
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.

Sadie Henderson

Sadie Henderson, daughter of Randy and Anita Henderson, is a senior at Presbyterian Christian High School (PCS). She has served as Co-Captain of the PCS Volleyball team for the last two years. She was recently named to the 2015 MAIS Volleyball All-Tournament Team and was the Wendy's Heisman recipient for her school. Sadie is cofounder of the PCS Mock Trial Team and was voted "Overall Most Effective Attorney" in the state by the Mississippi High School Mock Trial Association last year. She is president of the Gunn's Scholars at PCS and was named a National Merit Commended Scholar. Sadie is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church youth group and in her spare time enjoys baking for friends, family, and FGH NICU nurses.



Sadie has taken piano from Dr. Ellen Elder for the past 11 years and has received numerous awards including first place at the Mississippi Bach Festival in the Invention Division in 2014 and the Potpourri Division in 2015. She has won three gold medals at the Mississippi Music Teachers Association State Special Recognition Recital with her duet partner Caroline Rhett. Over the last 7 years she has received all superiors and awards ranging from honorable mention to 2nd place. She was also awarded the Highest Composite Score in the state for levels 10 and 11.

Sadie was chosen as Forrest County's Distinguished Young Woman for 2016. At the state program, Sadie was recognized as a Top Ten Finalist and won Scholastic and Self Expression Preliminary Awards. After competing in the Top Ten, Sadie was named second alternate in Mississippi's Distinguished Young Women of 2016.

Sadie will be attending Princeton University in the fall of 2016.

Chelsea Laurel Musgrove

Chelsea Laurel Musgrove of Soso, MS, has been a piano student of Marilyn G. Huff since the age of six. She is an honors student who is homeschooled through A Beka Academy and is a junior this year.

Chelsea has participated at MMTA each year since 2006, earning a high composite score every year. This is her tenth year to participate in State Finals (formerly known as SSRR). She has also earned nine superiors at Bach Festival and eleven superiors at Hymn Festival as well as superior ratings at JCMTA Solo and Sonatina Festival and Ensemble Festival. As a student of Mrs. Huff, Chelsea has played each year at the JCMTA Showcase Recital, and along with her fellow students, entertains the residents at area nursing homes at Christmas.

Chelsea has been privileged to serve at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church in Ellisville, MS, by playing offertories, accompanying the choir and special groups when needed, playing piano with the church handbell choir, and singing alto in the church choir.

In addition to enjoying helping Mrs. Huff with her younger students, Chelsea also assists her with swimming lessons during the summer.

**Caroline Rhett**

Caroline Lee Rhett, daughter of Arrington and Loleeta Rhett, is a senior at Presbyterian Christian School in Hattiesburg, Mississippi where she will graduate with Special Honors in May. During her years at PCS, she has been a HOBY participant, a finalist in Pearl River EPA's Youth Leadership Program, and a recipient of the Freshman DAR Award. Caroline has served as Junior Class President, Vice-President of the Tri-M Music Society, and Chaplain of the Senior Beta Club. As a member of the PCS Chorus, she was selected as Student Conductor for the past two years. She has also enjoyed participating in PCS Drama where she has played many roles, including Lucy in "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" and Alice in *Alice in Wonderland*. Caroline was named First Alternate to Lamar County's Junior Miss in 2015, also earning the Scholastic Award.



As a student of Dr. Ellen P. Elder since 2005, Caroline has received all superiors and several awards at the MMTA Pre-College State Finals, ranging from Honorable Mention to 2nd place. She and her duet partner, Sadie Henderson, have been the Gold Medal winners in the Ensemble Division for three years. She has also received the five-year Gold Cup in the annual Bach Festival, placing first three times in various divisions.

Caroline is an active member of her youth group at First Presbyterian and loves baking and reading as often as possible (and reading about baking)! She plans to continue her pursuit of music in the fall at a university yet to be determined...

