



**Davidson Fellow Laureate
Melody Lindsay**

(\$50,000 Scholarship Recipient)



Personal Info

Age: 17

Honolulu, Hawaii

School, College and Career Plans

A graduate of 'Iolani School, Melody is attending Princeton University this fall and plans to study biochemistry, economics, astrophysics and harp performance.

Davidson Fellows Submission (*Music*)

In her harp portfolio, "Harping Around the World: Cultural Leadership for the 21st Century," Melody draws on her experience as a harpist to connect with audiences. She is particularly interested in inspiring young people to discover and pursue their own passion for classical music. Melody has performed on and serves as a Cultural Ambassador for NPR's "From the Top" and was a Focus on Youth Performer for the ninth and 10th World Harp Congresses.

Biography

When Melody was 4 years old, she sat on a high stool, plucked the strings of a 96 lb. concert harp and promptly fell backwards, leaving a sizeable dent in the drywall behind her. Shortly thereafter, she began harp studies as the youngest harp student at Indiana University School of Music.

Since moving to Hawaii eight years ago, Melody has studied with the Principal Harpist of the Honolulu Symphony. After thirteen years of study, Melody still loves playing the harp and shares this passion through live performances, including recitals at the World Harp Congresses in Dublin and Amsterdam.

As founding member and past president of her school's Astronomy Club, Melody attended the HI-Star Astronomy Camp funded by NASA and the University of Arizona's Senior Astronomy Camp. She also attended the Economics for Leaders program at the University of Texas/Austin.

During her senior year, Melody took six Advanced Placement classes. She tutored other students in subjects including economics, mathematics and world history.

Melody has numerous other interests, including digging for fossils at Fossil Butte, rowing a raft across Red Fleet reservoir to view hadrosaur tracks, exploring the universe with astronomers, introducing classical music to homeless children, competing in Soroban (Japanese math abacus), making monkey bread, and learning karate moves.

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Honors/Awards

- 2009 Davidson Fellow Laureate
- 2009 National Advanced Placement Scholar
- 2009 Economics Team Member "Adam Smith" Advanced Placement Division Hawaii State Champion
- 2009 Economics Team Savings Bond NFL Winner
- 2008 National Merit Commended Scholar Award
- 2008 College Board Advanced Placement Scholar Award
- 2008 University of Pennsylvania's Penn Book Award
- 2004-2009 Iolani School Full Scholarship Recipient
- 2005-2009 Cultural Ambassador for National Public Radio's *From the Top*
- 2006-2009 Honolulu Symphony Associates Scholarships
- 2006-2009 Iolani School Astronomy and Stargazers Club president
- 2007-2009 Hawaii All-State High School Honor Choir
- 2005, 2008 Focus On Youth Performer, ninth and 10th World Harp Congresses
- 2008 University of Arizona Senior Astronomy Camp Scholarship Recipient
- 2008 Economics for Leaders Program at the University of Texas, Austin
- 2006-2008 The American Classical League and the National Junior League "Maxima Cum Laude" National Latin Examination Silver Medals
- 2005-2009 Headmaster's List, Iolani School
- 2007-2008 First Annual Dora Derby Award Recipient, Honolulu Symphony Associates
- 2007, 2008 International Karate Federation Student Member and Participant
- 2006, 2008 "Yomiagezan" and "Anzan" First Prize Winner, Soroban Fest
- 2008 Morning Music Club \$1,000 Scholarship Award
- 2007 Selected HI-STAR Astronomy Program Recipient
- 2007 Iolani School Economics Team Member, "David Ricardo" Division
- 2006 Midori Cup Recipient, Global Soroban Math Olympic Competition
- 2005 Published Author, *Harp Column* Magazine's Strange Happenings
- 2005 American Harp Society's Mildred Biehn Johnson Award
- 2005 Chorus Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Iolani Chorus
- 2005 NPR and PRI's *From the Top* Solo Performer
- 2005, 2002 Hawaii Concerto Competition Winner, Honolulu Symphony
- 2005 Continental Math League National Award Winner

Community Activities

Melody volunteers her time as a harpist, lecturer, singer and actress at multiple churches and other venues throughout Hawaii such as retirement homes, local theaters and charity benefits.

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