was not directly impacted by Covid-19. I am still at the same elementary school teaching third-grade. It has been a roller-coaster of sorts as my third-graders and I navigate the changes and uncertainty caused by the lingering pandemic. A bright spot this school year was being recognized with an award for excellence from my principal. When I think of all the challenges my students have been through and challenges of students throughout academia, I am so happy that RBS continues on, providing much-needed support and giving hope to students as they pursue their degrees in some of the hardest times we've seen in years. May we all be extended grace and be blessed with the love of family and friends and the good health to enjoy the same.

Ever hopeful,

Leonetta Clark

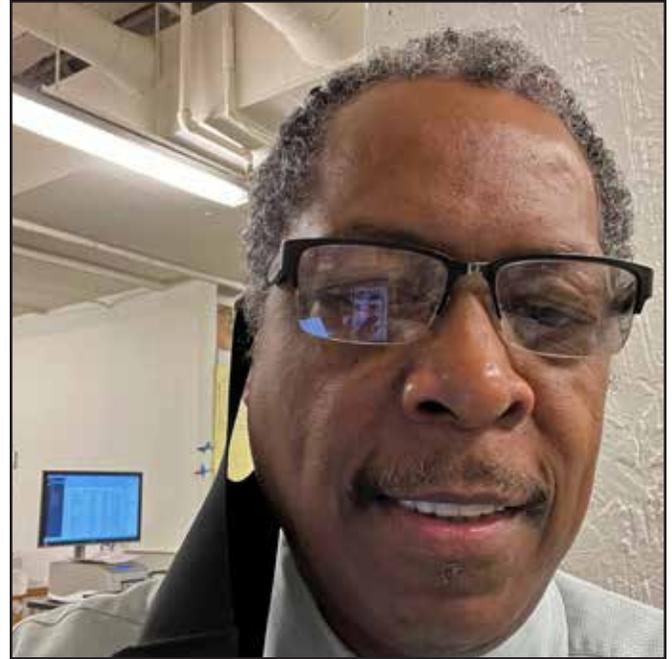
AA HWC

BA NLU

MA Roosevelt University

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Tony Foster

Hello My Bardwell Family:

Have I missed you guys, students, and board members! What a time we have had in the last 2 years. As I am sure for many of you, there have been some great struggles and as it looks, we still have a little while to go before we are truly out of the nightmare. My wishes are that through all of what has happened, we came through it more resilient than before with a bigger understanding of just how precious time is. We may have lost loved ones along the way, and have probably questioned the Big Man about what is happening, but He has kept us going and provided the opportunity for us to keep up with His cornerstone objective, helping others... So let us get back to work, students and board members to continue the advancement of Roger's vision and help raise another academia to reach their dreams!

Take care all and hope to see you soon.

Tony Foster

Bardwell Scholar Alumnus

RBS Board Member

BA University of Phoenix

MA University of Phoenix

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Alba (back, right) celebrating with her students at DePaul.

Alba Orizaba

To the RBS community, I hope all your families, pets, and plants are safe and doing well. I hope you have found times and places to practice acts of self-care, acceptance, love, and peace during these on-going uncertainties. It is important to pause, honor, and celebrate what we have accomplished as individuals and as a community in times like these. This pandemic has taught me the importance of being fully present with those we deeply care about especially ourselves. It also taught me the radical concept of being mindful of what and how I consume, think, react, and behave. This mindset has allowed me to continue to grow and persevere.

On March 2020, I started as an admission counselor at Roosevelt University. An hour into the job, I was sent home as the pandemic began to unfold. It was not easy to learn a new role and processes in a new complex world. However, I persevered. Later on, I was able to transition to an event admission counselor and complete a DEI certificate.

