



greater twin cities youth symphonies

Student Leadership Team

Student Directory 2026-27

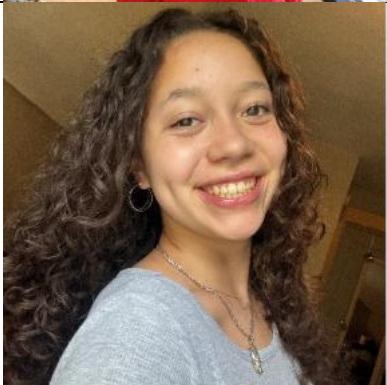
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Dan Mollick, Student and Community Engagement Director Birthday: September 26 Fun fact: I love to travel, and I've visited 49 out of the 50 states. Hawaii is the only one I haven't been to (yet!)	
Abby Eck, SLT Assistant Birthday: May 27 Fun fact: I have 4 cats!	
Karina Albrecht Viola, Symphony Birthday: December 31 Fun fact: I performed at the Sydney Opera house.	
Illina Alexieva Violin, Sinfonia West Birthday: October 9 Fun fact: Illina loves music, singing, and dancing. She also participates in the Minnetonka Select Choir and also does Harmonic Gymnastics.	

Julia Ames Violin, Camerata Con Brio Birthday: December 10 Fun fact: I love cats, I also play the flute, and I like reading.	
Arya Arun Violin, Concertino West Birthday: August 21 Fun fact: Arya has a white cat and loves making new friends	
Leah Bedecha Violin, Concert Orchestra Birthday: July 7 Fun fact: I play volleyball, I like to bike around, and I love musicals!	
Ella Beske Horn, Symphony Birthday: April 16 Fun fact: Hi, I'm Ella! Other than playing horn, I enjoy reading, and singing in choir and jazz band (I've even sung in some operas)!	

Logan Cassie Cello, Concert Orchestra Birthday: October 26 Fun fact: I love to alpine ski during the winter.	
Gabriela Daleo Cello, Philharmonia West Birthday: April 6 Fun fact: Coco, my white Mal-Shih, is my study buddy! I'm obsessed with creating things - whether it's crocheting, painting, or drawing. I just finished a cozy crocheted blanket and love the satisfaction of making something with my hands.	
Chaya Dawodu Violin, Concertino East Birthday: October 30 Fun fact: I play Lacrosse, I compose music, I Like Gaming	
Shraddha Devaraju Violin, Camerata Con Brio Birthday: July 15 Fun fact: Shraddha is always smiling and enjoys helping others. She is a natural leader, a great team player, and loves making new friends. Outside of orchestra, she is a dedicated student of Indian classical (Carnatic) music, where she is learning both vocal music	

Krishna Dinesh Cello, Philharmonic Birthday: December 2 Fun fact: I cheer for the Green Bay Packers. My favorite food are Chicken Quesadillas. My favorite piece of music to listen is "Cello Suite 1" by Bach	
Violet Ditlevson Violin, Philharmonic Birthday: July 12 Fun fact: I enjoy playing tennis, I've played the violin since I was five, and I have a dog named Crumpet!	
Michael Durnev Violin, Camerata Con Brio Birthday: November 8 Fun facts: Plays Piano Loves Star Wars Likes Lego Star Wars	
Evan Flynn Horn, Symphony Birthday: March 23 Fun fact: I have a 1,561 day streak and counting in Duolingo.	

Caroline Gahn Viola, Philharmonia West Birthday: March 13 Fun fact: I like to read books, play Minecraft and make art (especially crochet and pottery).	
Luna Garcia Viola, Concert Orchestra Birthday: January 6 Fun fact: Besides the Viola, I've been playing the piano for 12 years now, I play soccer for my schools team, and I work at a nursing home!	
Ari Gervich Cello, Camerata Vivace Birthday: October 11 Fun fact: Ari loves music, languages and camping!	
Gianna Gitobu Violin, Symphony Birthday: February 11 Fun fact: Traveling, meeting new people, and eating Wingstop are a few of my favorite things!	

