



Mashika Gallo has been named the recipient of the first ALC scholarship since the organization's inception.

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Ageless Living Collaborative Announces First Senior Living Design Scholarship Recipient

The ALC Scholarship offers support to students interested in pursuing senior living design.

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The [Ageless Living Collaborative](#) (ALC) has announced the recipient of its first Ageless Living Collaborative Senior Living Design Scholarship. Offered specifically to students interested in pursuing [senior living design](#), the

scholarship provides \$10,000 to be used for tuition against the recipient's current studies.

Mashika Gallo, a graduate student in Healthcare Design and Gerontology at Kent State University (Ohio), will be the first to receive the scholarship and is to be honored at an official ceremony and presentation that will take place at the Gold Key Awards, November 14, 2022, during the BDNY show.

"I am so thankful that Ageless Living Collaborative has awarded me the very first ALC Senior Living Scholarship. It will allow me to complete my final semester in obtaining my master's degree in Healthcare Design and graduate certificate in Gerontology," said Gallo.

"Design is one of the ways I can use my voice to advocate for the senior community- by designing functional, accessible, and inclusive spaces that exemplifies the importance of seniors in our society, supports the quality of life they deserve, and reflects my belief in the power of wholeness, sense of agency, and community."

More Information on the Ageless Living Collaborative Senior Living Design Scholarship

Alongside the scholarship, the Ageless Living Collaborative (ALC) has participated in webinars, live events and other forms of outreach since its inception in July 2020. Through its involvement, the group seeks to provide a platform for experts to address issues and engage in conversations to encourage positive aging for seniors, while also elevating designers who wish to pursue senior living design as their prominent focus.

[Samuelson Furniture](#), who themselves are prominent manufacturers of [furniture within the senior living industry](#), will also be sponsoring the scholarship.

"One of the core values of Samuelson has been to support initiatives that can make a difference in the lives of others. Our engagement in the development of products for senior living that can make a difference in the quality of community members' lives is a further fulfillment of that goal. We know that awarding this scholarship to Mashika will not only enable her to carry forth her creative visions but positively impact the lives of others," said Lawrence Chalfin, President, Samuelson Furniture.

“We are delighted with our first scholarship recipient. Mashika is a passionate, bright new talent, who is dedicated to improving the senior living experience for our aging population. Mashika’s vision, and goals, align with the mission of the Ageless Living Collaborative,” said Phoebe Stein, President of the Ageless Living Collaborative and Olive Presents.

“We are also grateful to NEWH, whose mission closely aligns with the ALC in developing and supporting new talent through scholarship. Their application and review process facilitated the thorough vetting of tremendous candidates for consideration for the Ageless Living Collaborative Senior Living Scholarship.”

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