

TopScholarStories: *Issue – January 2019*

News of our Top Scholars and Alumni:

Carolina, 1801, Horseshoe, McNair and Stamps Scholars

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Alumni and Donors:

McNair Scholar Alumni, Clay Mettens, wins 2018 Heckscher Foundation-Ithaca College Composition Prize

. . . . **Clay Mettens (2013)** has won the 2018 Heckscher Foundation-Ithaca College Composition Prize for his piece titled “He Dreams a Mother.” Mettens is currently undertaking advanced studies in Music Composition at the University of Chicago.

Recorded by UChicago New Music Ensemble in November 2016, listen here: https://soundcloud.com/david-clay-mettens/he-dreams-a-mother-2016?fbclid=IwAR2UyINrxV1Cg6Qz7bBleayer1dQSHX5rQ6l_WaPzrDNhp-7MukaM8n-hFM

Award Announcement:

https://www.ithaca.edu/music/current_students/competitions/heckscherprize/?fbclid=IwAR044sFRbk_wwxiMUu-52_cKS9gITG3vMYKH20_nhLC13U7PI3I4dlrH1EU

Carolina Scholar Alumna, Sarah Hammond, wins award for musical theatre

. . . . **Sarah Hammond (2002)** has won the Kleban Prize for most promising musical theatre lyricist as presented by the Kleban Foundation. Since its inception, Kleban Prize winners have been selected by judging panels comprised of the theatre's most respected artists and administrators. Hammond is a playwright and music theatre writer and is found online at <https://www.sarahkhammond.com/>.

https://www.broadwayworld.com/article/Sarah-Hammond-Shaina-Taub-and-Charlie-Sohne-Receive-Kleban-Prize-For-Musical-Theatre-20190109?fbclid=IwAR1z_AiM6LaidEq_PhPlzDoHzs2unKn2uPRvj-W1XsGbxfbOKCIJcr70SE

Carolina Scholar Alumni featured in Arbor Day video

. . . . **Chanda Cooper (2007)** is the education coordinator for the Richland (County, SC) Conservation District.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLO3XmkON0Y&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1gzS5wLoMM_0NqSxP8Rd8s5qSgy5PYqdrzeuoGCZ45vpfoUgCUtlzNO9U

Scholar community mourns the passing of Stamps Charitable Foundation co-founder, Penny Stamps

. . . . “**Penelope ‘Penny’ Stamps** pushed buttons. That’s one reason more than 900 students are attending colleges across the country, in particular at the University of Miami and the University of Michigan, as a result of the Stamps Scholars program she founded with her husband E. Roe Stamps IV. There may well be more than a 1,000 others who have enjoyed scholarships over the years that she and her husband have quietly supported.” Read more here:

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/obituaries/article223056405.html>