

Brown Ricketts Udick Scholars (BRU) Selected for 2020-2021

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Lianne Brito, Tara Ippolito, and Paige Massey were selected by the BRU Interview Team to receive the BRU Scholarships for 2020-2021. All 25 of the candidates were remarkable so the decisions were not easy, but the team reached consensus on these amazing women!

Lianne Brito is a first-year Ph.D. student majoring in Geotechnical Engineering. She expects to finish her academic studies in May of 2024. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and her goal is to use her skills to develop safer highways, and higher quality bridges that can have a positive impact on people's daily lives. Lianne was born in Cuba and emigrated to the Miami with her mother as a youngster.



Tara Ippolito is a Ph.D. Student majoring in Environmental Studies. She expects to complete her degree in April of 2024. Tara is applying her background in mathematics and computer science to study the livelihood outcomes (health, income, well-being) of farming communities in the developing world. She is interested in creating intervention strategies that help improve both the amount of food produced and the livelihood of farmers.



Paige Massey is a first year Ph.D. student majoring in Philosophy. Her goal is to become a professor of analytic philosophy at a research university. She specializes in identifying conditions for rational belief when constraints on available evidence prevent us from achieving certainty. Paige spent six months as an intern at Yad Vashem World Holocaust Center in Jerusalem where she prepared a major international seminar where she trained educators to more effectively and ethically teach the Holocaust.

