

Congratulations

Virtuosi of Houston
Graduating Class of 2020



Sara Conner
Lizzie Doughty
Elizabeth Grahn
Steve Hernandez
Jacob Kilgore
Christina Lewellyn
Sebastian Penso
Ricardo Perez
Samantha Rodriguez
Emily Jihee Sonn
Gabriel Vaca
Kelly Watkins



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Congratulations Sara Conner

Violin

Virtuosi Participant: Four years

High School: Cypress Woods H.S.

College: University of Oklahoma

Degree Plan: Petroleum Geology



Congratulatory Note

Sara, when you began playing violin the summer of your 12th birthday, your incredible talent became evident very quickly. We saw the joy on your face when you were accepted into Virtuosi. We saw the excitement when you proudly came from a music lesson and said "I have found my sound." Your musical journey has been impressive, from being concert master in the high school orchestra to traveling the world and playing where many dream to play. Your hard work, talent and perseverance has been nothing short of amazing. We can't wait to see what the future holds for you. We love you.

Mom, Dad and Anna



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Congratulations *Lizzie Doughty*

Viola

Virtuosi Participant: One year

High School: Travis H.S.

College: Community College/University of Houston

Degree Plan: General Education/Music



Congratulatory Note 🎵

Congratulations, Lizzie, on all you have achieved. Your musical journey has been a joy to be a part of, and we can't wait to see what opportunities await you around the next corner! We are so proud of you!

Dad, Mom and Ryan.



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Congratulations *Elizabeth Grahn*

Trumpet

Virtuosi Participant: Three years

High School: Klein Collins H.S.

College: Baylor University

Degree Plan: Music Education/Trumpet Performance



Congratulatory Note

Elizabeth - we are so proud of your accomplishments over the past four years with high school and Virtuosi. You are a blessed child and you bless our lives as well. We cannot wait to see what the next four years bring. Congratulations and may God continue to bless you.

Terrance & Vanssa

Elizabeth is going to Baylor. With only 4 spots opened, she was chosen out of a hundred trumpet players that auditioned. A great example of what happens when desire, passion and talent all come together! We are very Proud, Supportive, Loving, & Blessed.

Cheri & Rod




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Congratulations Steve Hernandez

Violin

Virtuosi Participant: Three years

High School: Dobie H.S.

College: San Jacinto/University of Houston

Degree Plan: Psychology



Congratulatory Note

Sonshine don't ever doubt on your abilities and strengths. This is the beginning of yet another journey. We are so proud of you and we look forward to all your future accomplishments. God and your family will always be on your side! Congratulations my Sonshine!

Mom




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Congratulations *Jacob Kilgore*

Violin

Virtuosi Participant: One year

High School: Elsik H.S.

College: Sam Houston State University

Degree Plan: Music Education



Congratulatory Note

Jacob, as I watched you hum and sing your way through childhood, I knew music was in your soul. Now, as you embark upon the next stage in your life journey, may that gift not only continue to give you great joy, but also to touch the souls of others as much as you have touched mine. Congratulations to my magical and wonderful son.
I love you Elephants.

Mom



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Congratulations *Christina Lewellyn*

Bassoon

Virtuosi Participant: Three years

High School: Shadow Creek H.S.

College: Miami University

Degree Plan: Biochemistry/Music Performance



Congratulatory Note

Congratulations to our daughter, Christina Lewellyn for an astounding high school career, both academically and musically. We are proud of all that you accomplished, especially in the leadership arena. You successfully co-founded and led the Shadow Creek Lion Dance Club that grew from a

humble beginning of 10 members to over 50 active members and raised enough funds to purchase all the equipment that the club needed for school and community performances. We are excited to see what the future will hold for you. Congratulations on a job well done!

Love, Mom, Dad, Michael & Joshua




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Congratulations Sebastian Penso

Flute

Virtuosi Participant: Two years

High School: Foster H.S.

College: Baylor University

Degree Plan: Music Performance/Business



Congratulatory Note

Dear Sebastian, We are so proud and amazed by all your accomplishments! We can't wait to see what your musical future holds in store! We wish you all the best! Congratulations son!




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Congratulations *Ricardo Perez*

Trumpet

Virtuosi Participant: One year

High School: Klein Collins H.S.

College: University of Texas - Tyler

Degree Plan: Music Performance



Congratulatory Note

I would like to congratulate Ricardo Perez on his success in his music career thus far, and continued success as he goes on to UT Tyler for the next four years. Ricardo, your mother and I love you and wish you success in music performance.

Mom and Dad



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Congratulations *Samantha Rodriguez*

Violin

Virtuosi Participant: One year

High School: Pasadena H.S.

College: Baylor University

Degree Plan: Music Education



Congratulatory Note

Samantha, words cannot express how proud I am of you. Congratulations on your hard work, accomplishments, and graduation! I wish you the best at Baylor, and I pray that you will accomplish all of your goals in life.

Your Dad



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Congratulations *Emily Jihee Sonn*

Violin

Virtuosi Participant: Two years

High School: Memorial H.S.

College: University of Texas – Austin

Degree Plan: Violin Performance



Congratulatory Note

Dear Emily,

Congratulations on your graduation.

You have been very successful in school life as well as music performance. We are very thankful for the achievement you and Virtuosi team have shown throughout the program courses.

We look forward to seeing the next chapter of your career as a musician which will be full of exciting challenges.

Our prayers will always be with you.

Good luck!



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Congratulations *Gabriel Vaca*

Clarinet

Virtuosi Participant: One year

High School: George Ranch H.S.

College: University of Texas – Austin

Degree Plan: Music Education



Congratulatory Note

Gabriel, You work hard to create beautiful music. Now you are ready for the next step. We will always be your number one fan.

Love Mom and Dad



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Congratulations *Kelly Watkins*

Cello

Virtuosi Participant: One year

High School: Bellaire H.S.

College: Oregon State University

Degree Plan: Environmental Science with a focus in Applied Ecology



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My hope for you is expressed perfectly by the lyrics from this Rascal Flatts song. I hope that you will stay in touch with us with updates about what you are doing. Make good choices!!!

Best Wishes, Ms. Needham

My Wish

I hope that the days come easy and the moments pass slow,
And each road leads you where you want to go,
And if you're faced with a choice, and you have to choose,
I hope you choose the one that means the most to you.
And if one door opens to another door closed,
I hope you keep on walkin' till you find the window,
If it's cold outside, show the world the warmth of your smile,
But more than anything, more than anything,
My wish, for you, is that this life becomes all that you want it to,
Your dreams stay big, and your worries stay small,
You never need to carry more than you can hold,
And while you're out there getting where you're getting to,
I hope you know somebody loves you, and wants the same things too,
Yeah, this, is my wish.

I hope you never look back, but ya never forget,
All the ones who love you, in the place you left,
I hope you always forgive, and you never regret,
And you help somebody every chance you get,
Oh, you find God's grace, in every mistake,
And you always give more than you take.



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