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2020 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**.



James Seufzer

VCS is pleased to announce that **James Seufzer** has been selected for the **2020 Ronald Darone Memorial Scholarship**. James is a graduating senior at Grafton High School. James was awarded the scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.

From a young age, James played soccer with Virginia Legacy Soccer Club, as well as playing varsity soccer in High School.

In middle school, he developed an interest in music and played percussion in the Grafton High marching band. He was selected for the chamber choir and in his junior year, he was chosen for the lead role of Jimmy Ray in the Grafton High Drama Department's production of *Bright Star*. In the fall of his senior year, he took on the role of Jason in the play *Wait... Wait... I Can Explain*.

He is a student at the Bzdick Studio of Performing Arts for acting and voice training. In preparation for college, he is also taking private dance classes at Virginia Regional Ballet.

In the fall, James will be attending the Hartt School at the University of Hartford in Connecticut pursuing a career in Musical Theatre.

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.