



**Davidson Fellow
Kevin Hu**

\$10,000 Scholarship Recipient



Personal Info

Age: 16
Naperville, Illinois

School, College and Career Plans

A rising senior at Naperville Central High School, Kevin is still considering his college choices.

Davidson Fellows Submission (*Music*)

In his violin portfolio, "*Sociomusicology: Exploring and Sharing the Worlds of Music*," Kevin traverses the globe and explores cross-sections of humanity. His portfolio includes selections of music that at times, were repressed by political regimes or conversely, celebrated for their heartbreaking beauty, all the while representing an array of raw humanity. Kevin's goal is to present music as a tangible and dynamic tool in human healing, self-discovery and dignity.

Biography

By performing music, Kevin endeavors to enrich the lives of his fellow community members. While journeying through this project, Kevin has been encouraged and challenged by his family, instructors, teachers, and the musicians with whom he has had the joy and privilege of collaborating.

While studying at Naperville Central, Kevin has had the opportunity to pursue a rigorous, liberal curriculum. Beyond his time spent at school, he has also had the instruction of his violin teacher, Mr. Cyrus Forough, the support and community of the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras including Allen Tinkham and David Taylor, and the love and encouragement of the director of Edward Hospital's Healing Arts Program, Candace Olander. Kevin has also served as the concertmaster for the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra since 2007.

Beyond his love for and occupation with music, Kevin also enjoys competition and research mathematics, science, and random knowledge. Since 2008, Kevin has served as captain of the Naperville Central High School Math Team and since 2009 the captain of the Naperville Central High School Scholastic Bowl Team.

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Honors/Awards

- 2010 Davidson Fellow
- 2010 Research Science Institute (RSI) Scholar
- 2010 American Math Competition (AMC 12) State Winner
- 2010 Illinois Math League State Winner
- 2010 Illinois Council of Teachers of Math Competition Junior Individual Winner and Junior-Senior Two-Person Team Winner
- 2010 Northwest Symphony Orchestra Competition, Winner with Solo Performance
- 2010 Stulberg International String Competition Semifinalist
- 2010 - 2007 USA Math Olympiad (USAMO) Qualifier
- 2010 Naperville Central High School Junior Engineering Technical Society Varsity Team, National Winner in Division 9
- 2010 Worldwide Youth in Science & Engineering Academic Challenge State Finals, Second Place in English
- 2009 Schmidbauer International Young Artists String Competition, First Place
- 2009 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, Silver Medal
- 2009 Kishwaukee Symphony Orchestra Competition, First Place with Solo Performance
- 2009 Union League Civic and Arts Foundation's Edward and Ethel Martin Scholarship Competition First Place
- 2009 Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition, First Place with Solo Performance
- 2009 Chinese Fine Arts Society Confucius Competition, First Place
- 2008 USA Math Olympiad Summer Program (MOP) Participant
- 2007 Performed on National Public Radio's "From the Top"

Community Activities

Kevin founded the music therapy program *acoustics*, through the Healing Arts program at Edward Hospital in Naperville. He has also organized and performed fundraising concerts to support local charities.

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