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### **Hochstein Students Earn Merit Scholarships, Honors Certificates, and Perform at Honors Convocation on May 31**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— Fifteen Hochstein students in grades 5 to 12 will be recognized at Hochstein’s Honors Convocation on **Friday, May 31 at 7:00 pm**, representing two of The Hochstein School’s programs for the most advanced students: the **winners of Merit Scholarships** and candidates for completion of the **Honors Certificate Program**. Students also will perform solos during the Honors Convocation. In addition, two students were awarded Honorable Mention. ***See below for the full list of honorees.***

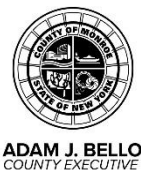
This concert will also be live streamed on Hochstein’s YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/hochsteinschool>.

Hochstein teachers nominate students to audition for **Merit Scholarships** each year. The 2023-24 auditions were held February–March 2024 and were organized in four categories for various grade levels of music students. This year’s scholarships are provided through endowed funds established to memorialize former board members Sydney Rubin and his wife Pearl Rubin, Lillian Taylor Hubbard, and Walter Holloran, as well as Dorothy Pund Allen, David Romig, Sidney & Ruth Salzman, Diana & Christina Wang, and members of the Knights of Pythias.

The **Honors Certificate Program** is entered by audition and is an intensive course of music study over several years. Many of the graduates of Hochstein’s Honors Certificate Program have pursued further musical studies at the finest conservatories and university schools of music in the country. There are four seniors who are expected to complete the program this year. The Honors Certificate Program is made possible with generous support from the Donald F. & Maxine B. Davison Foundation.

Photos of the Merit Scholarship and Honors Certificate students can be downloaded at:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kXsyoTAj\\_9jtP9Bijr8psNEcNLW4CTB7?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kXsyoTAj_9jtP9Bijr8psNEcNLW4CTB7?usp=sharing)



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**About Hochstein:** The Hochstein School is a vibrant organization in Rochester, NY, offering high-quality instruction in music, dance, and Expressive Arts (music, art, and dance therapy). Established in 1920 to commemorate the artistry, life, and service of David Hochstein – a prodigious violinist who died serving in World War I – the School welcomes students of all ages, abilities, proficiency levels, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds in an inclusive and accessible environment that provides artistic opportunities for all. More than 100 years after its founding, Hochstein annually serves more than 3,500 students from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester. The School is active throughout the community and provides tuition assistance to more than 50% of its students. The acclaimed Hochstein Performance Hall, located within the school's historic downtown building, hosts concerts and events throughout the year. For more information, visit [www.hochstein.org](http://www.hochstein.org).

## ***2024 Merit Scholarship Winners***

### **Grades 5-6**

- **Joshua Lin**, violin; student of Marcos Kreutzer; Victor Intermediate School; Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship
- **Eden Scott**, guitar; student of Timothy Shannon; homeschooled; Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship
- **David Wu**, violin; student of Katie Worley; Mendon Center Elementary School; Lillian Taylor Hubbard Memorial Scholarship

### **Grades 7-8**

- **Ian Dorrer**, piano; student of Oleksandra Yurchenko; Twelve Corners Middle School; Walter J. Holloran Memorial Scholarship
- **Sylas Newkirk**, violin; student of Marcos Kreutzer; School of the Arts; Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship
- **Krishna Vijay**, guitar; student of Timothy Shannon; Calkins Road Middle School; Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship

### **Grades 9-10**

- **Noah Busch**, violin; student of Pia Liptak; Brighton High School; Knights of Pythias Memorial Scholarship
- **Ceyda Lenio**, violin; student of Marcos Kreutzer; Brighton High School; Dorothy Pund Allen Memorial Scholarship

### **Grades 11-12**

- **Nathan Bellinger**, cello; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp; homeschooled; Sydney and Pearl Rubin Memorial Scholarship

- **Lillian Brickman**, guitar; student of Timothy Shannon; School of the Arts; David Romig Memorial Scholarship
- **Julian Chumacero**, violin; student of Pia Liptak; Victor Senior High School; Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship
- **Caitlin Ott**, cello; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp; homeschooled; Diana & Christina Wang Memorial Scholarship
- **Luciano Pagano**, voice; student of Sandra Boysen Sluberski; McQuaid Jesuit High School; Ruth & Sidney Salzman Memorial Scholarship

Additionally, two students were recognized with **Honorable Mention**:

- **Cameron Fien**, guitar; student of Timothy Shannon; Cosgrove Middle School
- **Allison Glaza**, cello; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp; Penfield High School

### ***2024 Honors Certificate Program Graduates***

- **Julian Chumacero**, violin; student of Pia Liptak; Victor Senior High School
- **Shuwen Ding**, cello; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp; Pittsford Sutherland High School
- **Caitlin Ott**, cello; student of Kathleen Murphy Kemp; homeschooled
- **Elizabeth Runion**, flute; student of Diane Smith; Gates-Chili High School

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