

STC-UCF Melissa Pellegrin Memorial Scholarship Recipients for 2018

The STC Florida Chapter began awarding scholarships to UCF technical communication students in the spring of 1993. This scholarship program was renamed the Melissa Pellegrin Scholarship in 1997 in memory of Melissa who was a 1994 graduate of UCF's undergraduate program. She was an exceptional student who was awarded an STC undergraduate scholarship that same year. After graduation she was an active member of our chapter.

The scholarship fund was transferred to the UCF Foundation in 2010 and surpassed \$25,000 late in 2013 to become an endowed scholarship fund. When the fund surpasses \$100,000, the Foundation will apply for a matching gift from the Florida Board of Governors.

After this evening's presentations, 61 scholarships will have been awarded since 1993 for a total of \$22,050. Our two recipients today are the 43rd and 44th students to receive an STC-UCF Melissa Pellegrin Memorial Scholarship.

Laura (Abby) Rex—Graduate student

- Graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. degree in English from UCF in 2011.
- Completed UCF's Graduate Professional Writing Certificate program in 2015 (enrolled 2013-2015).
- Working full-time for a Brevard County government affiliated organization developing and coordinating a public information program to promote awareness and understanding of transportation planning, projects, and issues by using social media and digital tools.
- Serving as a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society, a Member-At-Large on the Space Coast Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Board, and a member of the local young professionals group—321 Millennials.
- Planning to complete the Master's program in the spring of 2019.

Andrea (Andy) Romero—Undergraduate student

- Completing a B.A. degree in English/Technical Communication and a certificate in Intelligence and National Security.
- Serving this academic year (fall of 2017 and spring of 2018) as the President of Future Technical Communicators (FTC), a UCF organization for students interested in the field.
- Writing articles for the *STC Memo to Member's Newsletter* for our STC Florida Chapter, and serving in other ways to achieve recognition as an active member of the STC Florida Chapter.
- Working part-time (25 hours a week) as a technical writer for an Orlando company through the College Work Experience Program.
- Planning to graduate in the spring of 2019.