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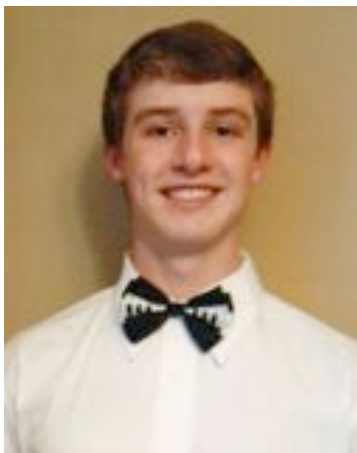
Outstanding Pre-College Student Achievement Award Winners

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



Emily Youngblood

Age 15, 9th grade
From Ellisville
Student of Ellen Y. Gunn
Daughter of Lara & Ric Youngblood



Nicholas Gagliano

Age 15, 9th grade
From Hattiesburg
Student of Dr. Laura Broughton
Son of Charles and Lisa Gagliano



Allen Huang

Age 13, 9th grade
From Hattiesburg
Student of Janice Mesrobian
Son of Dr. Faqing Huang and Mrs. Zhili Yang

BIOGRAPHIES OF EIGHT YEAR WINNERS

Nicholas Gagliano, 15, is the son of Charles and Lisa Gagliano. He is in the 9th grade at Presbyterian Christian High School, where he is an “A” student and a member of Junior Beta Club. He also plays basketball at PCHS and is on both the junior varsity and varsity teams. He has studied piano with Dr. Laura Broughton for the past nine years.

Among his many musical accomplishments, he has participated in the Keyboard Festival for six years, the NFMC Festival for nine years, and MMTA District Evaluations and Finals for eight years, placing in his level in 2011 and 2012 and winning the Gold Medal with his ensemble partner in 2011. Nicholas had the opportunity to participate in the Fine Arts Summer Academy in 2011 in Nashville, where he studied with Dr. Jerome Reed at Lipscomb University.

Nicholas has played carols at Christmas at a retirement facility and he regularly shares his musical talents with friends and family and at church and school events. He also enjoys composing and improvising music.

Emily Youngblood of Ellisville, Mississippi is in the 9th grade at Laurel Christian School. Her special interests are piano, ballet, and running. This is her eighth year in MMTA area auditions and she has qualified for state finals each of those eight years. She has won high ratings at Jones County Music Teachers Solo and Ensemble Festival and is a Bach Festival six year superior winner. Emily studies piano with Ellen Gunn and attends Westminster Presbyterian Church in Laurel.

Allen Huang, 13, is the son of Dr. Faqing Huang and Mrs. Zhili Yang. He attends Oak Grove High School. He has been studying piano for the past eight years in the studio of Mrs. Janice Mesrobian. Allen has won numerous medals and awards in state piano competitions, including gold medals in MMTA competitions for solo, sonatina, and duet. In the past two years, Allen was awarded scholarships for the stimulating and challenging Piano Discoveries camp at Ole Miss directed by Dr. Ian Hominick. In addition, he is first chair bass trombone in the Oak Grove wind ensemble. He has auditioned successfully for the JCJC honor band clinic for the past three years, and was first chair first band in 2013.

During the school year, Allen enjoys math, science, and engineering. He won 1st in the state Mathcounts competition last year and represented Mississippi at the national Mathcounts competition in Washington DC. Furthermore, Allen scored in the top 1% in the nation for the

2014 AMC 10 test. Beyond math, he also has a passion for science and engineering. His science fair project this year earned 1st place in biochemistry at the regional competition and was awarded a bronze medal in his category at the state competition. Representing OGHS in the state Science Olympiad competition this year, Allen won two gold medals. Finally, he is part of the state runner-up Seaperch underwater robotics team that will compete at the national robotics challenge.

As a freshman at Oak Grove High School, Allen is active in extracurricular activities such as Beta Club and Mu Alpha Theta and robotic club. He enjoys doing service projects and donating items. In addition, he likes to volunteer his time through tutoring other students and helping out in a local nursing home. In his spare time, Allen enjoys swimming, running, biking, playing table tennis, and reading.

Congratulations to these students!



PRE-COLLEGE FINALS WINNERS - 2014

Piano Performance Level 3 and below

Hannah Kim (Edna Mae McCoy)

Gold Medal:

Minhye S. Park (Jung-Won Shin)

2nd Place:

Yolanda Tian (Janice Mesrobian)

3rd Place:

Sarah Kim (Edna Mae McCoy)

Victoria Pan (Edna Mae McCoy)

Pony Wang (Katie Wallace)

4th Place:

Gabrielle Sun (Janice Mesrobian)

Honorable Mention:

Jade Agler (Carol Mahler)

Ema Cait Freeman (Laura Broughton)

Vivek Nagarajan (Edna Mae McCoy)

Jazmaree Rich (Melinda Porter)

Richard Zheng (Carol Durham)

Piano Performance Level 4

Gold Medal:

Christina Danford (Ellen P. Elder)

2nd Place:

Sam Powell (Laura Broughton)

3rd Place:

4th Place:

Elaina Ellis (Barry Ellis)