Sarah Grace Roberson

Sarah Grace Robertson is a tenth grader who is homeschooled. She has taken ten years of piano from Mrs. Ellen Gunn. She also participates in other activities such as speech and debate, ballet, and violin. In her spare time she enjoys reading, taking pictures, studying God's Word, and spending time with her family of six. Her favorite Scripture verse is Psalms 143:8, "Let me hear Your lovingkindness in the morning; for I trust in You, teach me the way I should walk; for to You I lift up my soul."

In the future she would like to pursue nursing at Mississippi College.

**Nathan Yin**

Nathan Yin, 17, is the second of three children born to Dr. Jianjun Yin and Ms. Li Zhou. Nathan began piano lessons with Dr. Laubengayer over ten years ago and most recently earned his 10th superior at Bach Festival. He has also been the recipient of gold medals at the annual Sonatina/Sonata Festival and in the Solo Performance and Sonatina/Sonata Divisions at the MMTA Pre-College Finals. Apart from piano, Nathan also played two years of saxophone and seven years of violin with Dr. Perry Combs, a retired Mississippi College Professor.



Nathan, a junior at Madison Central, is actively involved in many of the school's clubs including Mu Alpha Theta, Beta Club, Science Olympiad, and National Honor Society. He takes pride in regularly participating in service projects as well.

Outside of school, Nathan enjoys playing tennis, hanging out with friends, and spending time with his siblings.

James Zhou

James Zhou, an 18 year senior at St. Andrew's Episcopal School, has been studying piano for 12 years under Dr. Karen Laubengayer. He is the son of Drs. Jinghe Mao and Xinchun Zhou and the brother of Bowen Zhou.

He has qualified for the MMTA Pre-College Finals every year, winning two gold medals in Solo Performance. He has also received recognition at Bach Festival, JSU's Norris Festival, the Sonata/Sonatina Festival, and more.



At St. Andrew's, James participates in various clubs and activities. He is the Vice President for the National Honor Society, the Treasurer of the Spanish Club, and has played for the St. Andrew's Tennis team for 3 years.

Congratulations to these students!

PRE-COLLEGE FINALS WINNERS - 2016

Piano Performance Level 3 and below

Gold Medal:

Caroline Lucassen (Karen Murphy)

2nd Place:

James Chapman (Brenda Sullivan)

Katie Chung (Katie Wallace)

Matthew Hatchett (Donna Reed)

Claire Rhee (Katie Wallace)

Gabrielle Sun (Janice Mesrobian)

Crystal Zhang (Rachel Heard)

3rd Place:

Andrew Meng (Katie Wallace)

Jesse Zheng (Edna Mae McCoy)

4th Place:

Jade Agler (Carol Mahler)

Sarah Han (Katie Wallace)

Bruce Pang (Isabella Ivshin)

Honorable Mention:

Seth Dorroh (Ouida Thomas)

Riley McCardle (Laura Broughton)

Ryan Wu (Isabella Ivshin)

Linda Zhang (Adrienne Park)

Piano Performance Level 4

Gold Medal:

Emily Lu (Isabella Ivshin)

2nd Place:

Will Bassett (Ruth Keyes)

Kabir Gupta (Sandy Coutoumanos)

Cavie Mayeu (Sarah Little)

Virginia Powell (Laura Broughton)

3rd Place:

Maggie Beazley (Sandy Coutoumanos)

Caleb Blankenship (Marilyn Huff)

Brody Creel (Laura Broughton)

Andy Lu (Debbie Barnes)

Grace Yant (Sandy Coutoumanos)

Megha Yeddula (Sandy Coutoumanos)

4th Place:

Addy Coleman (Laura Broughton)

Katie Farthing (Barbara Tracy)

Emma Cait Freeman (Laura Broughton)

Natalie Sims (Laura Broughton)

Honorable Mention:

David Brett (Janice Mesrobian)

Piano Performance Level 5

Gold Medal:

Ishan Datta (Stacy Rogers)

Leo Mei (Jacquelyn Thornell)