After navigating higher education as a DACA recipient and surviving a Trump presidency term, I knew I was committed to help change higher education institutions. On August 2021, I started my master's program

in Student Affairs at Roosevelt University for FREE. This was not an easy decision to execute as my mental health was not in a place I would have liked it to be to start a program. I knew my heart was in it and I had prolonged the decision for too long due to the political climate under Trump and then job uncertainty due to COVID-19. The same week I started my program, I was also promoted to an Undergraduate Event Coordinator and blessed to become a First Year Student success class instructor. It was a lot to juggle but every teeth grind, loss of sleep, and panic attack have been worth noting. These body reactions reminded me to say "no" to some opportunities, relax, and listen to my body and thoughts more. My first semester taught me that I needed to continue to engage in pausing, showing up for myself in healthier ways, and listening to my body and mind.

Currently, I am in my second semester as a full-time worker and graduate student. I currently stand at a 4.0 GPA. This has only been thanks to self-awareness and professional mental health support. These acts of self-love, rest, and intentional work have allowed me to excel in a challenging environment. It is my pleasure to share that I can simply breathe, live, and enjoy life better. This is all thanks to the generous healthcare package that my employer provides. I would not have been able to compete for the role if I did not have a degree that you helped me achieved. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Alba Orizaba

AA HWC

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Bardwell Scholar Alumnus

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Johnny Phan

“Hello Everyone! I hope all my RBS family and friends have been doing well. Although we have not been able to get together for over 2 years now, I’m positive that we will soon. A little update on what’s going on with me if you haven’t received one of my postcards, emails or seen my social media posts. I’ve been doing quite well. 2020 and 2021 have been record years for me in the real estate industry. I am consistently helping families reach their real estate goals. With 2 bus benches and 3 billboards across the city of Chicago, my friends are teasing me and calling me a local celebrity. That would be cool if it were true. My daughter Emilia is turning 4 soon and she loves books, chocolate and ice cream. My wife recently got promoted to director at her job. We are all healthy and happy. Life is good and I can’t complain. I cannot wait to see everyone again soon. Stay safe and take care!”

Johnny Phan

AA HWC

BA UIC

Bardwell Scholar Alumnus

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*See Johnny on a billboard at
Devon/Lehigh, Lincoln/Devon or
Peterson/Keystone.*



*Or see Johnny’s face on a bench at Peterson/
Sacramento.*

Thank you to Contributors

Bardwell Scholars is both proud and humbled that during these very difficult times we have continued to receive donations. Throughout the pandemic and beyond, we have supported a small group of students who have endured numerous educational challenges while continuing to dedicate themselves to college learning.

In addition, we thank those many supporters who continue to believe in what we do, who read our newsletters and talk about our work to others. It is an extreme time in our country and in our world, with many worthwhile people/organizations who need support. This makes us ever more appreciative of your support.

We acknowledge these donors to RBS in 2020 and 2021:

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What if the Next Victim is Me?

First published in March 2021

“What if the next victim is me?”; headlines in Tuesday’s Tribune, next to the breaking news of a more recent mass shooting. The half-masted flag at the White House returned to normal just moments before it was again lowered to mourn this week’s victims of senseless, horrible crime.

We at Bardwell Scholarships feel the need to speak out against the cruelty, discrimination, violence, and, most of all, the hatred that seems ever present today in our country. It is easy to feel the exhaustion of this hatred. Our diverse board of directors has seen it target each our identity groups in very personal ways, yet each time that happens, we collectively feel and share the pain.

Our organizational mission has been clear from the start, to address necessary systemic and personal changes through education. For, in the words of Nelson Mandela, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Bardwell Scholars appreciates your ongoing support and is asking you to also consider supporting organizations whose mission it is to fight the hatred behind these reoccurring acts of violence.

With much appreciation to you for being a part of our community.

Hedy Cohen

Founder/Director

Bardwell Scholarships



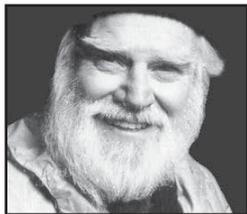


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