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## **PRINCETON TEEN AWARDED \$10,000 FOR LITERATURE PORTFOLIO ON YOUTH IDENTITY** **Allison Huang to be Named a 2017 Davidson Fellow**

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Reno, Nev. – The Davidson Institute of Talent Development has announced the 2017 Davidson Fellows. Among the honorees is 18-year-old Allison Huang of Princeton. Huang won a \$10,000 Davidson Fellows Scholarship for her writing project, *Personal Culture: Voicing the Experiences of Postcolonial Youth Navigating Identity in a Globalized World*. She is one of only 20 students across the country to receive this honor.

“I am thankful that Davidson has plugged me into a web of fabulous young minds—activists, musicians, and entrepreneurs of the future,” said Huang.

In her portfolio, Huang explores the experiences of South Asian post-colonial teenage youth seeking their place in an English-speaking world. Each story has its nuances and disparities but what she has found is a remarkably similar set of struggles to her own: every individual seeks to belong, but is often shut out from questioning, challenging, and seeking precedent for the fibers of his identity.

In May 2017, Huang received first prize in the Rider University High School Writing Contest. Her work has been recognized by Imagine Magazine’s Creative Minds Contest, the 2016 Save The Earth Poetry Contest, the Lewis L. Milberg Secondary School Poetry Contest, and the National YoungArts Foundation, among others. When she is not writing or working, Huang is baking, basting, frying, sautéing, or eating. Food is a great passion of hers.

Huang will attend Princeton University in the fall.

“We are thrilled to recognize the 2017 Davidson Fellows not only for their incredible projects, but also for the journey they forged to reach this point,” said Bob Davidson, founder of the Davidson Institute. “Every year I am amazed by the depth of the Fellows’ accomplishments. Through encouragement and recognition, the Davidson Institute for Talent Development anticipates that gifted students like these will be among the pioneers who will solve the world’s most vexing problems.”

The 2017 Davidson Fellows will be honored at a reception in Washington, D.C., on September 27.

The Davidson Fellows Scholarship program offers \$50,000, \$25,000 and \$10,000 college scholarships to students 18 or younger, who have completed significant projects that have the potential to benefit society in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, literature and music. The Davidson Fellows Scholarship has provided more than \$7.1 million in scholarship funds to more than 300 students since its inception in 2001, and has been named one of the most prestigious undergraduate scholarships by [\*U.S. News & World Report\*](#). It is a program of the Davidson Institute for Talent Development, a national nonprofit organization headquartered in Reno, Nev. that supports profoundly gifted youth.

### **About the Davidson Institute**

Founded by Bob Davidson in 1999, the Davidson Institute for Talent Development recognizes, nurtures and supports profoundly intelligent young people, and provides opportunities for them to develop their talents to make a positive difference. The Institute offers support through a number of programs and services, including the Davidson Fellows Scholarship and the [Davidson Academy of Nevada](#). For more information about the 2017 Davidson Fellows, please visit [www.DavidsonGifted.org/Fellows-Scholarship](http://www.DavidsonGifted.org/Fellows-Scholarship).

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