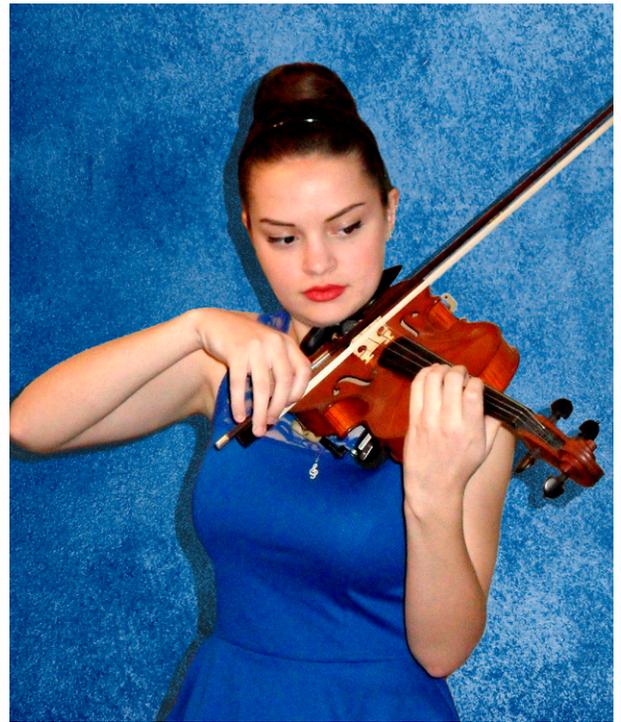


Prestigious scholarship goes to AHS orchestra student Sarah Marts

The Texas Music Educators Association Executive board selected Atascocita High School orchestra student Sarah Marts as the recipient of the 2014-2015 Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Bill Cormack Undergraduate Scholarship, valued at \$15,000. She was selected from more than 180 candidates from across the state. The Atascocita High School orchestra program is directed by Colin Catoe.



“Her application and credentials were exceptional and our Executive Board is pleased to honor her commitment to excellence and especially her commitment to the future of music education in this way,” said Robert Floyd, Executive Director of TMEA. “Sarah’s success is directly attributable to her opportunity to be a part of a quality music program on her campus because of Humble ISD’s commitment throughout the years to its fine arts programs and its ongoing support of music education in the schools.”

The AHS senior orchestra student has University of North Texas on the top of her list. “They have the best program in Texas,” she said. Marts would like to continue to play and perhaps join a symphony, but ultimately she sees herself in education. “I want young people to rediscover an appreciation for classical music,” she said.

“This is a very big honor for Sarah, Atascocita High School and Humble ISD,” said Houston C. Hayes, Humble ISD Director of Fine Arts. “The Bill Cormack Scholarship is an extremely prestigious honor awarded to only the highest of achievers through the Texas Music Educators Association. Her selection was based on her entire portfolio of work over her high school career. She was chosen from a field of nearly two hundred of Texas’s best and brightest. We could not be more thrilled for her and her family and of course all of her musical family at AHS.”



“This particular scholarship is in tribute to our TMEA Past Executive Director, Bill Cormack, who like Sarah, had a passion for music and was compelled to share it with the school children of our great state,” said Floyd.

TMEA contributed \$207,500 in scholarships this year to students pursuing a future in music education in Texas schools. The association consists of over 11,000 music educators.