Richard Zheng (Carol Durham)

2nd Place:

Joseph Agler (Carol Mahler)

Andrew Liu (Kay Johnson)

3rd Place:

Hal Duff (Joshua Trent Smith)

Richard Li (Isabella Ivshin)

Henlee Middleton (Linda Carnes)

Vivek Nagarajan (Edna Mae McCoy)

Reese Plumlee (Janice Mesrobian)

Vinny Sun (Karen Fosheim)

Yolanda Tian (Janice Mesrobian)

Piano Performance Level 6

Gold Medal:

Christina Danford (Ellen Elder)

Bonnie Littlejohn (Sandy Coutoumanos)

Sam Powell (Laura Broughton)

Luke Zhang (Adrienne Park)

2nd Place:

Jonathan Bai (Janice Mesrobian)

Ian Marks (Ellen Gunn)

Anabel Morgan (Donna Reed)

Laura Simpson (Adrienne Park)

Joy Wang (Isabella Ivshin)

Jessica Yan (Karen Murphy)

3rd Place:

Tom Henry Brister (Sandy Coutoumanos)

Joy Han (Katie Wallace)

Anna Hill (Paula Henderson)

Kinley Hogue (Ellen Gunn)

Raymond Huang (Debbie Barnes)

Sarah LeRoux (Carolina Whitfield-Smith)

Alan Meng (Katie Wallace)

Brooke Yant (Sandy Coutoumanos)

4th Place:

Trinitee Augustine (Elsie Barnes)

Elizabeth Casey (Janine Beasley)

Olivia Hill (Paula Henderson)

Mary Elizabeth Kees (Jane Fox)

Lauren Moss (Janine Beasley)

Lauren Walker (Debbie Barnes)

Joshua Yates (Katie Wallace)

Piano Performance Level 7

Gold Medal:

Matthew Li (Rachel Heard)

Max Zhang (Ellen Elder)

2nd Place:

David Jelinek (Joshua Trent Smith)

3rd Place:

Karlene Deng (Katie Wallace)

Abigail Krutz (Jung-Won Shin)

Albert Xu (Jacquelyn Thornell)

Piano Performance Level 8

Gold Medal:

Vinson Lu (Rachel Heard)

2nd Place:

Edward Hu (Ian Hominick)

Michelle Sun (Janice Mesrobian)

3rd Place:

Jackson Creel (Laura Broughton)

San Gaines (Donna Reed)

4th Place:

Izak Hanson (Karen Murphy)

Joy Faith Jennings (Victoria Johnson)

Derick Taylor (Elsie Barnes)

Isaiah Way (Carol Mahler)

Honorable Mention:

Molly Grondin (Jacquelyn Thornell)

John Kees (Jane Fox)

Sarah Crosby McKay (Joanna Burnside)

Kevin Miao (Ellen Elder)

Victoria Wang (Isabella Ivshin)

Phoebe Xu (Rachel Heard)

Victor Yen (Rachel Heard)

Piano Performance Level 9

Gold Medal:

Caleb Owens (Jung-Won Shin)

2nd Place

Gloria Zhang (Edna Mae McCoy)

3rd Place:

Lori Feng (Rosângela Sebba)

Victoria Gong (Judith Allen)

Hamilton Wan (Harold Thompson)

4th Place:

Lindsay Simpson (Adrienne Park)

Piano Performance Level 10

Gold Medal:

Calendula Cheng (Ian Hominick)

2nd Place:

Julia Jia (Annette Joe)

Samantha Simpson (Ian Hominick)

3rd Place:

Steven Chung (Isabella Ivshin)

Katie Simpson (Sandy Coutoumanos)

4th Place:

Emma Adkins (Ruth Keyes)

Shelby Davis (Ruth Keyes)

Piano Performance Level 11

Gold Medal:

Jesse Li (Rachel Heard)

2nd Place:

Jim Yen (Rachel Heard)

3rd Place:

Madison Thornton (Susan Fairchild)

