

Past FAIM Scholarship Winners

2017



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.



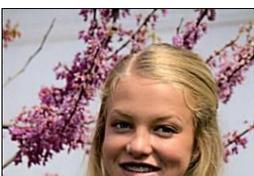
Daniel Peterson is a student of Lois Matthews from the Ogden/Davis chapters. Daniel joined the FAIM Club in 2011. He lives in South Jordan, but drove the many miles every week for his lessons, recitals, and programs in the north. He has performed in master classes with Dr. Yu-Jane Yang and N. Jane Tan. He has participated in many festivals including Piano quintet Festivals, Jazz, Pop, Blues & rock Festivals, and was the guest artist on Main Street, Disneyland. He attributes his skills and knowledge to the many hours of evaluations and comments from different judges. He attended Bingham High School where he participated in the Madrigals and Acapella choirs as a vocalist and an accompanist. His service to the community includes many firesides, recitals and performances in a variety of assisted living centers, church choirs, and soloist in the graduation ceremonies. He is currently serving an LDS mission in the Philippines, after which he will attend Brigham Young University to continue his studies in music and plans to continue teaching piano.



Kearsa Hodson is a senior at Bountiful High School. She is a student of Susan Cheney of the Davis Chapter. She has participated in all 10 levels of AIM and been a member of FAIM for 5 years. She participated in several UMTA Conferences including a performer for the Master Class with Robert Vandall. She has studied not only piano , but guitar, clarinet, saxophone, organ and voice. She is a member of the Community Bell choir. She has participated in Bountiful High School pep bands, musical productions and the Summer Jazz programs and was awarded the Bountiful High Wind Symphony Musicianship Award in 2014. Her community service involves being organist for her church, accompanying many different choirs, arranging music and organizing large musical productions. She has played and sung for assisted living homes 10 times each year for the past 3 years, and been invited to sing the National Anthem for many state events. She plans to continue to study all her varied instruments and teach young students.



McKayla Wolf is an amazing musician on flute and piccolo, piano and organ. She has been a member of the Davis High marching band, wind ensemble, jazz band and the youth symphony. She participated in the Tournament of Rose Parade, graduation ceremonies for Davis High, as well as their dinner /dance evening. She has been a church organist for 4 years. She taught beginning flute for the junior high schools summer band programs. She has entertained over 50 different assisted living centers. She is attending the university of Utah on a music scholarship and plans to get her Music Education degree to teach marching bands in the schools. She is a student of Penni Eads in the Davis Chapter.



Mikelle Rogers has completed all 10 levels of AIM and has been a member of FAIM for five years. She is currently a piano teacher to five young students. She has participated in the UMTA recitals, Performance Evaluations and attend the UMTA Conferences as a participant in the Margene Knowlton Jeopardy Bowl. She started studying piano at the age of 6 with her mother as her teacher, and later transferred to Kathryn Culbertson of the Salt Lake Chapter. She is a senior at Stansbury High School in Tooele, where she is the accompanist for the Women's Choir, Concert Choir and Show Choir. She mentored students in composition and band performances. She is a member of the National Guild of music. Mikelle shares her talents at the Rocky Mountain Care Center in Tooele, accompanies church services and tutors her peers as a musical specialist.



Vanessa Schofield is the daughter of Susan Schofield of the Sandy Chapter. She was taught by her mother for many years and then transferred to Shari Aston of the Sandy Chapter for the last two years. She has participated in the UMTA Conferences as a FAIM Student. She is a student of violin, flute, and voice as well as proficient in piano. She attended Bingham High where she was part of the String Orchestra, Symphonic Orchestra, Cantatrice Choir and the Acapella Choir. She accompanied fellow students in the solo ensemble festivals. She has served in her community playing and singing for Alzheimer's care centers and fundraisers for Music Therapy Programs. She performed at Festival of Trees for the past five years. She is attending Snow College pursuing her goal of studying violin and piano to teach future children.

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Sarah Shivonne Cheney is a student of Shivonne Tuoti in the Provo-Orem Chapter. She is a graduate of Springville High School where she assisted in teaching theory and applied music techniques to the students in the various choirs. She participated in her schools' HOPE Squad, a peer support and suicide prevention group where she felt her discipline she learned from her training in music help her as a leader. She has served her town of Springville in church, nursing homes and hospitals. She is attending Brigham Young University and is studying Secondary Education. She has taught piano throughout her high school years and knows her music training and study will follow her through her advanced education.

Hanna West has taught piano lessons to 15 students for the past 3 years. As a result of doing AIM 8 years, completing level 10, she was able to pass the AP Music Theory in School with a score of 4. She participated in the Bell choir, A Cappella and orchestra on the viola at Riverton High School. She was a member of the South Valley Service Orchestra, Utah Youth Symphony Orchestra, played in nursing homes throughout the area and in her church as the ward organist. Hanna is a student of her mother, Tricia West in the Sandy Chapter.

Nathan Hugh Woolley graduated from Orem High School this past year. He is a student of Sheralyn Heath from the Provo-Orem Chapter. Nathan is an amazing musician in that he continually challenged himself to play the very difficult pieces, such as Rhapsody in Blue in its entirety. He participated in a fund raiser for the Utah Symphony by playing piano, and charity auctions at BYU. He donates his time weekly at the Scera Center for the Arts in Orem, Utah. He has participated in Ensemble, concerto festivals, and FAIM Recitals, and attended the UMTA State Conferences. He plays the organ for his church, saxophone, and all the woodwind instruments. He was a member of the Jazz band, marching band and Wind Symphony of Orem High School. He scored a 5, the highest score on his AP Music Theory Exam. He teaches younger students and plans to continue to teach all his instruments as he pursues his education at Brigham Young University in mechanical Engineering.

