

2021

Long Island University

William F. DiPietra Foundation Project Finishing Grants (\$1500): Ronissha Marksman, Kai Shao

William F. DiPietra Foundation Thesis Awards (\$500): Canisio L. Garsuta, Jr., Kai Shao, Kamolchanok Koonvisal

2nd Annual William F. DiPietra Foundation Photography Exhibition: Michael Van Gorden (\$500), Nathalie Meyers (\$500), Jarrett Esaw (\$250), John Blue (\$250)

Fordham University

William F. DiPietra Film/Video Production Grants (\$750): Victor Rodriguez, Caitlin Bury, Steven Ruggiero, Slav Velkov

William F. DiPietra Award in Filmmaking (\$500): Nicholas Collette, Gabriela Wilson

William F. DiPietra Award in Screenwriting (\$1000): Emma Diede

Archbishop Molloy High School

William F. DiPietra Film Award (\$1000): Anna McGrade

St. Elizabeth Catholic Academy

William F. DiPietra Awards (\$1000): Genesis Familia, Trevor Bheer

16mm Production Grant

Those who knew Bill will remember that 16mm filmmaking was his passion. He believed that it was necessary to preserve celluloid as an aesthetic choice for future filmmakers. For this reason, the William F. DiPietra Foundation is pleased to award a 16mm Production Grant (\$1000) to Ryan Sloan and Ariella Mastroianni, co-founders of Telstar Films.

Ryan and Ariella are a filmmaking and music duo based in New Jersey. Ariella, from Ontario, Canada, studied journalism and film at Fordham University. Ryan from Kearny, New Jersey, studied film and

public relations at William Paterson University. Their short film, *A Message for James*, shot in Ireland in 2016, spent the last few years on the international festival circuit. Ryan and Ariella recently finished their first feature screenplay, *Gazer*, a mystery/thriller set in New Jersey, with production starting in April 2021. *Gazer* will be shot in 16mm.

Additional Grants Awarded in 2021

Revolution Me Films/Media Lab
EMS FDNY Help Fund
Fire Family Transport Foundation
Greatest Generations Foundation
Holy Child Jesus Teen Drama Group
FDNY Honor Emergency Fund
Along Comes Hope (Pediatric Cancer)
St. Elizabeth Catholic Academy