



GPFS STUDY GRANT RECIPIENTS - 2021-2022

Sandy Duffy Norman, GPFS Student Study Grant Coordinator

- The Greater Portland Flute Society is pleased to announce the Study Grant winners for 2021- 2022. The scholarship gives \$300 on the student's behalf for private flute lessons with a GPFS teacher of their choice.
- This year's recipients are: Anita Navarro, teacher, Emily Stanek; Victor Ceja, teacher, Sandy Duffy Norman; Iris Whitacre, teacher, Maria Rectenwald; Jayda Salting, teacher, Phyllis Louke; Seth Powers, teacher, Sarah Tiedemann; and Sarah Smith, teacher, Denise Westby. Congratulations to these deserving, talented students.
- The mission of the study grant program is to help provide educational opportunities and inspiration through membership in the flute society and private instruction. The GPFS newsletter and web site allows flutists to find teachers, accompanists, performing ensembles, workshops, master classes, vendors, and flute repair information.

Please meet the students...





Sarah Smith is a senior at Canby High School. She is the principal flute player and section leader for her school's Wind Ensemble. She is a TA for the freshman band and took a trimester to play in the concert band. She also plays piccolo for high school. She was in WIBC of 2021 and had a master class with Sir James Galway. She was also in Solo and Ensemble in 2021. Sarah has been taking lessons for a little over a year with Denise Westby. Sarah has been playing the flute for almost 7 years and plans to continue playing in college. She hopes to one day play in a professional orchestra.



Victor Ceja is a junior at McNary High School in Keizer, Oregon, where he plays with the wind ensemble, symphony, and the marching band. He is principal flute with Salem Youth Symphony and was selected for the 2022 OMEA All-State Orchestra; he was previously principal flute of the OMEA All-State Wind Symphony, and was named alternate in the 2021 MTNA state woodwind soloist competition. Victor is a member of the GPFS and studies with Sandy Duffy Norman. He continues to seek challenges and opportunities to play and hopes to continue flute beyond high school.



Anita Navarro is a senior at McNary High School in Keizer, Oregon. She has been playing the flute since 5th grade, and the piccolo since 7th grade. She decided to play the flute in 3rd grade because of the bird in the production of “Peter and the Wolf.” She is involved in her school’s Wind Ensemble and pep band. Additionally, she plays the flute in her church’s choir. If she could describe the flute in a word, she would use the word “enchanting.” She looks forward to see what her future with these instruments will be.



Seth Powers is a 16-year-old junior in high school, studies flute with Sarah Tiedemann. He currently plays flute with the Corvallis Youth Symphony. In his spare time, he enjoys reading and exploring the outdoors.



Jayda Salting goes to Beaverton High School and has been playing flute for around 5 years. She is currently in MYS' Flute Ensemble and flute section leader for the Beaverton High School Marching Ensemble. Aside from playing flute, Jayda enjoys digital art and she is currently running Beaverton High School's Mural Club.



Iris Whitacre began playing the flute in elementary school as part of an after school program. She wanted to get better and began working with a private instructor, Maria Rectenwald in 2016. They have been working together for the past few years and she continues to develop her skills in order to participate in state competitions and the eventual hope that she can be a part of her school ensemble. Iris often plays flute in her grandparent's church, and will be part of the Christmas program this year. She is currently attending Reynolds high school, but will be transitioning to a new school with a more robust music program soon.

“I want to hear from the youth.
They know a lot and we don’t
give them enough credit.
Through music, they can create
new ways to better our
community. I need them to
know what is happening today
so that they can help us
heal this world.”

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