Jennifer Christensen is a student of Jenean Christensen of the Tooele Chapter. She completed all 10 levels of AIM with high scores. She served her chapter by helping each year run the AIM program for the younger students. She teaches piano and attends the UMTA State Conferences. She was a Music Sterling Scholar winner in her region. She performs in both the piano and flute in her church and in nursing home. What she enjoys most as she serves is singing in the Assisted living Centers the "old" songs the residents love. She has performed in the Country Fair, various concert series, the St. George and Logan Tabernacles. In her community she played the flute for Pioneer Chamber Ensemble and in the orchestra production of the Messiah. She graduated from Grantsville High School and is attending Utah State University studying Music Therapy and participating on the track team.

Lydia Lee is attending Southern Utah University in Cedar City on a vocal Scholarship. She plans on a music education degree. She appreciates what she learned in all ten levels of the AIM program and attributes that to her success in music throughout her high school years. Lydia is a student of Debra Gamero in the Sandy Chapter. Lydia was the lead in her school productions, served in the many choirs of Corner Canyon High School in Draper as president and participated in all the music classes. Lydia won the Vocal Sterling Scholar award for her school. She has performed the piano in

various nursing homes, Festival of Trees, and in the local elementary and middle schools, as well as schools for autistic children. She has performed in the Draper Aquarium, Joseph Smith Memorial Building in Salt Lake City, Temple Square, Ensemble festivals at South Towne Mall, and Draper Community events. She thanks her teachers and her parents for their motivation, encouragement and constant support.

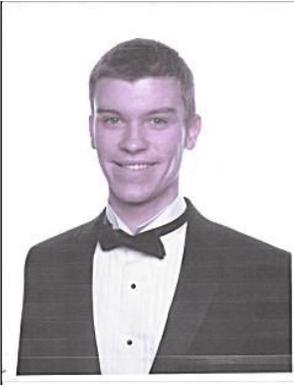
2014 FAIM Scholarship Winners



Emily Clawson is a graduated senior from Ben Lomond High School in Ogden. She is a student of SuAnn Adams, from the Ogden Chapter of UMTA. Emily completed all 10 levels of AIM with an average score of over 98 %. She has excelled in all aspects of music. She has participated in FAIM Recitals, master classes, UMTA Honors recitals, and was recognized in Weber State University Piano Festival. She has performed for the pre show of Jon Schmidt, participated in the Utah Ambassadors of music, and the New American Philharmonic Symphony. She is proficient in piano, violin, cello, bass, guitar, percussion, bagpipes and voice. She has served her community providing music for a variety of nursing homes, church choirs, Festival of Trees, and was her school's Sterling Scholar in instrumental music, performing in the jazz band, drama productions, and concert mistress in the her schools' orchestra. Her plans are to attend Brigham Young University and major in music with a goal of "teaching music to help students learn to love music and grow as people."



Candace Fay Gunn, a student of Penni Eads from the Davis Chapter, graduated from Morgan High School this past year and plans to attend Brigham Young University, where she will pursue a major in oboe performance. Her goal is to play for symphonies and to be able to make reeds for a variety of instruments. She plans to teach piano and oboe. Candace is also an accomplished pianist. She has been a member of the FAIM Club for 4 years. She was awarded the Morgan High School Sterling Scholar in instrumental music. She plays the flute, drums, and violin and is the assistant conductor for the High School band. She has ushered for concerts at Weber State. She has performed in Festival of Trees, Morgan County Fair, church functions on various instruments and accompanied various church choirs. She has composed and performed music and arranged songs for talent shows and recitals. She has performed in the Davis Honor Recital and for the Kaysville Tabernacle Young Artist Concert.



Nathan T. Hurst , is a student of Shivonne Tuoti of the Nebo chapter. He graduated from Maple Mountain High School this year and plans to attend Brigham Young University as a percussion performance major. Nathan plans to study the composition of symphonic form and movie sound track orchestration. He hopes to change the world through music. Nathan has toured Europe with the Utah Ambassadors of Music, accompanied various church and school choirs, performed in the marching band of his school, and performed in various community events. He helps his teacher in master classes and assists and encourages other students. He has performed in FAIM recitals and won the Nebo Chapter 2014 scholarship. He has completed all 10 levels of AIM and performed in UMTA sponsored recitals.



Hailey Griffeth, is a graduate of Preston High School. She has studied with Bonnie Slaughter for eleven years. She completed all ten levels of AIM with high scores. Hailey is an accompanist for her school jazz band and Acapella choir, as well as performs percussion instruments in the school orchestra and school musicals. She is an accomplished vocalist and has been asked to sing the National Anthem for her school and community. She plays the organ for her church and accompanies the church choir. She has performed in UMTA sponsored performance evaluations, Utah Piano Team festivals, Northern Cache Valley Performing Arts Festival, and won the Bennett Cup Music Competition and other noteworthy piano awards. She wrote that she feels closer to the citizens of her small town and feels like music is her way of giving back. She will be attending Utah State and plans to continue teaching piano. She will attend Utah State University and study music.



Leilani Moon, is a student of Penny Eads from the Davis Chapter. She has been a member of the FAIM Club for 5 years, and completed level 10. She enjoys teaching and has entered her own students into the AIM program. Her enthusiasm for music brings great joy and excitement to her students. She has supported the UMTA Activities in performing in Honors recitals, FAIM recitals , and assisting other younger students as a monitor and usher. Leilani performs for retirement centers, and solos for church and school events. She is an accompanist for church on the organ and for Davis High School's Solo and Ensemble Festivals and for the school's orchestra. She has studied violin for four years and performs in the string section of the school's orchestra . She plans to continue teaching young students as she attends college at Brigham Young University in Idaho.