

Violin Studio of Elbert Tsai

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Dear students and parents, I am thrilled to share with you some recent achievements in the studio via our first studio newsletter. In this most challenging of years, it has taken more than the usual amount of drive and ambition to bring repertoire up to performance and recording levels. Due to the relative convenience of applying by video, many competitions have reported unprecedented and record-setting numbers of applications, delaying their decisions by several weeks as a result. Please join me in congratulating the following students:



Yuli Choi won first place at the KAMSA competition, age group 12-14. She has also been accepted to and will attend NYO2 this summer. Yuli lives in Cupertino and is a freshman at Archbishop Mitty High School.

During her free time, she likes to design graphics, practice Kendo, and consume large amounts of boba.

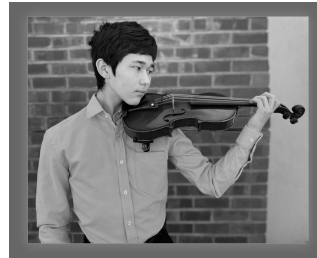
Sydney Li-Jenkins won first place (tie) at the Pacific Musical Society Competition, age group 8-10. Sydney lives in Sausalito, and is currently a 5th grader at the Chinese American International School in San Francisco.

When she is not in school or practicing violin, she can be found embroidering



or working on her online craft exchange website with her classmates, all the while singing songs loudly with her headphones on.

Joshua Cisneros won honorable mention at the KAMSA competition, age group 12-14. Joshua lives in San Jose, where he is



homeschooled in addition to attending Japanese school in the evenings. His other interests include backpacking,

biking, learning piano, and watching TwoSet Violin.

Matthew Sakiyama won first place (tie) at the Pacific Musical Society Competition, age group 15-17 and has been accepted to NYO. Matthew is a Senior at the Nueva School. He has toured Europe with the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra, and performed alongside Gil Shaham as a member of NYO2. In his free time, Matthew enjoys solving Rubik's cubes and volunteering at his local dog shelter.



Junior Bach Festival 2021

Suvia Li, Ryan Wu and Joshua Cisneros were accepted to the Junior Bach Festival as solo performers. **Eunice Lee** was accepted as a member of a string quartet.
