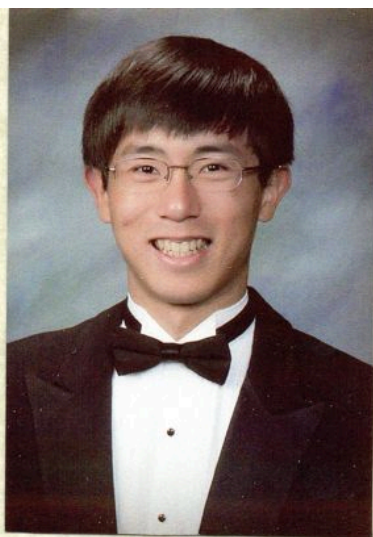

MISSISSIPPI MUSIC TEACHER

MMTA Pre-College Finals

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Outstanding Pre-College Student Achievement Award Winners

These outstanding students have achieved eight years of eligibility for the Pre-College Finals, five of which must be in Solo Performance.



Taide Ding
Age 18, 12th grade
From Oxford
Student of Dr. Ian Hominick
Son of Ping Li and Dr. Yan Ding



Caleb Foster
Age 17, 12th grade
From Sturgis
Student of Dixie M. Clark
Son of Stephen and Joeann Foster



Brittany Matthews

Age 17, 11th grade
From Laurel
Student of Ellen Gunn
Daughter of Karen and Lee Matthews



Rachel Runnels

Age 16, 11th grade
From Vicksburg
Student of Susan Gambrell
Daughter of Ronnie and Karen Runnels



Joelle Young

Age 17, 11th grade
From Oxford
Student of Adrienne Park
Daughter of Xiaoying Wang



Benjamin Wiggins

Age 15, 9th grade
From Laurel
Student of Ellen Gunn
Son of Beth and Scott Wiggins

BIOGRAPHIES OF EIGHT YEAR WINNERS

Brittany Matthews is the 17 year old daughter of Karen and Lee Matthews of Laurel, MS. Brittany began playing the piano in kindergarten and has participated in many piano competitions, festivals and recitals. Among those are Bach Festival for 2 years, Hymn Festival, JCMTA Ensemble for 6 years, Solo-Sonata Competition for 4 years, Wolfe Gang competition, JCMTA Showcase Recital and MMTA finals for 8 years. She also played in a Master Class for Helen Marlais at the 2010 MMTA Convention in Ellisville.

Brittany enjoys playing for her church, family and school and is an accomplished accompanist. She is a Junior at West Jones High School and is a member of Pleasant Home Baptist Church. She has studied piano with Ellen Gunn for the past 5 years and 4 years before that with Beth Parker of Laurel.

She has participated in school talent shows and placed in the Top 8 in individual talent at the statewide BETA convention in 2011. She recently entered the Distinguished Young Women Program of Jones County and played the piano for her talent. Music and especially piano is an important part of her life and she uses her talent well.

Taide Ding is a senior at Oxford High School in Oxford, MS. Taide began studying piano at age 4 while living in Tokyo, Japan and has studied with Dr. Ian Hominick at the University of Mississippi since coming to the U.S. in 2001. Taide represented the Southern Division in the 2012 MTNA National Competition in New York City and was the winner of the 2012 American Prize in Piano Performance. In addition, Taide is a two-time Grand Award recipient at the Intel International Science Fair for his research with his father in hurricane forecasting. This year, Taide captained the 5A State Champion OHS boy's swim team as well as the State runner-up OHS robotics team. Taide also serves as opinions editor for OHS's nationally acclaimed student newspaper, *the Charger*.

Joelle Young, 17, began taking piano at age four from her grandfather and has been taking lessons from Ms. Adrienne Park since age seven. She has participated in the MMTA, MTNA, and MVSU Piano Competitions and performs for veteran and nursing homes in Mississippi and Tennessee. Her hobbies include composing, writing, and kayaking. A junior at Oxford High School, she is a member of the Science Olympiad Team, Envirothon Team, German Club, and Math and Science Team.

Caleb Foster, 17, is the son of Stephen and Joeann Foster of Starkville, MS and the eldest brother of 9 siblings. Caleb is currently in the 11th grade and has been homeschooled since Pre-K. He is also a national merit semifinalist. Caleb works with his dad building websites and is currently the content manager for three websites. Along with his 2 brothers, he is partner in a side business, F Gen Kids, which sells Boy's Adventure Items and does landscaping jobs.

