

OMEA/CMIEC 2019 Scholarship Recipients

The High School Scholarship is presented to a graduating high school student who has made a significant contribution to their school music program. During their time at the school, the student must also have displayed outstanding leadership within the music department.

Delicia Raveenthirarajan



Delicia Raveenthirarajan is an 18 year-old speaker, performer and author who has been decorated with the Governor General's Sovereign Volunteer Medal of Canada, and the OSTA-AECO Dedication to the Arts Award for her passion in music education and youth empowerment through the arts. A recent graduate of the Performing Arts at Sir Oliver Mowat C.I., Delicia specialized in voice and cello, also contributing to the program as a violinist and student conductor. She recently performed in Ottawa at MusicFest Canada 2019 with the Ellison Canadian Honour Choir where she was named the recipient of the 2019 Ellison Vocal Scholarship. In addition, Delicia works as a Music Theatre Staff at the National Music Camp of Canada, and directs various ensembles at

St.Paul's L' Amoreaux Anglican Church. As a combination of her passions for youth empowerment, social justice, and the arts, Delicia currently works as a Choral Conductor at Sistema Toronto while also hoping to pursue the arts in post-secondary and well into the future.

The CMIEC Legacy Scholarship is presented to a university student who is graduating from a four-year undergraduate degree program in music or is in the third of a four-year Concurrent Education program, with a focus in music.

Jacob Valcheff



Jacob Valcheff is a Toronto based percussionist and music educator entering his fourth year of study in music education at the University of Toronto. In addition to this, he is pursuing a concurrent study program at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, starting Fall 2019. He began studying percussion formally in 2014 as a student of Jacob Mannion, and has since gone on to perform in venues across Canada and the U.S. - Notably, New York's Carnegie Hall, the Konzerthaus Berlin, and Usher hall in Edinburgh, Scotland. Jacob is an active freelancer, having performed with numerous ensembles across the Greater Toronto Area. As an educator, Jacob has given clinics, coached and lead sectionals at various high schools,

and more recently, the York Region District School Board Enrichment Band Camp. He is an active private percussion teacher, and has also appeared on staff at both the National Music Camp of Canada and the York Music Camp.

Jacob is an alumna of the Ontario Provincial Honour Band, the National Youth Band, the Denis Wick Canadian Wind Orchestra, the Toronto Symphony Youth Orchestra, and the National Youth Orchestra of Canada. his current teachers are John Rudolph and Aiyun Huang.

The Cathy Lynn Yorke-Slader Foundation Bursary is presented to a student who will be studying voice or clarinet at a post-secondary school institution. This scholarship honors Cathy Lynn Yorke-Slader, a past president of the OMEA and long-time music educator.

Amanda Jeffreys



Amanda Jeffreys lives in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario and has been involved in several co-curricular activities at Korah Collegiate and Vocational School including President of the Music Council, leading the Korahster Choir and Korah Concert Band. Amanda is planning on attending Algoma University to study voice and clarinet. Upon graduation from Algoma University, she plans to further her education and eventually open her own music school so that children can learn how to sing and play instruments affordably. She “believes that it is important that all children have a chance to experience music and to learn about it, so making music affordable for children seems like the best way possible.”