## **Dorothy and Dennis Bruner Biomedical Engineering Scholarship**

This annual \$2,500 was created to support a new SBME graduate student who demonstrates an interest and talent in biotechnology innovation and shows promise in innovative thinking.

## 2023/24 Award Winners



**Agnes Mhlanga** is pursuing a biomedical engineering and mechanical engineering degree.



Nilton Barbosa da Rosa is a Ph.D. candidate currently working in Jennifer Mueller's laboratory.

## 2022/23 Award Winners



Anika O'Brian is pursuing a biomedical engineering and chemical and biological engineering degree.



**Somayeh Baghersad** is a Ph.D. candidate currently working in Matt Kipper's laboratory.

## 2021/22 Award Winner



Jaiden Oropallo completed his Bachelor of Science in biomedical engineering with a minor in chemistry from Florida Institute of Technology. There, he conducted research in the vascular tissue engineering lab and was a coxswain on the rowing team. He will be working with Dr. Christian Puttlitz in the Orthopaedic Bioengineering Research Laboratory. Oropallo stated, "It's an amazing feeling to be recognized for the work I've done during my undergrad, and I am very thankful for the scholarship, as it will allow me to support myself as I begin my graduate career."