

Martina Garabedian

Bulgaria, Class of 2022



is the 2018 Kronospan Scholar and believes that the secret to success is to find the job that brings happiness. She is currently in her junior year at Babson College, admitting that in the past 2 years she has developed immensely both personally and professionally. The moment she read “Congratulations!” and found out that she was the beneficiary of the Kronospan Scholarship, she knew that this was the opportunity of a lifetime.

“... it all seemed so unreal, but it was wonderful..” said Martina

Martina said prior to moving from Bulgaria to the U.S.A. to embark on her academic journey at Babson College that would change her life by broadening her professional, academic and personal horizons. Currently, she is on a year abroad at the London School of Economics, focusing more on Finance and Business Analytics and she’s grateful for the opportunities offered by this scholarship. “This is all possible because of the scholarship provided by the Kronospan Foundation. Before coming to Babson, I did not think about studying abroad but I saw London School of Economics as a great addition to my experience. Thus, I am invested in exploring the professional and learning opportunities here in London now.”

The Kronospan Scholarship is the most emblematic and meaningful project of the Foundation as it has changed the lives of many academic achievers from Belarus, Bulgaria, Poland, Ukraine, Romania and Hungary. Martina set sail for Babson she got the chance to be educated by some of the most successful business people of the 21st century, while proving throughout her years of study that Babson College really does shape exceptional leaders both in and outside the classroom. “During the past two years at Babson, I could excel in my studies by achieving cumulative GPA of 3.86/4.00, which put me on the Dean’s List for four consecutive semesters, a very highly esteemed achievement. Outside of the classroom, I am part of the Hearing Board, where our mission is to ensure that everyone feels safe on campus by following Babson’s Community Standards. In addition, I am the Finance Lead for TEDxBabsonCollege”. Martina told us that the three principles of the Kronospan Foundation – Respect, Excellence and Integrity – are always the driving force behind her decisions.





The Babson College curriculum is designed to inspire students who have a passion for creating economic value and care about people and the planet. The Babson students have access to real-world experience in business from their first day on campus, while cocurricular programs include internships, volunteer opportunities and consulting projects. Martina took advantage of all the opportunities offered by Babson College while she also completed internships at Kronospan's headquarters in Bulgaria, Austria and in the United Kingdom, admitting that "The Kronospan internship program is a great part of the whole experience because it gives us the chance to apply in practice what we have learned".

The mission of the Foundation is to contribute year after year to the sustainable development of local communities by encouraging younger generations to achieve their goals and make a change for the better. Martina Garabedian admires Kronospan's decision to be a "caring and responsible employer" that provides training opportunities for students like her and many others who have great potential and she believes that the Kronospan Scholarship should serve as an example "because responsible business is about development and helping the community and the people involved".