

*Mid-Hudson Food and Wine Society  
Scholarship Presentation Dinner*

*American Bounty – Culinary Institute of  
America June 9<sup>th</sup> 2022*

# *Sophía Ruíz*



*MHTFWS President Mark D'Angelo and Sophía Ruíz 2022 Scholarship Recipient*

## MID-HUDSON FOOD AND WINE SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP – 2022



Dear Members of the Mid-Hudson Food and Wine Society,

I would like to extend my utmost gratitude to you for this scholarship as it provides me with the opportunity to continue my education at the Culinary Institute of America. This scholarship will allow me to offset a portion of the tuition costs for next semester, which has eased the tremendous stress of funding my education. This scholarship means everything to me. Over the past two years, I have done everything in my power to reduce my loans and stay in school. I am a very studious person which has helped me not only receive good grades but, it has widened my opportunities to be recognized by organizations and donors such as yourselves!

Hello, my name is Sophia Ruiz, and I am currently a first-semester junior and Resident Assistant at the Culinary Institute of America. I am presently pursuing my degree path in the Bachelor of Business Administration, Food Business Management program with a Baking and Pastry track. I have chosen this degree path because it aligns with my goal of opening my own café to showcase classic and innovative pastries and baked goods. I believe that the education I am receiving here at the CIA will help me achieve my goals by providing me with the training in pastry and business management skills that will sculpt an amazing platform for me to grow from. I have always been a determined and hard-working student, so when I receive scholarships like this one, I am encouraged to keep pushing for my goals. Alongside being a full-time student, I am also a Resident Assistant on campus. I took up the responsibility of being an RA not only as a way to help offset tuition but as a way to grow as a student leader and as a person. Being an RA has helped my growth in the CIA community and it has allowed me to connect with many new people. As an RA, I have been given the opportunity to give back to the CIA and to my community. Through some of my past events, I have been able to work with some amazing local companies, such as Hudson Valley Tattoo Co., to share local businesses with students through educational programs. I am thankful for my position as an RA because it has helped me grow professionally and network with many people across campus and the local area. Receiving this scholarship has helped me tremendously. I could not have asked for a better opportunity as a student and a Dutchess County resident. My community has helped me so much and this scholarship is just another testament to what a giving area the Mid-Hudson Valley is. Again, I would like to extend my gratitude to you for donating to the school and allowing me to have this amazing opportunity. Your generosity has inspired me to keep shooting for the moon. Maybe in the future, after I graduate, I will be able to return the favor to students in need. I would love to show the same generosity that The CIA and donors such as yourselves have shown me throughout my program!

Sincerely,  
Sophia Ruiz



# *Pre-Dinner Socializing*





# *Sophía Ruíz*





# *The Dining Room*





# First Course

*Spinach and Ricotta Raviolo Spring  
Onion Cream Sauce and Asparagus*



*Piccollo Ernesto Gavi 2021 Piemonte Italy*





# Main Course

*Pan-Seared Hudson Valley  
Duck Savory Bread Pudding,  
Smoked Carrots, Duck Jus*



*Monte Degli Angeli Pinot Noir 2019  
Piemonte Italy*



*New Zealand Salmon - Fondant  
Potato, Spring Vegetable, Fines  
Herbes Beurre Blanc*





## Dessert Course

*Warm Molten Chocolate Cake  
Vanilla Ice Cream, Dulce de Leche*



*Taylor Fladgate Porto  
Fine Ruby*






# Brad Whitmore Presenting Recognition Plaque to MHFWS for our 50<sup>th</sup> Year



**THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE CIA'S FUTURE AND PLAYING SUCH AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR PAST**

In recognition of the *Mid Hudson Valley Food and Wine Society 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* and continued your support and enthusiasm for the CIA, we want to present the Society with a commemorative plaque in the CIA's The Marriott Pavilion.

The Ecolab Auditorium, within the Marriott Pavilion, hosts world-class conferences, cultural and educational events, graduation ceremonies, and much more.



As a small token of our thanks and appreciation, the elegantly engraved plaque will be prominently displayed on one of the 800 auditorium seats.

Every seat purchased supports the future leaders of the food and hospitality world—as they pursue their passions through a world-class CIA education.

Thank you from all of us at the CIA!!

*1 COURSE CAKE  
CHOCOLATE Cake  
am, Dulce de Leche  
ty, Taylor Fladgate  
and Tea*