Caleb has taken piano lessons from Dixie M. Clark for 9 years and has passed the MMTA Semi Finals each year. He has won awards in several categories in the MMTA Pre-College Finals. The Mississippi Federated Festival and GTMF Honors Recital have been part of his pre-college music study for the past nine years, which he has earned numerous awards including scholarships to Piano Discoveries Camp at University of MS and Summer Music Camp at Mississippi College. In 2012, he helped set up the Golden Triangle Music Forum Junior Music Club, which he is currently the President. The club helped raise money for the Golden Triangle Music Forum Honors Recital as well as host theory classes to help students prepare for the MMTA theory tests.

Caleb enjoys playing any sport that he can get his hands on. He plays quarterback on the local homeschool football team and is an avid swimmer. He has participated in swimming lessons and pre-lifeguard training for 10 years and is pursuing life guard certification. He has also participated in multiple 4-H activities, recently qualifying for state competition in 4-H shotgun.

In his spare time, Caleb enjoys Bible study, reading, guitar, shooting, listening to music, and of course, playing the piano. He also enjoys camping, playing backyard sports with family and friends, and working around the farm with his dad. Two of his favorite Bible verses are 1 Timothy 4:12 - "Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe." and John 20:31- "these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name."

His future plans include attending college at Mississippi State University in the fall of 2014 and majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Rachel Runnels, 16, is in the eleventh grade and home schooled by her parents, Ronnie and Karen Runnels. She has enjoyed studying piano for 9 years under her inspiring teacher Susan Gambrell. Rachel has performed in numerous recitals each year as well as sharing her gift of music in nursing homes, church services, and other special events. In 2009 Rachel and her brother, Dustin, won first place in the State MMTA Piano Duet Competition. Also, in 2011 Rachel won first place in ninth grade Piano Solo Performance and had the highest composite score in 2007. This year, Rachel began teaching piano and currently has 3 students. Rachel is considering majoring in piano once she

graduates high school. Aside from playing music, Rachel enjoys Bible Drill, missions, dancing, playing tennis, and playing basketball on her homeschool basketball team, The Flames.

Benjamin Keith Wiggins is the fifteen year old son of Beth and Scott Wiggins. He lived in Laurel until March 2013, but his family is moving to Eldorado, AR. He has studied with Ellen Gunn for the past 6 years and before that he studied with Beth Parker of Laurel for 2 years. Ben is an Eagle Scout, a member of USA Swimming Association for 10 years and is ranked as a top five swimmer in Mississippi. He also enjoys playing basketball with the Laurel Knight Hawks.

Among his many musical accomplishments he has played in Bach Festival for 4 years, JCMTA Solo-Sonatina festival for 4 years, and was a Wolfe Gang Festival winner in 2010 and 2011. He has played in MMTA Finals for the past 7 years and is playing again in 2013. He has competed in solo, ensemble and sonatina divisions and has won or placed in his level every year.

Ben shares his musical talents with friends, family, churches and at scouting activities. He enjoys composing, arranging and improvising music.

Congratulations to these students!

**Piano Performance Level 3 and below****Gold Medal:** Sam Powell (Laura Broughton)**2nd Place:** Hannah Kim (Ricki Prewitt)**3rd Place:** Isabella Lin (Isabella Ivshin)**4th Place:** Christina Danford (Ellen P. Elder)**Honorable Mention:** Joseph Agler (Kate F. Sawyer)

Austin Chang (Isabella Ivshin)

Claire Chi (Edna Mae McCoy)

Sarah Kim (Ricki Prewitt)

Bonnie Littlejohn (Sandy Coutoumanos)

Henlee Middleton (Linda Carnes)

Minhye S. Park (Jung-Won Shin)

Virginia Powell (Laura Broughton)

Yolanda Tian (Janice Mesrobian)

Nicole Wang (Isabella Ivshin)

Jessica Yan (Harold Thompson)

Piano Performance Level 4**Gold Medal:** Lucy Mellen (Ellen P. Elder)**2nd Place:** Matthew Li (Isabella Ivshin)**3rd Place:** Daniel Zhang (Karen Laubengayer)**4th Place:** Max Zhang (Ellen P. Elder)**Honorable Mention:** Gracie Bassett (Ruth Keyes)

Karlene Deng (Ricki Prewitt)

Christine Lee (Anna Smira)

Sidharth Nagarajan (Edna Mae McCoy)

Carolyn Wiggins (Laura Broughton)

Matthew Yin (Karen Laubengayer)

Madeleine Yu (Ellen P. Elder)

Hannah Zhou (Karen Laubengayer)

