

2020 GPFS STUDY GRANT WINNERS

The Greater Portland Flute Society is pleased to announce the Study Grant winners for 2019 - 2020. Congratulations to these deserving, talented students. 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: Joshua Arce, teacher Sandy Duffy Norman; Kellen Ko, teacher Corrie Cook; Victor Ceja, teacher Sandy Duffy Norman; Maya Hausman, teacher Sydney Carlson; Moriah Winn and Kelza Garcia, teacher Carla Wilson.

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.

Kellen Ko, a senior at Westview High School, has been playing flute since 6th grade. She is the Principal Flutist for the Westview Wind Ensemble and the 2020 Beaverton School District High School Honor Band. Kellen is also in her first year with the Metropolitan Youth Symphony's Symphony Orchestra. She took 3rd at the 2019 OMEA District XV Solo Music Festival and performed at State in April. She has also been featured as an alto flute soloist with the Westview Wind Ensemble in May 2019. Kellen plans on studying Music Education in college in hopes of becoming a band director.



Moriah Winn is 13 years old and attending North Albany Middle School as an 8th grader. In May of this year, they were the only middle school in the Pacific Northwest selected to perform at Carnegie Hall. A memorable trip of a lifetime for sure! Moriah is also in the Varsity and Jazz Bands. In April this year, Moriah also had the privilege to play in the Open Ceremony in Chamber at our State Capital with her violin. Moriah has attended the Talented and Gifted programs as well as STEM at OSU since 3rd grade for academics. She was the only 7th grader in her school to have received honorable recognition from the Willamette Valley Society of Women Engineers on an essay competition open to the Willamette Valley 7th graders. She loves soccer, swimming and rugby! Her teacher is Abigail Sperling.

Victor Ceja is a freshman at McNary High-school. He has been described as kind and ambitious. Victor has been playing flute for three years. During his time, he has been named principal of the 2020 Allstate Wind Ensemble and was a part of the 2019 middle school Allstate/All-City honor bands. He is currently in the McNary High School Wind Ensemble and is third flute and piccolo with the Salem Youth Symphony. Victor studies with Sandy Norman.



Kelza Garcia not only plays the flute and piccolo but is also aspiring to be a surgeon. Her life consists of studying, working, volunteering, and playing the flute. Music has always brought her to a sense of tranquility in times of stress. The juxtaposition of creating heartwarming melodies with surgical precision and hours of practice make music one of the best parts of her busy schedule. Along with playing in Parkrose High School's Symphonic Band, Kelza also spends her Thursdays at Warner Pacific University playing with the Tabor Wind Ensemble. She is very thankful for the opportunity to start private flute lessons with the help of the Greater Portland Flute Society.



Joshua Arce has been playing the flute for three years and currently is a student of Sandy Norman. Joshua loves music as it allows him to express that which cannot be put into words. Whether he is practicing in the dining room or listening to a Mendelssohn symphony in his car, music surrounds his daily life. He hopes to continue this musical involvement and grow as a musician. This GPFS scholarship is a great help to him in achieving this goal. He is thankful to be selected as a winner for the study grant.

Maya Hausman is a freshman at Cleveland High School. She thoroughly enjoys playing the flute, and recently started learning the piccolo. In the future, she hopes to major in music and flute performance. Music is a major part of her life. She started taking piano lessons at 6 years old and continued them until 7th grade. Maya started playing orchestral wind instruments in 5th grade, when she started the clarinet. She played the clarinet from 5th-7th grade. However, when she started the flute at the end of sixth grade, no other instrument compared. In 8th grade, she was the first chair in the top band at Sellwood Middle School, she was in the Portland All-City Honor Band, and her band director awarded her his female musician of the year award. She attended Northwest Band Camp at Twin Rocks summer 2019 and was placed as 2nd chair in the top band, one of the few freshmen in this ensemble. She loves playing the flute, and it is her biggest passion. Nothing makes her happier than to play her instrument, especially with her other musical friends. She is incredibly grateful for this opportunity to begin taking private lessons with Sydney Carlson and to improve as a flautist and a musician. Thank you, GPFS!

