

Scholarship Winners!

“Music education and community enrichment are among the core values of the Phil’s mission. The annual scholarships reflect our commitment to future generations of music appreciation.”

- Judy Fosdick, past president of the Phil’s Board of Trustees and co-chair of the scholarship committee

JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Duxbury High School junior Tucker Sampson, recipient of *the Phil’s* 2022-23 music scholarship.

The Phil’s annual \$2500 scholarship is presented to a high school junior from Plymouth County with aspirations of pursuing a career in music. The scholarship is given during the junior year of high school to enhance a student’s chances of admission to a music school.



Tucker Sampson began playing the piano in second grade and the bass in fifth grade. Since then, he has been passionate about music and eager to grow as a performer and musician. Along with SEMMEA Senior Districts, he has participated in the MMEA All-State auditions for Bass in 2022 and 2023, and the All-State Orchestra in 2023. Outside of school, he performs with the Boston Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and the Honors Chamber Music Lab at The Rivers School Conservatory, participating in both on full scholarship. Last summer, he performed with the World Youth Symphony Orchestra at Interlochen with a merit scholarship.

“My goal is to continue improving my skills. I am interested in exploring new musical styles and techniques and collaborating with other musicians to expand my musicianship. I plan to use my music education to give back to my community through volunteer work and performances,” Tucker explained. “I intend to use the funds to purchase a bass bow, continue with my private lessons, and help pay for my summer music programs. Music is the most important part of my life, and I am committed to using my passion and education to make a positive impact.”

We are delighted to award our annual music scholarship to Tucker Sampson.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

It is our pleasure to award the Pine Hills Partners Scholarship to Caroline Holmes of Plymouth North High School.

The Pine Hills Partners Committee awards the annual \$4000 scholarship to a high-achieving senior from the town of Plymouth who will pursue a college degree in musical performance, music education, or composition.

Music has been a part of Caroline's life for as long as she can remember. She started singing before she could talk and reading music before she could read words. "Music has inspired me to work hard for something that I love, and it has shown me my path for the future," Caroline explained.

Dave Grossman, the Vocal Music Director at PNHS, offered glowing praise, "As one of a handful of students here who can rightfully claim to be both a successful instrumentalist and vocalist, Caroline has been an integral part of the growth of our program over the past few years."

As a junior, Caroline was the music director of the all-treble a cappella group *Girl Treble*. She auditioned and was accepted into every ensemble Festival possible: Junior and Senior Southeastern MMEA District Festivals and Junior and Senior S.E.M.S.B.A. Festivals.

"Caroline is a brilliant French horn player," commented instrumental music teacher Andrew Loretz. She also plays the piano, trumpet, various brass and percussion instruments, and she sings. In addition to her musical abilities, she also achieves at a high level academically, having been inducted into the National Honor Society.

"I want to teach children and introduce music to other people to help them experience the world and discover themselves through music," Caroline stated. "I will use this scholarship to attend college as a music education major."

Congratulations, and best of luck in your future musical endeavors, Caroline!

