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### 2014 VCS Music Scholarship Awarded (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)

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In November 2009, The Virginia Choral Society (VCS) established a scholarship fund for a high school graduating senior who desired to continue his/her education with a focus on music performance or education. VCS is pleased to announce and offer our congratulations for our 2014 award to **Mr. Raiquan Thomas**, a graduating senior from Churchland High School, Portsmouth, VA.



During our spring concert series, Mr. Thomas will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship award. Due to prior commitment, Mr. Thomas will not be able to perform at our concerts.

Raiquan Thomas is a senior at Churchland High School and The Governor's School for the Arts where he studies Vocal Music. He is the highest ranked Bass II in District Chorus. He has performed in the choruses of the operas "Hansel and Gretel" and "The Mikado." This past March he debuted his first principal role of Don Alfonso in the opera "Cosi Fan Tutte." He placed in the Omega Psi fraternity talent hunt. He came in first at the local and regional rounds of the Bland Scholarship Competition in 2013 and 2014. He also won 1st Place in the 2014 Portsmouth Public Schools Soloist Competition and is a recipient of the Scherzo Music Club scholarship.

Raiquan plans to attend James Madison University where he has been accepted as a Vocal Performance Major .

Three performances of "*Two Requiems*" by Gabriel Fauré and John Rutter (with orchestra) have been scheduled as follows:

- Friday May 2, 8:00pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Hampton, Virginia
- Saturday May 3, 8:00pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Newport News, Virginia
- Sunday May 4, 3:00pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Newport News, Virginia

**TICKET INFORMATION:** Advance ticket purchases may be obtained from members of the VCS, at Pro Music and Sound Store (Tabb area), Guest Services at the Peninsula Town Center and online at [www.vachoralsociety.com](http://www.vachoralsociety.com) (ShowTix4U).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Additional information regarding the Virginia Choral Society is provided on our webpage: [www.vachoralsociety.org](http://www.vachoralsociety.org) on the VCS Concert Line at 851-9114.

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