Raymond Huang (Debbie Barnes)

Ian Zhang (Katie Wallace)

Honorable Mention:

Joseph Agler (Carol Mahler)

Katherine Hyer (Laura Broughton)

Sarah LeRoux (Carolina Whitfield-Smith)

Bonnie Littlejohn (Sandy Coutoumanos)

Ian Marks (Ellen Y. Gunn)

Aidan Rich (Melinda Porter)

Piano Performance Level 5

Gold Medal:

Max Zhang (Ellen Elder)

2nd Place:

Jiyoung Seo (Jung-Won Shin)

3rd Place:

Christine Lee (Anna Smira)

Matthew Li (Rachel Heard)

Lucy Mellen (Ellen Elder)

4th Place:

David Jelinek (Katie Wallace)

Honorable Mention:

Gracie Bassett (Ruth Keyes)

Will Brent (Janice Mesrobian)

Karlene Deng (Katie Wallace)

Luke Jones (Janet Gray)

Ben Miller (Dot Bittick)

Sidharth Nagarajan (Edna Mae McCoy)

Christian Severson (Laura Broughton)

Matthew Yin (Karen Laubengayer)

Madeleine Yu (Ellen Elder)

Piano Performance Level 6

Gold Medal:

Jacob Runnels (Susan Gambrell)

2nd Place:

Edward Hu (Ian Hominick)

Neziah Igwebuike (Carol Durham)

3rd Place:

Michelle Sun (Janice Mesrobian)

Ben Yang (Adrienne Park)

4th Place:

Rebecca Pan (Edna Mae McCoy)

Honorable Mention:

Jackson Creel (Laura Broughton)

Alexandria Deans (Carolina Whitfield-Smith)

Jestin Hale (Karen Laubengayer)

Joy Faith Jennings (Victoria Johnson)

John Kees (Jane Duran Fox)

Victoria Wang (Isabella Ivshin)

Piano Performance Level 7

Gold Medal:

Caleb Owens (Jung-Won Shin)

2nd Place:

Victoria Gong (Judith Allen)

3rd Place:

Robert Lawson (Annette Joe)

Indu Nandula (Karen Fosheim)

4th Place:

Amy Pang (Isabella Ivshin)

Honorable Mention:

Lori Feng (Katie Wallace)

Hamilton Wan (Harold Thompson)

Piano Performance Level 8

Gold Medal:

Tamjeed Azad (Ian Hominick)

2nd Place:

Jane Fan (Edna Mae McCoy)

3rd Place:

Calendula Cheng (Ian Hominick)

Steven Chung (Isabella Ivshin)

4th Place:

Samantha Simpson (Janet Gray)

Honorable Mention:

Anna Dodd (Janet Gray)
Julianna Hinton (Susan Fairchild)
Julia Jia (Annette Joe)
Logan Knight (Sandy Coutoumanos)

Honorable Mention:

Kryshun Chaffin (Carolina Whitfield-Smith)
Marina Joel (Isabella Ivshin)
Seung Heon Lee (Edna Mae McCoy)
Emily Youngblood (Ellen Y. Gunn)
Caroline Rhett (Ellen Elder)

Piano Performance Level 9**Gold Medal:**

Lewis Park (Karen Fosheim)

2nd Place

Jesse Li (Rachel Heard)

3rd Place:

Cici Zhang (Harold Thompson)

4th Place:

Elizabeth Wang (Isabella Ivshin)
Nathan Yin (Karen Laubengayer)

Piano Performance Level 10**Gold Medal:**

James Zhou (Karen Laubengayer)

2nd Place:

Joy Carino (Dixie M. Clark)

3rd Place:

Sadie Henderson (Ellen Elder)

4th Place:

Ashley Chang (Isabella Ivshin)

Piano Performance Level 11**Gold Medal:**

Melinda Xu (Dixie M. Clark)

2nd Place:

Christopher Cunningham (Carol Mahler)

Piano Performance Level 12**Gold Medal:**

Rachel Runnels (Susan Gambrell)

Piano Ensemble Division A**Gold Medal:**

Sarah Kim and Victoria Pan (Edna Mae McCoy)

2nd Place:

Ben Cole and Lindsey Cole (Marilyn Huff)

Piano Ensemble Division B**Gold Medal:**

Hannah Kim and Rebecca Pan (Edna Mae McCoy)

2nd Place:

Anna Myers and Emily Valentine (Marilyn Huff)

Brett Johnson and Brice Johnson (Marilyn Huff)

Piano Ensemble Division C**Gold Medal:**

Karlene Deng and Lori Feng (Katie Wallace)

2nd Place:

Caleb Owens and Jiyoung Seo (Jung-Won Shin)

Lindsay Simpson and Samantha Simpson (Janet Gray)

3rd Place:

Rebecca Pan and Gloria Zhang (Edna Mae McCoy)

Piano Ensemble Division D**Gold Medal:**

Sadie Henderson and Caroline Rhett (Ellen P. Elder)

2nd Place:

Jesse Li and Kally Xu (Rachel Heard)

3rd Place:

