

2017 FAIM Scholarship Winners



Angie Zheng represents the Sandy Chapter of UMTA. She is a student of Ya Liu and has participated in AIM, completing level 10 in 2015. She has continued to participate in Performance Evaluations and UMTA programs until she graduated from Hillcrest High School this past year. She speaks of the wonderful experiences she has had performing for local charities, nursing homes and competing in many competitions. She has won many national and international competitions and been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York. She has performed in Thailand, and Italy. In the Debose National Music competitions, Angie won first and second place in piano solos. At Hillcrest High School, Angie accompanied school choirs and performed in their talent programs. She participated in church gatherings and in the Chinese New Year Music Festival. She plans to major in music in the university.



Joel Thomas Woolley is a student of Sharalyn Heath from the Orem Chapter of UMTA. Joel has completed level 10 of AIM and done 6 years of AIM with an average score of 97%. He has performed in many FAIM recitals, Concerto programs, Ensemble and Solo Piano Festivals and participated in a fundraiser for the Utah Symphony and auctions for Friday Kids Organization. He volunteers at the Scera Center for the Arts in Orem. He has taught himself many different instruments and participated in his school music programs with cello. He is part of the Orem High Orchestra and Marching Band and took first place in the Rocky Mountain Invitational at Brigham Young University as a percussionist. He received a score of 5, the highest, in his AP music theory test for entering college. Joel has a natural talent and shares it continually with everyone.



Kara Johnson is a graduate of Corner Canyon High School in Draper where she was awarded the Sterling Scholar in Vocal performance. She has studied piano with Melinda Baros and completed nine years of AIM including level 10 with an average score of 96%. She participated and placed in the Sandy Chapter UMTA Piano Festivals. Kara competed in the Margene Knowlton FAIM Bowl at the State Conference. Kara has served her community by performing in the Sandy Chapter Monster Concerts, the Festival of Trees each Christmas Season, in neighboring Nursing homes, Temple Square and on "Good Morning America". Kara has been teaching younger piano students for three years and has assisted her teacher in her studio as a tutor in theory and technique and sight-reading. As a vocalist, she has represented her high school in the Solo/Ensemble competitions on the state level and performed for the American Choral Directors Association as an accompanist. She is attending Utah State with a goal of getting a Master's degree in music therapy.



Joshua Sweeten is from Layton and graduated from Layton High School. He is a student of Lois Mathews in the Ogden Chapter. He was the semi-finalist in the State Sterling Scholar program in Vocal Performance. As a Baritone, he has sung in his school musical productions, the State Solo Ensemble programs, and was the featured soloist singing the National Anthem for numerous occasions for school and community events. He accompanied other performers in vocals and instrumentals in his school. Joshua completed 7 years of AIM including Level 10.

He played in the Ogden Christmas Jubilee, was a member of a five-piano team, "Sharpies," and organized a benefit concert for Make a Wish Foundation and earned \$700. Joshua has accompanied choirs and church congregations on the organ. He teaches young students the piano and continues on a great legacy of music from three generations of musicians. He plans on attending Brigham Young University to study Organizational Behavior Human Resources, after he returns from an LDS mission in Korea.



Vivian Tran is a student of Ya Liu in the Sandy Chapter of UMTA. She has been a member of the FAIM Club for 7 years, having completed level 10 three years ago, and still continues to participate in the UMTA programs and serve her community. She recently graduated from Skyline High School where she performed in the school orchestra on the violin and accompanied the school choirs. She has organized concerts and performed in various nursing homes, choir festivals, FAIM Recitals, Performance Evaluations and Piano Festivals. She has won many national and international competitions in piano solos and duets and toured the United States and Thailand with her American Northwest Music School. In a multi city tour of Thailand, she performed solos, duets and 5

piano pieces. Vivian has a passion for music and plans to get a bachelor degree in music, with an ultimate goal of being a lawyer.