MEDICI CIRCLE 2020 IMPACT REPORT

ARIZONA ARTS
College of Fine Arts

DEAR FRIENDS,

We truly value our Medici Circle members. Your generosity and passion for the arts has a direct and lasting impact on all of the academic programs in the College of Fine Arts.

Your Medici Circle membership contributions funded 56 Medici Scholars and 49 participants in our Small Grants program. Although we faced challenges this year due to travel restrictions which limited the number of our usual summertime projects and experiences, I was extremely impressed by the resourcefulness of our students and faculty, a value we strive for in the College of Fine Arts.

In this year's Medici Circle Impact Report, you will read about a project I found particularly meaningful from School of Art's Perla Segovia. Perla made canvas shoes with embroidered insoles, which she imbued with a transcendent hope symbolizing the immigrant experience.

With these simple, beautiful, canvas shoes, Perla has created an opportunity that "allows us to put ourselves in other people's shoes and to become more empathetic of others' plights."

So, as we take a moment to reflect on the past year of accomplishments, please accept our gratitude for your ongoing support of the arts at the University of Arizona and our heartfelt thanks for your investment in our students and faculty.

Sincerely,

Andrew Schulz
Vice President for the Arts
Dean, College of Fine Arts

Featured MEDICI SCHOLARS

PERLA SEGOVIA

School of Art | Masters of Fine Arts - 2D

Perla attended an online shoe making course through the Shoemaking School - London, UK. Her project consisted of making shoes with embroidered insoles. Photographs of immigrant children, their families and their homeland were used as reference for the style of the shoe and the insole embroidery. The shoes became signifiers of the immigrant human body, particularly of children that have passed away while in custody of the US government. Using shoes, an item of such quotidian value to most of us, allows us to put ourselves in other people's shoes and to become more empathetic of others' plights. Perla replicated these photographic "memories" using freehand machine embroidery onto canvas to reflect the abrupt and quick decisions that have to be made by many immigrants. The combination of sketching someone's memories and the loud sewing machine noise adds a sense of urgency; it also reflects the brusque manner in which immigrants often have to leave their homes and gives her the responsibility to record precious memories. These embroidered shoes honor these children and represent the struggles of immigrant families who, regardless of all the obstacles imposed upon them, grasp on to their memories and experiences, and keep persevering to rise above hardships and uncertainty.

"This award helped me further my career goals by allowing me to learn a new making technique. It allowed me to learn a new form of communication, a new language, in my goal to advocate for the value of immigrants and immigration to our nation."

KYLE HALFORD

School of Dance | Bachelor of Fine Arts - Dance

Kyle attended the SHIFT Mentorship Program. This initiative was designed during the pandemic by UA Dance Alummnus Brandon Coleman. It was a 3-week long, fully virtual dance mentorship program. Brandon led the participants in creating projects throughout the program, as well as one-on-one career coaching. Brandon led Kyle and other participants in creating projects throughout the program, as well as one-on-one career coaching. Kyle was also able to learn from multiple guest artists during webinars and dance classes.

MELISA KARIC

Fred Fox School of Music | Masters of Music - Violin Performance

Melisa is part of the Grove String Quartet. Last summer the quartet's goal was to figure out a way to continue making music together and share the fruits of their labor with people who might be in isolation during the pandemic. They recorded a performance video of "Mishima" by Philip Glass, a deceivingly difficult piece in its own right, with its complexities magnified by challenges faced.

SOPHIA GOODIN

School of Theatre, Film & Television | Bachelor of Fine Arts - Acting

Sophia studied headshot photography locally with esteemed headshot photographer and friend of Arizona Repertory Theatre, Joanna DeGeneres. This experience allowed her to focus on her professional endeavors in acting and headshot photography, which she will continue to pursue after graduation.

MEDICI SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Medici Circle provides donors the ability to directly fund a Medici Scholar's summer project. Students apply for a Medici Circle Scholarship by working with a faculty mentor to choose a summer program that will impact their academic career and help advance their education. Scholarship committees from each school rank and select scholars from the final applicant pool. This unique program offers Medici Circle donors an opportunity to interact with their Scholar by receiving correspondence from them, attending a performance or exhibition of their work and learning about their summer experiences.

