

## Dara Girel-Mats, one of the Scholarship winners from 2020

sent us a quick update from the College of Creative Studies, Detroit Michigan!

Original message  
**From:** [Dara Girel-Mats](#)  
**To:** [Vicki Tencati](#)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 1:05 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Gallery Scholarship College Acceptance Fall 2021

Hey Vicki!  
Yes, thank you for all your help.

A little more about the work I have and will be doing- My body of work that included the piece I submitted, has inspired me to delve more into storytelling. At CCS I will be a part of the Concept Design program led by the Entertainment Arts Chair, Tim Flattery. I am continuing to explore whimsical, surreal ideas, but now designing environments, characters, props, and architecture. With the end goal to work in the entertainment industry making the visual ideas for video games, and feature-length animations!

Over the summer I did an internship with Arts For Learning in Wynwood. I also worked as a background artist on Ballad of the Beast, a three-month animation project over the summer that was accepted into student film festivals. I have also recently begun a new project 3-4 month project for this summer, for which I am learning 3D animation!

 [Ballad of the Beast.mp4](#)



### **Congratulations Dara Girel-Mats**

**2nd place winner of \$2,750 scholarship  
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Dolly MacIntyre,  
and the Randall P. White &  
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**Dara Girel-Mats, Class of 2020**  
Design and Architecture High School

2nd Place Award  
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**Judy Orr \$2,000 Scholarship**

**Dolly MacIntyre \$500 Scholarship**

**Victoria D. Matthews Charitable Foundation \$250**