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2018 VCS Music Scholarship Awarded

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In November 2009, The Virginia Choral Society (VCS) established a scholarship fund for a high school graduating senior who desired to continue his/her education with a focus on music performance or education.



Shannon Crowley
Ocean Lakes High School

VCS is pleased to announce and offer our congratulations for our 2018 award to Ms. Shannon Crowley, a graduating senior in the Math & Science Academy at Ocean Lakes High School and a fourth-year senior at the Governor's School for the Arts in the Vocal Music strand. She will be studying under Professor Mark Rucker in the fall when she attends Michigan State University.

Shannon began singing at the age of six in the Virginia Children's Chorus. Prior to turning her focus to classical voice, she participated for several years in musical theater with Theatrix Productions. She has taken voice with Kathi-Lee Wilson and currently studies under Alan Fischer.

Shannon has participated in numerous vocal competitions, including the local and regional chapters of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS), where she was twice selected top vocal performer. In 2018, she achieved an honorable mention from the National Young Arts Foundation in the Soprano category. In addition to voice, Shannon studies piano with Wendy Young. She lives in Virginia Beach with her parents and three siblings.

We are pleased to offer Shannon a \$2000.00 cash award to help support her collegiate studies.



Kaye Darone, Scholarship Chair, Shannon Crowley, Sarah Frook Gallo, Artistic Director, Mark Sink, Scholarship Committee Member

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.