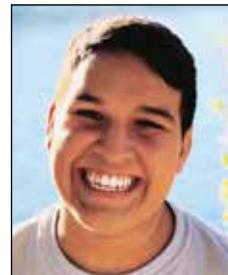


2018 TODA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2018 Memorial Scholarship Recipients:

Westin Fenton

A graduate of MacArthur High School, Westin is described as a “natural talent, a very talented violist, easily grasping musical concepts.” Ranked in the top 5% of his class, Westin believes in doing what he loves, and his references agree that he has the capability to inspire and awaken the passion of music in others. He is the recipient of numerous music awards, including selection into Region 12 Orchestras for six years, and multiple First Division ratings at UIL State Solo & Ensemble Contest. He was principal violist in his High School Orchestra at MacArthur, and Orchestra President in his senior year. Westin’s numerous academic awards include the Superintendent’s Award in tenth grade, and TMEA Texas Music Scholar for two years. Westin also taught in the NEISD 5th grade strings program at Thousand Oaks Elementary. Clearly, Westin will fulfill his dream to become a music educator. He plans to attend The University of Texas at Austin.



Olivia Hahn

A violist hailing from Carrollton, Texas, Olivia began taking lessons at Dallas’ Eastfield College at the young age of five. She was introduced to the viola at Ted Polk Middle School and fell in love with the instrument. Olivia is a graduate of Newman Smith High School where she was a member of the award-winning varsity orchestra, participated in All-Region Orchestras, and consistently earned superior ratings at UIL Solo & Ensemble competitions, including a superior rating for Ensemble at the State competition in 2017. Her references state Olivia is an “innate leader, confident in herself and her knowledge” with a strong potential to be “not just a good musician but an amazing orchestra director.” Olivia is looking forward to introducing the next generation of students to the joy of music and sense of accomplishment that comes from working together to create something beautiful. Olivia hopes to be a public school orchestra director, and plans to attend either the University of North Texas or the University of Texas at Arlington.



Danielle Mullen

Danielle graduated from Brennan High School in San Antonio. She began playing violin in fifth grade, and her desire is to share the joy of music with as many students as possible. At Brennan, she quickly established herself as a talented young musician, moving up in her section to earn first chair, a position she would hold throughout high school. She finished her freshman year performing with the top musicians in the orchestra, and applied to be an officer for her sophomore year. This was an excellent move as she would become indispensable to the program. She held several officer positions before earning the position of Orchestra Vice President. In addition to receiving the Outstanding Student Award in the BHS Orchestra, Danielle earned numerous accolades musically. She received superior ratings in the orchestra program including UIL Sweepstakes in the Concert & Sight-Reading Competition, and Solo & Ensemble Competition. She earned high marks and praise in her academic classes as well, consistently taking AP and Honor courses, and participating in extra-curricular activities and volunteer positions at charities and events. Danielle plans to attend Angelo State University, and hopes to become a High School Orchestra Director.



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