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*Deceased

56 MEDICI SCHOLARS

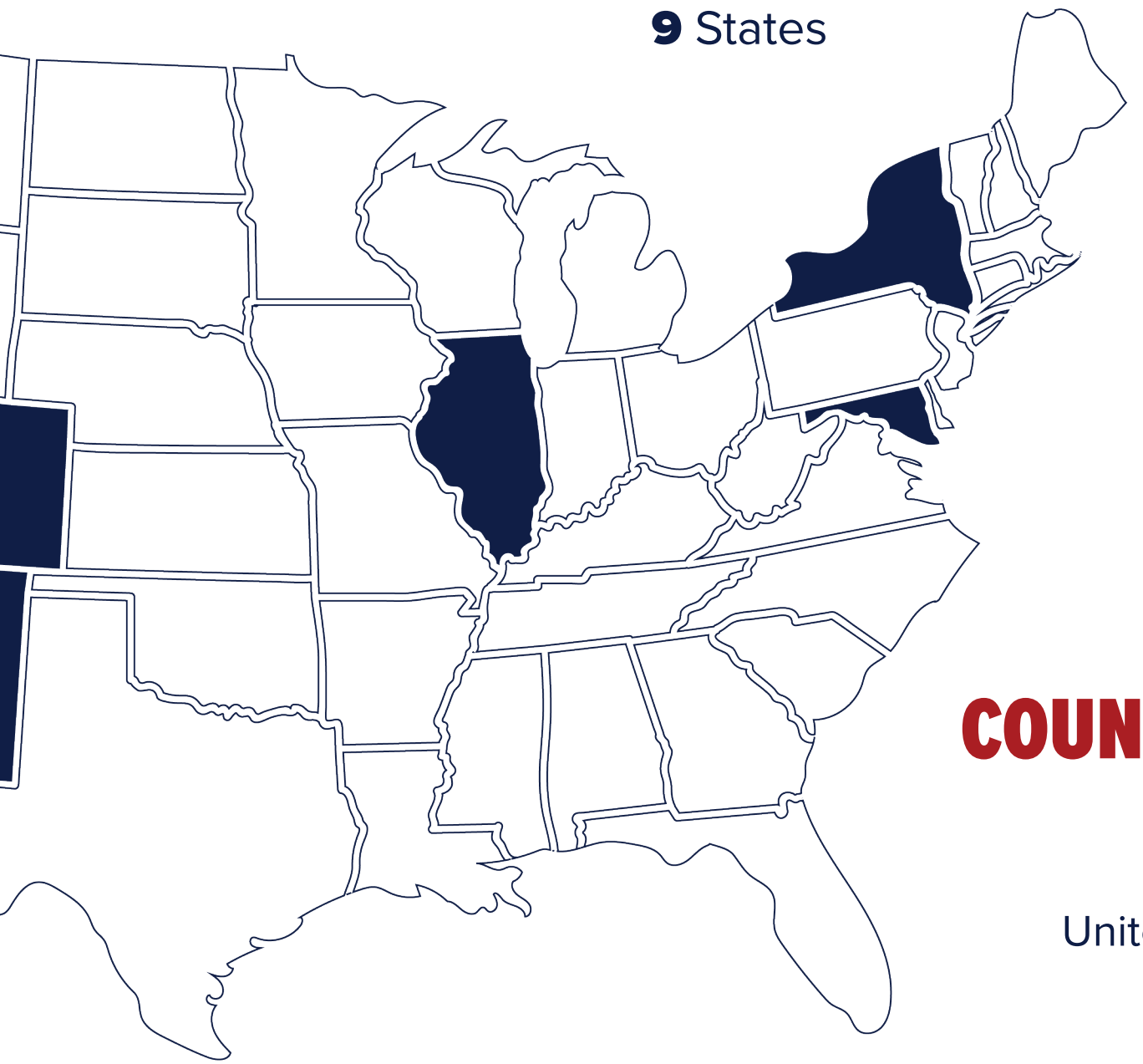
49 SMALL GRANTS

STATES

Arizona
California
Colorado
Illinois
Nevada
New Mexico
New York
Maryland
Washington

VIRTUALLY VISITED

3 Countries
9 States



COUNTRIES

England
Mexico
United States

Featured SMALL GRANTS RECIPIENTS

JOSE LUIS PUERTA

Assistant Professor | Fred Fox School of Music

Through the support of the small grants program, Jose Luis was able to record “Latin American Soundscapes.” This recording is the culmination of his research about Latin American guitar quartets. It includes 4 world premiere recordings by respected composers.

