Hazel Siegel Student Scholarship

2023 Changemaker Award
IIDA NY Chapter, Student Development
What is the Hazel Siegel Student Scholarship?

The Hazel Siegel Student Scholarship honors the memory of one of our most dedicated volunteers by awarding worthy students with the financial support to engage in scholarly activities and impact their communities by participating in volunteerism.
The Team

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1942-2020

Textile Designer, Painter, Teacher, Mentor

- Professor of textiles at Pratt Institute for over a decade

- Recipient of The Institute of Business Designers Special Judge Award for 25yrs of Design Excellence in contract textiles

- IIDA’s recipient of the Leadership Award of Excellence for 40yrs of contribution to the industry and chapter.

- ICON in the industry by Interior Design Magazine’s 75th anniversary issue.
Our year 1 recipients!

Paridhi Chawla
Pratt Institute

Caleb Cambron
Cornell University

Robert Torres
NYIT

Allison Brown
Perkins & Will
Recipients Present to the Executive Board
Hazel Siegel and Scholarship is recognised at the annual Leaders Breakfast
Our 2023 Recipients
“I believe that we’re meant to illustrate our culture and give meaning to the way we navigate our lives through the spaces we create. I propose that design and interiors are capable of establishing an international identity that transcends language, race or religion but is rather something that brings us together as a maternal, nurturing force.”

Joseph Olivieri
NYIT

“I believe interior design has a vital impact on everyone’s lives every single day, without them even knowing it. Interior designers have an important task to make sure people feel comfortable and safe in a space while it’s still aesthetically pleasing and functional. I want to create spaces that promote wellbeing and inclusivity because the more I evaluate the spaces around me, the more I realize that they aren’t designed with the human in mind.”

Teresa Uhl
RIT
Ashima Yadav
Parsons, The New School of Design

“I can support justice, equity, diversity and inclusion by using my skills and knowledge to create inclusive and accessible designs that meet the needs of diverse audiences. Designs that are usable by people with disabilities and that are sensitive to cultural and linguistic differences.

Also, my personal experience of working with people from diverse backgrounds during my internships has widened my perspective about their culture and way of living and solving problems. This also enhanced my understanding of how we, as designers, can create employment opportunities for these diverse local artisans and integrate them into the production cycle. This encourages not only the inclusion but also the authenticity of design practices.”
How has winning this scholarship affected your career as a student already?

How has becoming a recipient motivate you to be part of our IIDA community?

How do you anticipate this experience helping you in the future as a professional designer?
Continued Mentorship

- Students are invited to present their experiences to IIDA NY’s Executive Board of Directors
- Four of the six students have received internships at such firms as Corgan, Perkins & Will, and TPG directly from the Hazel Siegel Scholarship program
- Students have been invited to participate in competitions in partnership with SHIFT conference. They have placed in several of the competitions.
- Recipients were recognized at the widely attended annual Leaders Breakfast.
- The Recipients continue their commitment to mentorship and the profession with their participation in various committees including IIDA NY’s Knowledge Forum and Design Camp

The Hazel Siegel Scholarship will continue to make change by empowering our students to reach their greatest potential.