



**Davidson Fellow Laureate
Heidi Kaloustian**

(\$50,000 Scholarship Recipient)



Personal Info

Heidi Kaloustian
Age: 17
Canton, Michigan

School, College and Career Plans

Heidi is a recent graduate of Plymouth Canton Educational Park at Salem High School. She plans to attend the University of Michigan Ann Arbor as an English major with a concentration in Creative Writing. She also looks forward to studying art history and women's studies. Her goal is to be an English professor and independent writer.

Davidson Fellows Submission (*Literature*)

In her portfolio titled "The Roots of All Things," Heidi explores the intertwining themes of universal, social and individual perspectives. By seamlessly blending the roots of these thematic levels in every piece, Heidi links the tree-trunk of personal identity to family, heritage, culture and humanity in a way that illustrates the complex interconnections and undercurrents beneath the surface of our lives. Her distinctive prose enables the reader to connect with and relate to her characters in a deeply emotional way.

Biography

Heidi received a highly specialized and focused education in English. After testing out of the requisite lower-level English classes at the Plymouth Canton Education Park (PCEP), she was able to take advanced classes like Zen and Emerson, philosophy and modern literature and the arts. Through a humanities and independent study class, Heidi was given the freedom to direct her own learning and grow as an independent writer.

For four years, Heidi was an active member of Writer's Block, a student creative writing organization that encouraged peer sharing and editing. She also earned an exclusive position on the Plymouth-Canton Slam Poetry Team and had the opportunity to travel to Los Angeles to compete in the Brave New Voices Spoken Word Festival for young poets. For a month in the summer of 2004, she immersed herself in the arts at Interlochen Arts Camp in Interlochen, Michigan, as a Creative Writing Major. She also participated in the Plymouth-Canton High School WSDP student radio station and broadcast her own original weekly program for three years.

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Honors/Awards

- 2005 Davidson Fellow Laureate
- 2005 Regional Finalist in the National High School Poetry Contest
- 2005 President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
- 2005 Principal's Academic Award for Excellent Academic Achievement
- 2005 Phi Beta Kappa Certificate of Recognition
- 2005 Academic Honor Key in English Overall
- 2005, 2004, 2003 PCEP Writer's Block Slam Poetry Competition, First Place
- 2004 Louise Mooney Collins Creative Writing Scholarship, Thompson Gale Publishing Company, First Place \$3,000 scholarship for best original poem
- 2004 Michigan Educational Achievement Program Scholarship, \$2,500
- 2003, 2002, 2001 PCEP Writing Center Poetry Contest, First Place
- Published in "A Celebration of Young Poets," Spring 2001

Community Activities

Through National Honor Society, Heidi was able to volunteer for her community.

During her senior year, Heidi tutored her high school peers in English at the PCEP Writing Center.

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