CHRIS COMPTON

Assistant Professor | School of Dance

Chris presented at the 11th Annual International Conference on Visual and Performing Arts from June 9-11, 2020. Originally, this was to be an on-site conference to be held in Athens, Greece but due to COVID-19, it was changed to a digital/remote platform. Compton presented "The Mindful Dancer: Implementing mindfulness, healthy rhythms, and habits in the technique class."

CARISSA DICINDIO, PH.D.

Assistant Professor, Art & Visual Culture Education | School of Art

The small grants program funded art supplies and groceries for undergraduate students in an art museum education course, ARE 425: Theory and Practice in Art Museum Education. Students worked with ArtWorks, a program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities at UA, to share recipes, create art, and develop an exhibition at the University of Arizona Museum of Art’s community gallery focused on food and food-related issues. The exhibition is scheduled to open at the University of Arizona Museum of Art in Fall 2021.

JENNY LANG

Associate Professor of Practice in Stage Management
School of Theatre, Film & Television

In response to the theatre's decision to cancel all student production opportunities for the fall 2020 semester due to COVID-19, the Design and Technology faculty came up with the idea of offering the MFA and BFA design and technology students a series of career prep webinars focusing on a variety of topics relevant to managing a successful career in the arts. The school replaced the production credits with this webinar series, which required them to develop a new class called “The Business of Live Entertainment." Guest Artists served on weekly panels throughout the semester.

SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

Medici Circle provides support for both student and faculty experiences. In addition to student summer programs, your gift also enables the Dean to award small grants to faculty, used to fund research trips and projects in a variety of focus areas. Membership includes the opportunity to attend a Small Grants Reception to hear about the many projects made possible through the Medici Circle program.

2020 SMALL GRANTS RECIPIENTS

Aaron Coleman
Associate Professor
School of Art

Amber Coleman
Graduate Student
School of Art

Carissa Maria DiCindio
Assistant Professor
School of Art

Laura Tanner Graham
Assistant Professor
School of Art

James Graham
Academic Advisor
School of Art

Amy Kraehe
Associate Professor
School of Art

Sarah Moore
Professor
School of Art

Lucy Mugambi
Graduate Student
School of Art

Irene Romano
Professor
School of Art

Gary Setzer
Professor
School of Art

Ryan Shin
Professor
School of Art

David Taylor
Professor
School of Art

Alex Turner
Graduate Student
School of Art

Cerese Vaden
Professor
School of Art

Stacie Widdifield
Professor
School of Art

Gloria Wilson
Assistant Professor
School of Art

Christopher Compton
Assistant Professor
School of Dance

Marquez Johnson
Instructor
School of Dance

Luke Diamond
Graduate Student
Fred Fox School of Music

Shuree Enkhbold
Graduate Student
Fred Fox School of Music

Sara Fraker
Associate Professor
Fred Fox School of Music

Jackie Glazier
Assistant Professor
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Daniel Linder
Assistant Professor
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Assistant Professor
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Jose Puerta
Assistant Professor
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Instructor
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Melissa Requist
Undergraduate Student
Fred Fox School of Music

Elizabeth Schauer
Professor
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Hank Stratton
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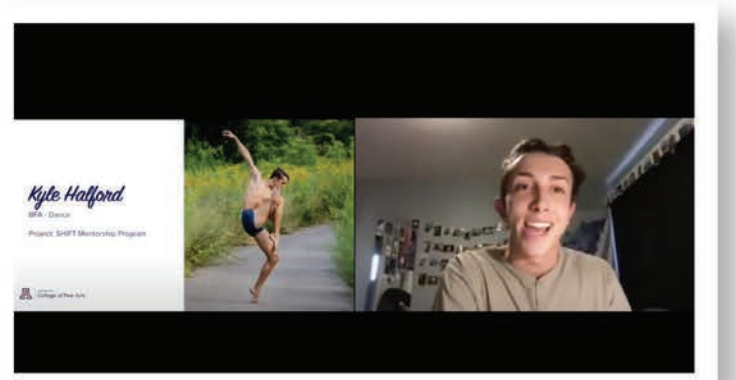
2020 VIRTUAL EVENTS