Cora Hafften Cello, Camerata Con Brio Birthday: March 13 Fun fact: I enjoy art, going to musicals, and I have the wrong number of vertebrae.	
Sydney Heo Violin, Philharmonic Birthday: June 4 Fun fact: i do figure skating!	
Theo Hunter Horn, Concertino East Birthday: October 6 Fun fact: Theo is a distance runner, plays DND with friends and loves his cat.	
Elliana Johnson Violin, Sinfonia East Birthday: July 8 Fun fact: One fun fact about me is that I love to read, and if anyone has any good book series to recommend I'd love that! I also do lots of running through my neighborhood or competitively. I also have an interest in tennis, watching or playing tennis is something	

Michaela Kinalwa Violin, Sinfonia East Birthday: May 15 Preferred Name: Kayla Fun facts: 1. I do track and field 2. i play tennis 3. my favorite color is purple	
Mya Lagrone-Hartwell Horn, Camerata Con Brio Birthday: January 16 Fun fact: I write during my free time, I'm in marching band, I draw occasionally, and my favorite show is stranger things	
Aria Martin Violin, Sinfonia West Birthday: October 25 Fun facts: * Aria enjoys cross-country skiing, riding her bike, and playing team sports * Aria likes trying new foods, and once had a sushi themed birthday party * Aria is exceptionally crafty and surprisingly nimble with a sewing machine	
Evelyn Moren Clarinet, Symphony Birthday: April 4 Fun fact: I'm a competitive figure skater, coach, and I am excellent at eating meals prepared for me.	

Katherine Nienstedt Clarinet, Concert Orchestra Birthday: December 29 Fun fact: In addition to playing multiple instruments, I enjoy drawing, going to rock concerts, and trying interesting foods at new restaurants.	
Daniela Orellana-Alicea Violin, Concert Orchestra Birthday: August 26 Preferred Name: Nela Fun fact: Hello! My name is Nela. Outside of GTCYS, I play clarinet and alto saxophone. I like videogames, puzzles, and to travel. I'm currently interested in collecting US and international coins.	
Simon Pereira Trombone, Sinfonia East Birthday: August 6 Fun facts: 1: I am a baseball player 2: I like to draw 3: I like rollercoasters a lot	
Emery Phillips Percussion, Philharmonic Birthday: June 5 Fun fact: I swim for Aquajets, I have curly hair, and we have 2 cats 2 dogs and a lizard at home	

Harrison Price Cello, Concertino West Birthday: December 15 Preferred Name: Harry Fun facts: Enjoys art Has two dogs, Sparky & Suzie Q Father is from the UK, so spent July in London	
Cecilia Ruesga Flute, Philharmonic Birthday: December 14 Preferred Name: Ceci Fun fact: I love to write and sing my own music.	
Sofiya Salahu-Din Tuba, Concertino East Birthday: April 20 Fun facts: 1. I'm an avid hiker 2. I run long distance and sprint	
Joseph Szafranski Horn, Concertino West Birthday: March 13 Preferred Name: Joey Fun fact: I play tennis and soccer and I'm learning to speak Japanese.	

Evi Torres Violin, Philharmonia East Birthday: March 25 Fun fact: My name is Evi I play soccer and softball at school and out of school I play a little bit of piano, drums ukulele, violin, and learning the guitar. I also participate in Danza Azteca with my cultural community.	
Wyatt Ungerman Percussion, Concert Orchestra Birthday: February 10 Fun fact: I enjoy playing soccer and traveling	
Matthew Van Niewaal Bass, Camerata Vivace Birthday: July 20 Fun facts: I play bass guitar I enjoy building Legos I have 2 dogs and a cat	
Lana Wahlquist Violin, Philharmonia East Birthday: June 20 Fun facts: -I love painting! -I love traveling! -I love building Lego sets!	

Shaoyi Wang Bass, Camerata Con Brio Birthday: June 30 Fun fact: I like playing volleyball and football. I like Harry Styles.	
Hope Webb Trumpet, Philharmonic Birthday: August 8 Fun fact: Hope loves to make flower arrangements.	
Juliette Weier-Rauscher Violin, Camerata Vivace Birthday: August 5 Fun fact: I enjoy arts & crafts, I'm joining the Ultimate Frisbee team this year, and in seventh grade I placed third in Junior Group Project at National History Day in Washington, DC.	
Allison Zhang Violin, Symphony Birthday: March 17 Fun fact: I like to collect blind boxes and crochet in my free time!	