Nathan Yin (Karen Laubengayer)

4th Place:

Chelsea Musgrove (Marilyn Huff)

Piano Performance Level 12

Gold Medal:

James Zhou (Karen Laubengayer)

2nd Place:

Sadie Henderson (Ellen Elder)

Caroline Rhett (Ellen Elder)

3rd Place:

Katelyn Lott (Brenda Sullivan)

Piano Ensemble Division A

Gold Medal:

Katie Chung and Claire Rhee (Katie Wallace)

2nd Place:

Lilly Bassett and Will Bassett (Ruth Keyes)

Piano Ensemble Division B

Gold Medal:

Jade Agler and Joseph Agler (Carol Mahler)

2nd Place:

Kinley Hogue and Ian Marks (Ellen Gunn)

Piano Ensemble Division C

Gold Medal:

Gabrielle Sun and Michelle Sun (Janice Mesrobian)

2nd Place:

David Brett and Will Brett (Janice Mesrobian)

3rd Place:

Sidharth and Vivek Nagarajan (Edna Mae McCoy)

Piano Ensemble Division D

Gold Medal:

Karlene Deng and Lori Feng (Katie Wallace and Rosângela Sebba)

Piano Ensemble Division E

Gold Medal:

Sadie Henderson and Caroline Rhett (Ellen Elder)

Wil Estes and Chelsea Musgrove (Marilyn Huff)

Sonata/Sonatina Division A

Gold Medal:

Katie Chung (Katie Wallace)

2nd Place:

Gabrielle Sun (Janice Mesrobian)

3rd Place:

Jade Agler (Carol Mahler)

Sonata/Sonatina Division B

Gold Medal:

Andrew Liu (Kay Johnson)

2nd Place:

Joseph Agler (Carol Mahler)

Ian Marks (Ellen Gunn)

3rd Place:

Beau Hinton (Janice Mesrobian)

Sarah LeRoux (Carolina Whitfield-Smith)

Richard Zheng (Carol Durham)

Sonata/Sonatina Division C

Gold Medal:

Edward Hu (Ian Hominick)

Matthew Yin (Karen Laubengayer)

2nd Place:

Michelle Sun (Janice Mesrobian)

3rd Place:

Karlene Deng (Katie Wallace)

Sonata/Sonatina Division D

Gold Medal:

Samantha Simpson (Ian Hominick)

2nd Place:

Lori Feng (Rosângela Sebba)

3rd Place:

Calendula Cheng (Ian Hominick)

Theme and Variations Division A

Gold Medal:

Claire Rhee (Katie Wallace)

Theme and Variations Division B

Gold Medal:

Yolanda Tian (Janice Mesrobian)

2nd Place:

Jessica Yan (Karen Murphy)

3rd Place:

Joseph Agler (Carol Mahler)

Theme and Variations Division C

Gold Medal:

Matthew Li (Rachel Heard)

2nd Place:

Gracie Bassett (Ruth Keyes)

Theme and Variations Division D

Gold Medal:

Gloria Zhang (Edna Mae McCoy)

2nd Place:

Grace Miller (Ruth Keyes)

3rd Place:

Shelby Davis (Ruth Keyes)

Theme and Variations Division E

Gold Medal:

Kayla Shelby (Elsie Barnes)

2nd Place:

Gabrielle Foster (Edna Mae McCoy)

Strings Solo Division A

Gold Medal:

Joseph Sun (Gail Fox)

2nd Place:

Gabby Davis (Carol Mahler)

Strings Solo Division B

Gold Medal:

Jade Agler (Carol Mahler)

2nd Place:

Connor Carlisle (Susan Gaston)

Strings Solo Division D

Gold Medal:

Cecilia Escobedo (Carol Mahler)

2nd Place:

Ryan Wang (Gail Fox)

Strings Solo Division F

Gold Medal:

Daniel Jones (Christopher Thompson)

2nd Place:

William Bradford (Christopher Thompson)

Vocal Performance Level 9

Gold Medal:

Ané Scott (Shawn Morgan)

2nd Place:

Nicholas Brown (Sarah Little)

Vocal Performance Level 10

Gold Medal:

Perry Leffler (Shawn Morgan)

2nd Place:

Jodi Bullock (Sarah Little)

3rd Place:

Ashley King (Shawn Morgan)

Congratulations to these students!

