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POTOMAC TEENS RECEIVE NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR UNMATCHED ACHIEVEMENTS

Evan Hu and Daniel Zhu to each be awarded \$10,000 as a 2019 Davidson Fellow Scholarship Winners

Potomac, Md. – The Davidson Institute for Talent Development has announced the 2019 Davidson Fellows Scholarship winners. Among the honorees are **Evan Hu**, 17, and **Daniel Zhu**, 17, of Potomac. Only 20 students across the country are recognized as scholarship winners each year.

“It is a tremendous honor to be selected as one of 2019 Davidson Fellows,” said Hu, a rising senior at Math, Science, and Computer Science Program at Montgomery Blair High School. “This scholarship will give me the opportunity to share my music with others, inspiring fellow musicians to use their music to heal, inspire, and rejuvenate the underprivileged, ill, and elderly.”

Hu’s project, *Inspiring Hope, Note by Note*, consists of a collection of CD recordings that were donated to various hospitals and medical institutions across the nation. Through the recordings, Hu hopes to bring joy and rejuvenation to thousands of ill patients, elders, as well as inspire young musicians to reach out and share their music to benefit others. He hopes his project will fill the hearts and restore the hopes of people of all genders, races, ages, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

“I am humbled to be honored as a Davidson Fellow and grateful to be recognized for my work,” said Zhu, who will be attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the fall.

Zhu’s mathematics project, *On the Okounkov-Olshanski Formula For The Number Of Skew Shapes*, combines several areas of math with applications in design theory, developing cryptosystems that are resistant to attacks by quantum computers, and fluid dynamics.

“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.

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