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Excellence in Music award first prize winners are (seated at piano) Naomi Smith and Cameron Smith. In back from left are Allison Davis, Anette Cseri, Brandon Cagnon, Naoko Torikai,

Melody Downie, Erin Scheffler, Suzanne Nagrant and Kristin Urevig. Cameron Smith took the Strey-McCallum Award given to the pianist judged "outstanding" among the competitors.

Excellence in music awarded

A total of 17 young musicians won cash awards this spring in Farmington Musicals' "Excellence in Music" competition.

Celloist Kristin Urevig took first place in the competition among 11th and 12th graders, followed by flutist Suzanne Nagrant.

In the competition among ninth and 10th graders, celloist Allison Davis took first place followed by violinist Amy Dunbar. In the seventh- and eighth-grade competition there was a tie for first place between celloist Antonia Dunbar and flutist

Melanie Downie.

In the piano competition among 11th and 12th graders, Cameron Smith came in first, followed by Jonathan Hommes and Sonja Magdewski.

Brandon Cagnon led the ninth and 10th graders, followed by Naoko Torikai and Jessica Curtin.

Naomi Smith took first place among the seventh- and eighth-grade pianists, followed by Melanie Downie.

In the vocal competition, Anette

Cseri took first place among the 11th- and 12th-grade competitors, followed by Amy Smith.

Erin Scheffler won top prize among ninth- and 10th-grade vocalists.

Cameron Smith won the Strey-McCallum Award, given in memory of Shirley Strey and Sue McCallum, two founding members of the musical. The award is given to the musician judged as "outstanding pianist" among all who competed for this year's prizes.

Carolyn Dinsler chaired the school

arship committee this spring with Marjory Avers, Fran Brown, Beverly Notestine, Christina Rakoczy and Marie Walck.

Judges for instrumentalists were Rick Pethoud and Andrew Vermiglio.

Judges for pianists were Louise Angermeier and Eleanor Auld.

Judges for the vocalists were Virginia Person and Barbara Windham.

Farmington Musicals is affiliated with the Michigan and National Federation of Music Clubs.

8th grader amasses musical awards

Farmington Hills musician Melanie Downie, an eighth-grader at O.E. Dunckel Middle School, has received numerous music awards this spring.

She is the winner of the Farmington Community Band Barbara Hughes Memorial Scholarship for flute. She tied for first place in the

Farmington Musicals seventh- and eighth-grade Piano Scholarship competition, and was granted a scholarship from the Music Study Club of Metropolitan Detroit for private flute study.

In addition, she received two first division ratings at District Solo and Ensemble Festival and has been accepted to Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp for summer study.

Last summer, Melanie was the youngest flute player accepted into

the Blue Lake International Exchange Program and was the featured piccolo soloist in the Blue Lake in Bavaria Symphonic Band.

Melanie is the flute section leader of the concert band at O.E. Dunckel Middle School, president of the eighth-grade choir, a member of the eighth-grade Girls' Choir Ensemble, pianist for the school Jazz Band and the youngest member of the Farmington Community Band.

She studies flute with Kim Rosner

and studies piano with Charlene Slabey.

Melanie was selected to represent the Music Study Club of Metropolitan Detroit scholarship recipients and performed on flute for the club's Annual Installation Luncheon in Birmingham Temple.



Melanie Downie

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