Nicholas Gagliano & Allen Huang (Laura Broughton & Janice Mesrobian)

Piano Ensemble Division E**Gold Medal:**

Sarah Maher and Angela Powell (Rachel Heard)

2nd Place:

Jacob Runnels and Rachel Runnels (Susan Gambrell)

Sonata/Sonatina Division A**Gold Medal:**

Jade Agler (Carol Mahler)

2nd Place:

Reese Plumlee (Janice Mesrobian)

Sonata/Sonatina Division B**Gold Medal:**

Matthew Li (Rachel Heard)

2nd Place:

Edward Hu (Ian Hominick)

3rd Place:

Matthew Yin (Karen Laubengayer)

4th Place:

Jeston Hale (Karen Laubengayer)

Honorable Mention:

Gracie Bassett (Ruth Keyes)

Ian Zhang (Katie Wallace)

Sonata/Sonatina Division C**Gold Medal:**

Jane Fan (Edna Mae McCoy)

2nd Place:

Steven Chung (Isabella Ivshin)

3rd Place:

Amy Pang (Isabella Ivshin)

Jane Fan (Edna Mae McCoy)

4th Place:

Lindsay Simpson (Janet Gray)

2nd Place:

Victoria Gong (Judith Allen)

3rd Place:

Gloria Zhang (Edna Mae McCoy)

Sonata/Sonatina Division D**Gold Medal:**

Nathan Yin (Karen Laubengayer)

Theme and Variations Division D**2nd Place:**

Jessi Li (Rachel Heard)

Gold Medal: Kayla Shelby (Elsie A. Barnes)**3rd Place:**

Marina Joel (Isabella Ivshin)

Theme and Variations Division E**Gold Medal:** Caleb Shelby (Elsie A. Barnes)**Sonata/Sonatina Division E****Gold Medal:**

Gabriella Loiacano (Carol Mahler)

Vocal Performance Level 9**Gold Medal:**

Jayla Gray (Shawn Morgan)

Theme and Variations Division A**Gold Medal:**

Yolanda Tian (Janice Mesrobian)

Vocal Performance Level 10**Gold Medal:**

Katy Myers (Jacqueline Meek)

Theme and Variations Division B**2nd Place:**

Takira Dixon (Shawn Morgan)

Gold Medal:

Michelle Sun (Janice Mesrobian)

Vocal Performance Level 11**Theme and Variations Division C****Gold Medal:**

Alexis Jones (Elsie A. Barnes)

Gold Medal:

Strings Solo Division A

Woodwinds Solo Level 11

Gold Medal:

Jade Agler (Carol Mahler)

2nd Place:

Kate Lansford (Carol Mahler)

Gold Medal:

Yulianna Jimenez (Karen Bates)

Strings Solo Division B

Gold Medal:

Christina Danford (Stephen Redfield)

2nd Place:

Yolanda Tian (Gail Fox)

3rd Place:

Ella Lansford (Carol Mahler)

Strings Solo Division C

Gold Medal:

Madeleine Yu (Hannah Shetler)

Strings Solo Division E

Gold Medal:

Daniel Jones (Christopher Thompson)

2nd Place:

Hayley Webster (Carol Mahler)

Woodwinds Solo Level 10

Gold Medal:

Hannah Lee (Karen Bates)

*Congratulations to
these students!*

2014 HIGHEST COMPOSITE SCORES

Level	Student	Teacher	Score
Piano Level 3 & Below	Pony Wang	Katie Wallace	299
Piano Level 4	Sam Powell	Laura Broughton	400
Piano Level 5	Matthew Li	Rachel Heard	398
Piano Level 5	Lucy Mellen	Ellen Elder	398
Piano Level 6	Michelle Sun	Janice Mesrobian	396
Piano Level 7	Gloria Zhang	Edna Mae McCoy	396
Piano Level 8	Jane Fan	Edna Mae McCoy	399
Piano Level 9	Jesse Li	Rachel Heard	396
Piano Level 10	Sadie Henderson	Ellen Elder	395
Piano Level 11	John Tillman Thomas	Susan Gambrell	391
Piano Level 12	Rachel Runnels	Susan Gambrell	387
Strings Division B	Christina Danford	Stephen Redfield	400
Strings Division C	Jonathan Caudill	Susan Gaston	374
Strings Division E	Daniel Jones	Christopher Thompson	390

Outstanding Achievement AwardsStudentTeacher

1. Nicholas Gagliano Laura Broughton (Hattiesburg)
2. Allen Huang Janice Mesrobian (Hattiesburg)
3. Emily Youngblood Ellen Y. Gunn (Ellisville)



Level 6 Performance



Level 5 Performance



Level 7 Performance



Level 4 Performance



Level 11 Performance



Sonata E



Sonata D



Sonata C



Ensemble A



Ensemble B



Ensemble C



Ensemble D



Ensemble E



Strings



Strings B



Vocal



The officers and membership of Mississippi Music Teachers Association extend our congratulations to all those who participated in the 2014 Pre-College Evaluations at the local levels and to these who are honored in this Special Edition of the MMT as participants in the 2014 Pre-College Finals at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg on May 17, 2014.

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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