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**BELLEVUE TEEN AWARDED \$50,000 FOR DEVELOPING NEW MINDSET PHILOSOPHY  
FOCUSED ON IMPROVEMENT OVER ACHIEVEMENT  
Charlotte Marckx to be Named a 2019 Davidson Fellow Scholarship Winner**

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Bellevue, Wash. – The Davidson Institute for Talent Development has announced the 2019 Davidson Fellows Scholarship winners. Among the honorees is 17-year-old Charlotte Marckx of Bellevue. Marckx won a \$50,000 scholarship for her project, *The Pursuit of Mastery*. She is one of only 20 students across the country to be recognized as a scholarship winner.

“I am overjoyed to have been selected as a Davidson Fellow and am humbled to be included in this remarkable group of thinkers and future leaders in their fields,” said Marckx.

In her project “The Pursuit of Mastery,” Marckx, a student of violin, develops a new mindset that centers around the idea of embracing the process of improvement as a part of a lifelong quest for perfection rather than fixating on specific external results. She believes that this mindset, which she calls the betterment mindset, can empower learners in all fields to challenge themselves and measure their own progress and successes by an internal ideal of mastery, leading to greater effectiveness and self-satisfaction.

In addition to classical violin, Marckx loves to play multi-genre music, including eclectic arrangements with her cellist sister, Olivia, in their duo Sempre Sisters. She feels fortunate to have the opportunity to use music as a way of giving back to the community, by performing at retirement centers, for special needs students at local elementary schools, and recently presenting at a sold-out benefit concert for the Make-A-Wish Alaska and Washington Foundation.

Marckx will be attending Colburn Conservatory of Music in Los Angeles in the fall where she hopes to become a violin soloist so she can see the world and perform the great violin concertos with top orchestras.

“We are proud to announce the 2019 Davidson Fellows Scholarship recipients and applaud them for their hard work and achievement in their fields of study,” said Bob Davidson, founder of the Davidson Institute. “By being awarded this recognition, these students have shown immense skill and work ethic, and they should be commended as they continue their educational and research journeys while continuing to work to solve some of the world’s most vexing problems.”

The 2019 Davidson Fellows will be honored at a reception in Washington, D.C., on Friday, September 27, 2019.

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 2019 Davidson Fellows, please visit [www.DavidsonGifted.org/Fellows-Scholarship](http://www.DavidsonGifted.org/Fellows-Scholarship).

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