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2016 VCS Music Scholarship Awarded to Ms. Haley Griffith

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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.



Left to right: Ms. Sarah Frook, VCS Artistic Director; Ms. Haley Griffith; Dr. Charles M. Bump, VCS Managing Director; Mr. Mark Sink, VCS Scholarship Committee Member.

VCS awarded of \$2000.00 to Ms. Haley Griffith during the last concert of our season on May 1, 2016.

Ms. Griffith, who is ranked second in her senior class, is a soprano and currently studies classical voice with Phaedra McNorton. Haley is a member of the Warhill Honors Choir, has attended District Choir every year since 2011, and was a 2015 and 2016 delegate for All-Virginia Chorus. She was selected for

the 2015 Virginia Honors Choir (receiving the top Soprano I score in the state). She was also chosen to attend last summer's Governor's School for Visual and Performing Arts at Radford

University to study vocal music. Haley is an accomplished pianist and has performed at numerous community benefits. She is also very active in Warhill's theatre program, where her lead roles have included "Laurey" in *Oklahoma!*, "Miss Dorothy" in *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, and "Sarah" in *Guys and Dolls*.

Haley plans to attend James Madison University and has been accepted into JMU's Honors Program and their School of Music as a Vocal Performance Major. She also plans to pursue an additional degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders to learn about the field of speech pathology. Haley hopes to eventually become a Speech-Language Pathologist in Performing Arts Medicine, where she can help singers and others with vocal issues.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information regarding the Virginia Choral Society is provided on our webpage www.vachoralsociety.org 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 a non-profit organization of about 80-100 singers, sustained by the generosity of grants from arts commissions, individual gifts, corporate funding and concert ticket sales.