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SAN DIEGO TEEN AWARDED \$10,000 FOR PIANO PORTFOLIO

Anne Liu to be Named a 2018 Davidson Fellow

San Diego, Calif. – The Davidson Institute for Talent Development has announced the 2018 Davidson Fellows. Among the honorees is 16-year-old Anne Liu of San Diego. Liu won a \$10,000 Davidson Fellows Scholarship for her project, *Music and Inner Self*. She is one of only 20 students across the country to receive this honor.

“I am very honored to have been selected as a Davidson Fellows Scholarship recipient,” said Liu. “The Davidson Fellows Scholarship encouraged me to pursue my passion and share my music and story with others. Being a Davidson Fellow means that I am supported by a generous organization to continue my music studies and to help others overcome similar problems.”

Liu’s journey to being named a Davidson Fellow is a personal one. She was diagnosed with Secretory Otitis Media, which caused hearing problems that nearly made her deaf, and prevented her from playing the piano as often as she would like. Liu found herself mentally practicing music, a technique she found to be very useful. By sharing this method of mental practice, Liu believes more people can become involved in music, regardless of their physical limitations.

Aside from her passion for music, Liu loves socializing, meeting new people, and was named a 2018 National YoungArts finalist winner and received U.S. Congressional recognition.

“We are thrilled to recognize the 2018 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 2018 Davidson Fellows will be honored at a reception in Washington, D.C., on Friday, September 28.

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 \$7.5 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 2018 Davidson Fellows, please visit www.DavidsonGifted.org/Fellows-Scholarship.

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