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2021 VCS Scholarships Awarded

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In November 2009, The Virginia Choral Society (VCS) established the VCS Scholarship Award for a high school graduating senior who desired to continue his/her education with a focus on music performance or education. In 2018, VCS added a second scholarship, the Ronald D. Darone Memorial Scholarship.

VCS is pleased to announce that Mr. Devonte Garcia has been selected for the 2020 VCS Music Scholarship Award. Devonte was awarded \$2,000 for this scholarship.



Devonte graduated senior from Gloucester High School and has committed to James Madison University to study Music Education. Music has always been a huge part of his life as he has been singing since the age of three. He has been taking voice lessons for 5 years and has participated in District and All-State choirs every year since. This past August, he won 1st place in the state level of the Bland Music Competition as a vocalist. He was Vice President of the Tri-M Music Honors Society, Secretary of the W.E.B DuBois Honor Society, and an active volunteer to the community. He has also participated and in countless musicals since the seventh grade as a performer and a music director for two of them. Piano has been a huge factor in the shaping of his voice. He has been taking piano lessons for two years but played seriously on his own for about 3 years. He plays for his church in Portsmouth, VA and plays locally at concerts, recitals, and in choir class. He is truly honored and excited to have received this scholarship and can't wait to put it to good use in his future endeavors.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information regarding the Virginia Choral Society is provided on our webpage: www.vachoralsociety.org and on the VCS Concert Line at 851-9114.

ABOUT VCS: The Virginia Choral Society (VCS), active since 1931, is the largest continually performing community arts organization on the Peninsula. VCS is an IRS 501 (c) 3 code non-profit organization of about 90 singers, sustained by the generosity of grants from arts commissions, individual gifts, corporate funding and concert ticket sales.