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**TEENAGE PIANIST AWARDED \$25,000 FOR MUSICAL PROJECT BRIDGING CLASSICAL PIANO,
AMERICAN HYMNS AND TRADITIONAL COLOMBIAN MUSIC TO BENEFIT CHILDREN OF
FALLEN COLOMBIAN POLICE OFFICERS**
Wiley Skaret to be Named a 2020 Davidson Fellow Scholarship Winner

Reno, Nev. – The Davidson Fellows Scholarship Program has announced the 2020 scholarship winners. Among the honorees is 18-year-old Wiley Skaret of Bogota, Colombia. Skaret won a \$25,000 scholarship for his project, *Recording and Outdoor Video Production of Modern Stylistic Use and Arrangement of Liszt's Transcendental Etudes*. He is one of only 20 students across the country to be recognized as a scholarship winner.

“The Davidson Fellows program has historically honored not only great artistry but also, the practical application of the artistry for the betterment of society, consistently encouraging young people to use their work and talent for a greater cause than their own self-satisfaction,” said Skaret. “Receiving an award from a program whose values are so tightly aligned with my own is an honor I am proud to have received.”

Inspired by the power of music to bring awareness and change to underprivileged populations, Skaret arranged, combined, and recorded Liszt Transcendental Etudes with traditional American hymns and cultural Colombian music, and filmed creative music videos filmed all around Colombia. Using his passion for music and culture, Skaret founded James 1, a non-profit foundation, to provide university scholarships for the sons and daughters of fallen Colombian national police officers.

Skaret will be attending Stanford University in the fall 2021 where he plans to study piano performance and personal finance.

“We are proud to announce the 2020 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 2020 Davidson Fellows will be honored during a digital reception on September 30, 2020.

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 \$8.2 million in scholarship funds to 366 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 2020 Davidson Fellows, please visit www.DavidsonGifted.org/Fellows-Scholarship.

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