Piano Performance Level 5**Gold Medal:** Edward Hu (Ian Hominick)**2nd Place:** Ben Yang (Adrienne Park)**3rd Place:** Michelle Sun (Janice Mesrobian)

Rebecca Pan (Edna Mae McCoy)

4th Place: Jackson Creel (Laura Broughton)

Jacob Runnels (Susan Gambrell)

Honorable Mention: Alisha Carino (Dixie M. Clark)

Neziah Igwebuike (Carol Durham)

Joy Faith Jennings (Victoria Johnson)

Michell Liu (Judith Allen)

Kevin Miao (Ellen P. Elder)

Derick Taylor (Elsie A. Barnes)

Emory Grace Ware (Kay Johnson)

Piano Performance Level 6**Gold Medal:** Vickie Gong (Judith Allen)**2nd Place:** Lexi Sibley (Susan Gambrell)

Gloria Zhang (Edna Mae McCoy)

3rd Place: Caleb Owens (Jung-Won Shin)

Hamilton Wan (Harold Thompson)

4th Place: Mary Coats (Ellen Y. Gunn)

Sara Sheward (Frankie Harpole)

Piano Performance Level 7**Gold Medal:** Tracey Singer (Edna Mae McCoy)**2nd Place:** Sam Kwon (Ricki Prewitt)**3rd Place:** Jane Fan (Edna Mae McCoy)**4th Place:** Angela Tang (Ricki Prewitt)**Honorable Mention:** Tamjeed Azad (Ian Hominick)

Joanna Bu (Adrienne Park)

Calendula Cheng (Ian Hominick)

Logan Knight (Sandy Coutoumanos)

Isaac Perkes (Mildred Dickson)

Graham Roberson (Annette G. Joe)

Amanda Welch (Ellen Y. Gunn)

Piano Performance Level 8**Gold Medal:** Jesse Li (Isabella Ivshin)**2nd Place:** Allen Huang (Janice Mesrobian)**3rd Place:** Cici Zhang (Harold Thompson)**4th Place:** Nathan Yin (Karen Laubengayer)**Honorable Mention:** Anna Reed Hairston (Edna Mae McCoy)

Grace Jennings (Victoria Johnson)

Elizabeth Wang (Isabella Ivshin)

Piano Performance Level 9**Gold Medal:** Joy Carino (Dixie M. Clark)

Michelle Li (Ricki Prewitt)

2nd Place Daniel Jones (Ricki Prewitt)

James Zhou (Karen Laubengayer)

3rd Place: Ashley Chang (Isabella Ivshin)

Caroline Rhett (Ellen P. Elder)

4th Place: Marina Joel (Isabella Ivshin)**Honorable Mention:** Zoe Fokakis (Ellen P. Elder)

Sadie Henderson (Ellen P. Elder)

Hailey Knight (Sandy Coutoumanos)

Wilson Liano (Ricki Prewitt)

Piano Performance Level 10**Gold Medal:** Gabriella Loiacano (Carol Mahler)**2nd Place:** Tom Pan (Edna Mae McCoy)**3rd Place:** Sarah Maher (Donna Banks)**4th Place:** John Tillman Thomas (Susan Gambrell)**Honorable Mention:** Sam Stewart (Ellen Y. Gunn)

Melinda Xu (Dixie M. Clark)

Piano Performance Level 11**Gold Medal:** Joelle Young (Adrienne Park)**2nd Place:** Casey Park (Karen Fosheim)**Piano Performance Level 12****Gold Medal:** Caleb Foster (Dixie M. Clark)**Piano Ensemble Division A****Gold Medal:** Claire Chi and Victoria Pan (Edna Mae McCoy)**Piano Ensemble Division B****Gold Medal:** Rebecca Pan and Gloria Zhang (Edna Mae McCoy)

2nd Place: Vivek Nagarajan and Sidharth Nagarajan (Edna Mae McCoy)

3rd Place: Derick Taylor and David Barnes (Elsie A. Barnes)

4th Place: Anna Myers and Emily Valentine (Marilyn Huff)

Honorable Mention: Wil Estes and Aaron Schauer (Marilyn Huff)

Brett Johnson and Brice Johnson (Marilyn Huff)

Laura Simpson, Luke Jones and Claire-Mann Taylor (Janet Gray)

Piano Ensemble Division C

Gold Medal: Jane Fan and Tracey Singer (Edna Mae McCoy)

Sam Kwon and Angela Tang (Ricki Prewitt)

Jesse Li and Elizabeth Wang (Isabella Ivshin)

2nd Place: Anna Dodd and Samantha Simpson (Janet Gray)

3rd Place: Cathy Li and Angela Tang (Ricki Prewitt)