MMTA

HIGHEST COMPOSITE SCORE WINNERS 2016

Level	Student	Score	Teacher
Piano: Level 3 & Below	Jade Agler Anne Lu	300 300	Carol Mahler Debbie Barnes
Piano: Level 4	Will Bassett Kabir Gupta	397 397	Ruth Keyes Sandy Coutoumanos
Piano: Level 5	Joseph Agler	300	Carol Mahler
Piano: Level 6	Sam Powell	400	Laura Broughton
Piano: Level 7	Matthew Yin Madeleine Yu	397 397	Karen Laubengayer Ellen Elder
Piano: Level 8	Vinson Lu	400	Rachel Heard
Piano: Level 9	Lori Feng Victoria Gong	394 394	Rosângela Sebba Judith Allen
Piano: Level 10	Julia Jia	394	Annette G. Joe
Piano: Level 11	Jesse Li	393	Rachel Heard
Piano: Level 12	Sadie Henderson James Zhou	392 392	Ellen Elder Karen Laubengayer
Strings: Division B	Connor Carlisle	400	Susan Gaston
Strings: Division F	Daniel Jones	397	Christopher Thompson



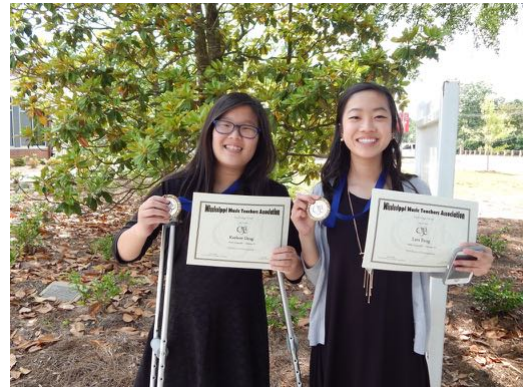
Piano Ensemble A & B



Piano Ensemble C



Piano Ensemble C



Piano Ensemble D



Piano Ensemble E



Piano Ensemble E



Piano Level 3 & Below



Piano Level 3 & Below



Piano Level 4



Piano Level 5



Piano Level 5



Piano Level 6



Piano Level 6



Piano Level 7



Piano Level 8



Piano Level 8



Piano Level 9



Piano Level 10



Piano Level 11



Piano Level 12



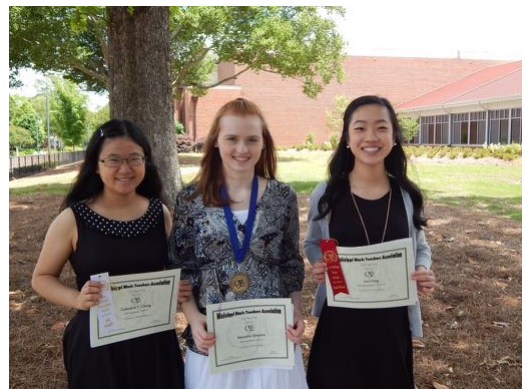
Piano Sonata/Sonatina A



Piano Sonata/Sonatina B



Piano Sonata/Sonatina C



Piano Sonata/Sonatina D



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



Strings A, B, C, D, & F



Theme & Variations A & B



Theme & Variations C, D, & E



Vocal 9, 10, 11, & 12



The officers and membership of Mississippi Music Teachers Association extend our congratulations to all those who participated in the 2015 Pre-College Evaluations at the local levels and to those who are honored in this Special Edition of the MMT as participants in the 2015 Pre-College Finals at Millsaps College in Jackson on May 16, 2015.

A special thank you to Karen Murphy, 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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