2020 MEDICI SCHOLARS & DONORS CELEBRATION

The virtual celebration brought together scholarship recipients with donors to give them the chance to meet each other, and provided students with the opportunity to thank many of the people who made their scholarships possible. Donors had the opportunity to learn the kind of impact they've had in the lives of students, and the students had the chance to explain how critical the scholarships have been in their educational pursuits.



Small GRANTS celebration

At our virtual Small Grants Celebration, donors had the opportunity to learn how the small grants program is critical for the College's students, faculty and staff. We had a faculty member from each school share their projects and how much they were able to accomplish during these unprecedented times.

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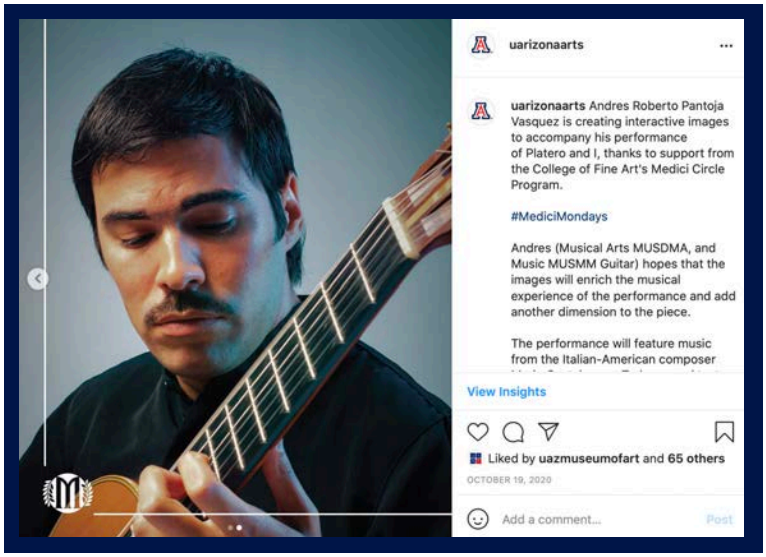
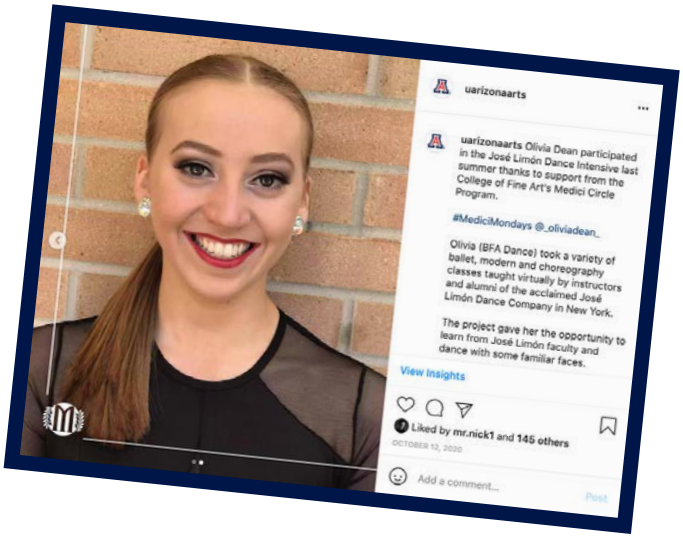