4th Place: Becca Hahn and Emily Hahn (Susan Gambrell)

Piano Ensemble Division D

Gold Medal: Sadie Henderson and Caroline Rhett (Ellen P. Elder)

2nd Place: Ben Wiggins and Sam Stewart (Ellen Y. Gunn)

3rd Place: Lauren Aday and Monica Warren (Janet Gray)

Sammira Rais-Rohani and Margaret Ann Street (Edna Mae McCoy)

Piano Ensemble Division E

Gold Medal: Jacob Runnels and Rachel Runnels (Susan Gambrell)

2nd Place: Tristan Crockett and Michael Hankins (Ouida Thomas)

Sonata/Sonatina Division A

Gold Medal: Hannah Kim (Ricki Prewitt)

2nd Place: Yolanda Tian (Janice Mesrobian)

Sonata/Sonatina Division B

Gold Medal: Matthew Li (Isabella Ivshin)

2nd Place: Ben Yang (Adrienne Park)

3rd Place: Rebecca Pan (Edna Mae McCoy)

Michelle Sun (Janice Mesrobian)

4th Place: Edward Hu (Ian Hominick)

Matthew Yin (Karen Laubengayer)

Gloria Zhang (Edna Mae McCoy)

Honorable Mention: Gracie Bassett (Ruth Keyes)

Vickie Gong (Judith Allen)

Thomas Reese Tisdale (Martha Tisdale)

Sonata/Sonatina Division C

Gold Medal: Jesse Li (Isabella Ivshin)

2nd Place: Joanna Bu (Adrienne Park)

Sonata/Sonatina Division D

Gold Medal: Ashley Chang (Isabella Ivshin)

Sonata/Sonatina Division E

Gold Medal: Tia Carter (Elsie A. Barnes)

Theme and Variations Division B

Gold Medal: Gloria Zhang (Edna Mae McCoy)

2nd Place: Gracie Bassett (Ruth Keyes)

3rd Place: Lindsay Simpson (Janet Gray)

Theme and Variations Division C**Gold Medal:** Tracey Singer (Edna Mae McCoy)**2nd Place:** Jane Fan (Edna Mae McCoy)**Theme and Variations Division E****Gold Medal:** Sue Lee (Stephanie Holmes)**Vocal Performance Level 9****Gold Medal:** Meredith Mitchell (Barbara Stephenson)**2nd Place:** Monica Curry (Shawn Morgan)**Vocal Performance Level 10****Gold Medal:** Donovan Barner (Shawn Morgan)**Vocal Performance Level 11****Gold Medal:** Krystal Jackson (Shawn Morgan)**Vocal Performance Level 12****Gold Medal:** Ja'Marvae Lard (Shawn Morgan)**Strings Solo Division A****Gold Medal:** Yolanda Tian (Gail Fox)**Strings Solo Division B****Gold Medal:** Edmund Doerksen (Susan Gaston)**Strings Solo Division C****Gold Medal:** BailyAnn Neal (Gail Fox)**Strings Solo Division D****Gold Medal:** Hayley Webster (Emily McClung)**Strings Solo Division E****Gold Medal:** Gabbie Bowden (Emily McClung)

Zachary-Scott Neal (Gail Fox)

Woodwinds Solo Level 9**Gold Medal:** Yerin Heo (Karen Bates)**Woodwinds Solo Level 11****Gold Medal:** Sarah Enslin (Karen Bates)

2013 HIGHEST COMPOSITE SCORES

Level	Student	Teacher	Score
Piano Level 3 & Below	Sam Powell	Laura Broughton	300
	Nicole Wang	Isabella Ivshin	300
	Jessica Yan	Harold Thompson	300
Piano Level 4	Max Zhang	Ellen P. Elder	398
Piano Level 5	Edward Hu	Ian Hominick	399
Piano Level 6	Gloria Zhang	Edna Mae McCoy	400
Piano Level 7	Tracey Singer	Edna Mae McCoy	400
Piano Level 8	Dylan Tompkins	Annette G. Joe	390
Piano Level 9	Joy Carino	Dixie M. Clark	396
Piano Level 10	Sarah Maher	Donna Banks	391
Piano Level 11	Joelle Young	Adrienne Park	396
Piano Level 12	Taide Ding	Ian Hominick	398
Strings Division B	Edmund Doerksen	Susan Gaston	398
Strings Division C	BaileyAnn Neal	Gail Fox	384
Strings Division E	Zachary-Scott Neal	Gail Fox	373

