

CONGRATULATIONS 2019 GPFS YOUNG ARTIST \WINNERS SENIOR DIVISION

First Place – Iris Fu

Iris Fu, 16-year-old flutist from Corvallis, currently studies with Sandy Duffy Norman. In 2019, she was named a National Young Arts Winner and performed at Carnegie Hall as a second-place winner of the American Protégé International Woodwinds and Brass Competition. She also served as the principal flutist of the 2019 All Northwest Orchestra among other All State ensembles, the Corvallis Youth Symphony, and the Crescent Valley High School Wind Ensemble. Most recently, Iris placed first at the State Solo Contest and continues to enjoy developing her skills both as a solo performer and as an orchestra member.



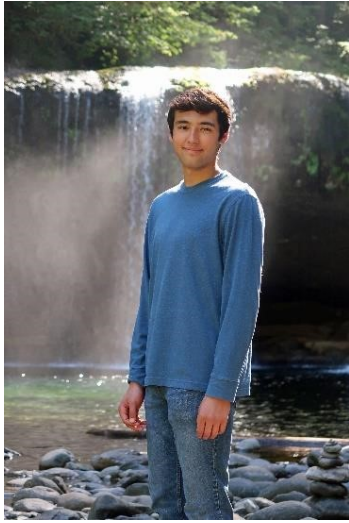
Second Place – John-Baptist Nguyen

John-Baptist Nguyen is a senior at Westview High School and has been playing the flute for three years. When he first began playing in 2016, John became the Principal Flutist of both the Western International



Band and the Westview Symphonic Band. Since then, he has served as Principal Flutist for the Metropolitan Youth Symphony, the Westview Wind Ensemble, and the Beaverton All-City Band. He is also the two-time winner of the OMEA District 15 Solo Contest and has been accepted into honor ensembles including the NAME All-Northwest and OMEA All-State Band. He is notable for many awards, one most recently being the Beaverton Arts Foundation Scholarship for Outstanding Music Performance. John receives his primary education from Corrie Cook and Dawn Weiss and occasionally

studies with Sydney Carlson and Darren Cook. Furthermore, John has performed for the masterclasses of Julien Beaudiment, Ransom Wilson, Trudy Kane, Molly Barth, and Jacqueline Cordova-Arrington. Aside from performing, John leads an ambitious music career in his community. He is the Director of the Lavang Youth Chamber Orchestra, a student-led orchestra of Vietnamese-Americans across the Northwest; a Chapter Director of Project Prelude, teaching free private lessons to economic minorities; and the former Vice President of Westview's Music for Change club, performing live to raise money for local charities.



Third Place – Hugo Romero

Hugo Romero is a senior at Wilsonville High School and has been playing flute for 7 years now. Since the end of his freshmen year Hugo has been studying with Denise Westby who worked him to the bone to get him where he is today. During his high school career Hugo has earned the principal spot in the highest band at the Western International Band Clinic 2 years in a row, played in the All-State Wind Ensemble, competed at district and state solo competitions. Since music has played a big role in his life, Hugo hopes to make a career out of his flute playing.

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First place – Macy Gong

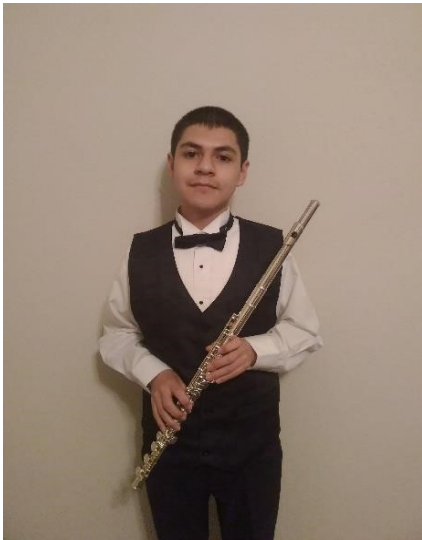
Macy Gong, 13, is a seventh grader at Athey Creek Middle School in Tualatin. She began studying the flute at the age of 6 with Melissa Stoudt and is now a student of Sydney Carlson. In January, Macy received second place in the Vancouver Symphony Young Artists Competition, and, she won first place in the GPFS Young Artists Competition last year. She has performed at the Young Artists

Legacy Chamber Concert and is the principal flute of the PYCO ensemble in the Portland Youth Philharmonic. For the past 4 years, Macy has attended the annual summer Flute Boot Camp hosted by Flute Alliance and has worked with Martha Long. Aside from flute, she is heavily involved with piano as well, earning many awards in competitions and festivals. Outside of music, Macy enjoys reading, playing badminton, travelling, and spending time with friends and family.



Second Place – Caroline Gao

Caroline's love for the flute began when she joined her local 5th grade band program, directed by Mr. Andy Nelson. Now in 8th grade, she is principal flutist in the North Albany Middle School advanced band (also led by Mr. Nelson) and is deeply immersed in her school's band community. In February, she participated in the Oregon Music Educators Association Middle School All-State Honor Band. She currently is studying under Dr. Jill Pauls, the flute instructor at Oregon State University. Additionally, she has had the privilege of studying with Dr. Emily Stanek, flute instructor at Corban University and Willamette University, and with Sage Gustafson, who is now a graduate student at Duke Medical School. Caroline is beyond grateful for all the mentorship she has received, in flute playing and beyond, and she hopes to keep her passion for music alive for the rest of her life.



Third Place – Diego Fernandez

My name is Diego Fernandez and I am an 8th grade flutist striving to become a virtuosic flute player. Before middle school, I was in choir at my elementary school. I wanted to do something different, so I joined beginning band as a flutist. Later on, I began to study under Abigail Sperling and learned so much from her and still am. Through her I met amazing people and played in outstanding ensembles and I hope to keep growing with her. I am playing in the Salem Youth Philharmonic Orchestra, Chemeketa Community College Concert Band, and perform regularly at senior homes. I am very grateful for my family, friends, and teachers that encourage me to keep my music alive.