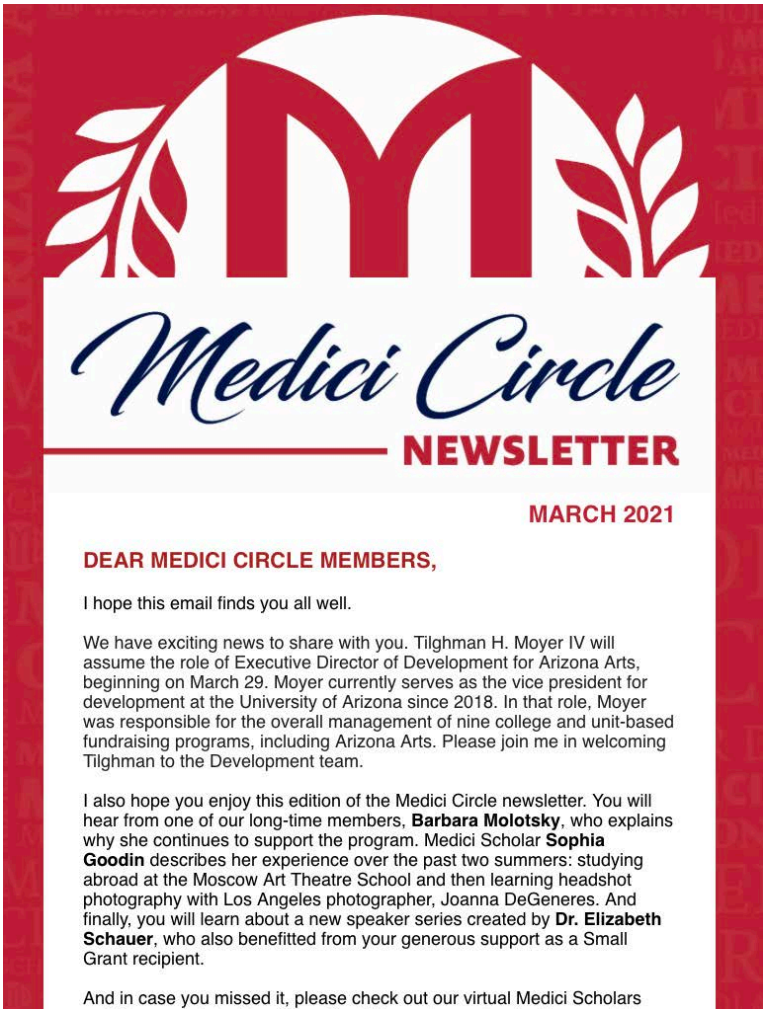


MEDICI MONDAYS

Medici Scholars and Small Grants Recipients are featured on Mondays on the Arizona Arts instagram account @uarizonaarts

MEDICI NEWSLETTER

Quarterly newsletter launched in October 2020



Medici Circle

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2021

DEAR MEDICI CIRCLE MEMBERS,

I hope this email finds you all well.

We have exciting news to share with you. Tilghman H. Moyer IV will assume the role of Executive Director of Development for Arizona Arts, beginning on March 29. Moyer currently serves as the vice president for development at the University of Arizona since 2018. In that role, Moyer was responsible for the overall management of nine college and unit-based fundraising programs, including Arizona Arts. Please join me in welcoming Tilghman to the Development team.

I also hope you enjoy this edition of the Medici Circle newsletter. You will hear from one of our long-time members, **Barbara Molotsky**, who explains why she continues to support the program. Medici Scholar **Sophia Goodin** describes her experience over the past two summers: studying abroad at the Moscow Art Theatre School and then learning headshot photography with Los Angeles photographer, Joanna DeGeneres. And finally, you will learn about a new speaker series created by **Dr. Elizabeth Schauer**, who also benefitted from your generous support as a Small Grant recipient.

And in case you missed it, please check out our virtual Medici Scholars

THANK YOU, DONORS!

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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Membership in the Medici Circle offers rewards that last a lifetime, knowing your gift has a direct and lasting impact on students and faculty. Their accomplishments — which would not be possible without your support — increase the reputation and visibility of our academic programs, and of the College.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

ANNUAL MEDICI CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP

$2,000 (includes one Medici Scholar) An additional gift of $1,000 supports a second student's life changing experience. There is no limit to how many scholars you can support.

LIFE MEDICI CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP

One-time gift of $25,000 or planned gifts valued at $100,000 to the CFA Fund for Excellence. Your leadership is what fuels our future. We look forward to including you on "insider opportunities" throughout the year that will give you a unique personal perspective on the hard work, discipline and commitment of our students and faculty.

To learn more about Medici Circle, please contact the Arizona Arts Philanthropy Office at 520.621.9057

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