Eight-Year Outstanding Achievement Awards

<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1. Taide Ding	Ian Hominick (Oxford)
2. Caleb Foster	Dixie M. Clark (Starkville)
3. Brittany Matthews	Ellen Y. Gunn (Ellisville)
4. Rachel Runnels	Susan Garmbell (Vicksburg)
5. Benjamin Wiggins	Ellen Y. Gunn (Ellisville)
6. Joelle Young	Adrienne Park (Oxford)



Level 3 Piano Performance



Level 4 Piano Performance



Level 5 Piano Performance



Level 6 Piano Performance



Level 7 Piano Performance



Level 8 Piano Performance



Level 10 Piano Performance



Level 9 Piano Performance





Level 11 Piano Performance



Level 12 Piano Performance



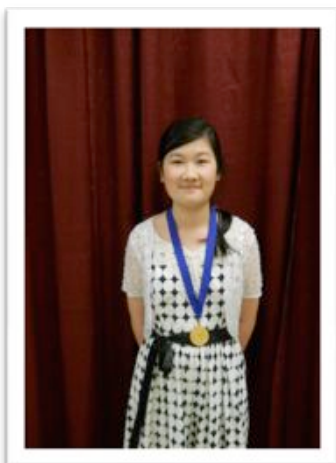
Levels 9, 10, 11, & 12 Vocal Performance



Piano Ensemble E



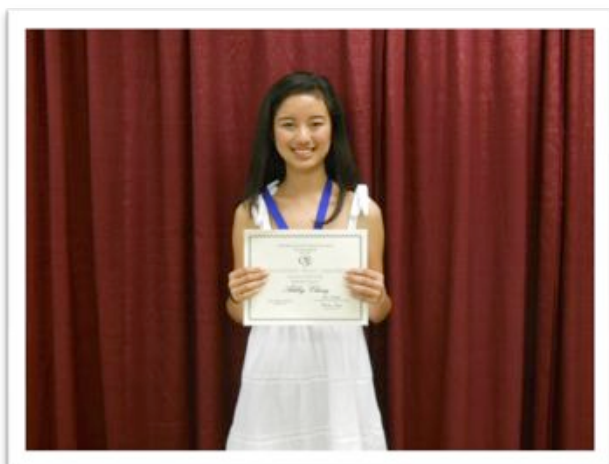
Strings Levels A, B, C, D, & E



Theme and Variations C



Piano Ensemble A



Piano
Sonata/Sonatina D



Piano
Sonata/Sonatina A



Sonata/Sonatina E



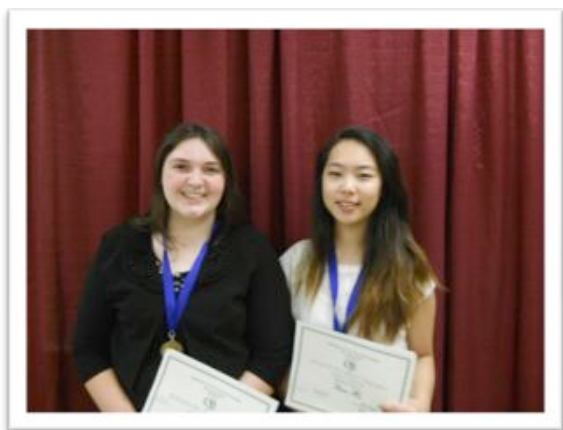
Sonata/Sonatina C



Theme and Variations E



Sonata/Sonatina B



Woodwinds 9 & 11



Piano Ensemble C



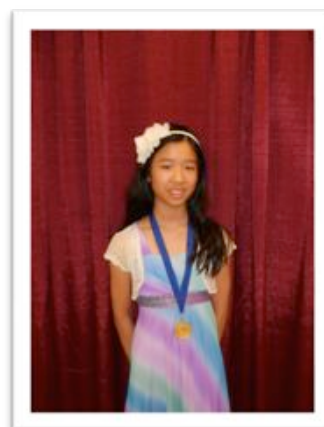
Piano Ensemble D



Piano Ensemble B



Theme and Variations B





The officers and membership of Mississippi Music Teachers Association extend our congratulations to all those who participated in the 2013 Pre-College Evaluations at the local levels and to these who are honored in this Special Edition of the MMT as participants in the 2013 Pre-College Finals at Hinds Community College in Raymond on May 18, 2013.

A special thank you to Alice Ballard, our Vice President for Pre-College Performances, for her help in putting together this edition of the MMT.

If anyone has been omitted or if any names have been misspelled, please let me know so it can be corrected. Congratulations to all of these wonderful music students!

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